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Letter from the Editor

Hello Knitters,

One thing every knitter struggles with is the stash. What do you do with it and how do you store it? While the stash may spontaneously appear in your household and grow in mysterious ways, it's up to you to keep it under control. Most knitters agree that using up your extra yarn is far more preferable to the alternatives of letting it pile up or throwing it away, so we've created *8 Designs for Knitting: Free Patterns for Beginners and Easy Knitting Stashbusters* just for knitters who are looking for ways to use up that extra yarn.

Stashbusters tend to be fun, quick projects that are bright and colorful. These designs for knitting won't disappoint; you'll be using up that scrap yarn as fast as you can knit. Patterns like Winter Flowers (p. 18) are great embellishments on other projects. You can really make that extra yarn work for you by putting the Posy Dishcloth (p. 4) in your kitchen or bathroom. There are a surprising number of things you can make from your scrap yarn, and our eBook is a great place to start.

From bags to knitted flowers these are great projects for any knitter with a bit of yarn to use up. Projects like the Uncertain City Handbag (p. 11) are great patterns for beginners. No matter what your skill level, these free patterns are the perfect way to turn your yarn into a project.

Happy knitting!

Sincerely,

Audrey Huggett, Editor for AllFreeKnitting.com

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[POSY DISHCLOTH](#)

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Add some spring cheer to your kitchen with easy floral free knitting patterns. This Posy Dishcloth, which doubles as a hot pad, makes a wonderful addition to any kitchen. Tangerine and hot pink yarn make this pattern great for summer entertaining. Mix things up and use some handy scrap yarn for a budget-friendly project.

Finished Dimensions

Approximately 9½" [24 cm] in diameter.

Materials

- Set of four size 4.5 mm (U.S. 7) double pointed knitting needles or size needed to obtain gauge.
- Lily Sugar'n Cream (Solids: 70.9 g/2.5 oz; 109 m/120 yds)
 - Contrast A (01699 Tangerine) 1 ball
 - Contrast B (01740 Hot Pink) 1 ball

Gauge

In stockinette stitch, 20 sts and 26 rows = 4 inches

INSTRUCTIONS

With A, cast on 7 sts.

1st row: (RS). K1. *Inc 1. Rep from * to last st. K1. 12 sts.

2nd and alt rows: Purl.

3rd row: K1. *Inc 1. K1. Rep from * to last st. K1. 17 sts.

5th row: K1. *Inc 1. K2. Rep from * to last st. K1. Break A. 22 sts.

7th row: With B, K1. *K2. yo. Rep from * to last st. K1. 32 sts.

9th row: K1. *K3. yo. Rep from * to last st. K1. 42 sts.

11th row: Knit.

13th row: K1. *K4. yo. Rep from * to last st. K1. 52 sts.

15th row: K1. *K5. yo. Rep from * to last st. K1. 62 sts. **17th**

row: Knit.

19th row: K1. *K6. yo. Rep from * to last st. K1. 72 sts.

21st row: K1. *K7. yo. Rep from * to last st. K1. 82 sts.

23rd row: Knit.

25th row: K1. *K8. yo. Rep from * to last st. K1. 92 sts.

27th row: K1. *K9. yo. Rep from * to last st. K1. 102 sts.

28th row: Purl. Break B.

29th and 30th rows: With A, knit.

31st row: K1. *K10. yo. Rep from * to last st. K1. 112 sts.

32nd row: Knit.

Work Picot Cast Off as follows: Cast off 2 sts. *Slip rem st back onto left-hand needle. Cast on 2 sts. Cast off 4 sts. Rep from * to end of row. Fasten off rem st.

Sew side seam.

BABY'S FIRST FOOTBALL

DESIGNED BY: [CLARE FROM THE NATTY KNITTER](#)



Get ready for the next sports fan in your household with this fun Baby's First Football. Tossing around this soft, knit baby toy will prepare your child for the fun games ahead. Every child needs toys for entertainment, and this free knitting pattern is a great way to have fun with your baby on a budget. The small size of this project makes it a great stashbuster, perfect for using up bits of extra yarn. Not every football has to be orange!

Finished Dimensions

Approximately 4 inches from end to end

Materials

- 20 yards of orange DK yarn
- 2 yards of white DK yarn
- US 3 (3.25 mm) straight needles or size to obtain gauge
- Polyester fiberfill
- Tapestry needle

Gauge

In stockinette stitch, 7 sts and 9 rows = 1 inch

Abbreviations

CO = Cast on

K = Knit

Sl1 = Slip 1 yfwd =
yarn forward

INSTRUCTIONS

NOTE: This pattern uses short row shaping. Each “yfwd, turn work” creates a loop of yarn under the stitch. When knitting back over a stitch with a loop under it, you must knit into the loop at the same time as the stitch above it (see photos 1 and 2).



CO 25 sts leaving a long CO tail.

***Row 1:** Knit

Row 2: K16, yfwd (as though to purl), turn work.

Row 3: Sl1, K6, yfwd, turn work

Row 4: Sl1, K9, yfwd, turn work

Row 5: Sl1, K12, yfwd, turn work

Row 6: Sl1, K15, yfwd, turn work

Row 7: Sl1, K18, yfwd, turn work

Row 8: Sl1, K21 (end of row)

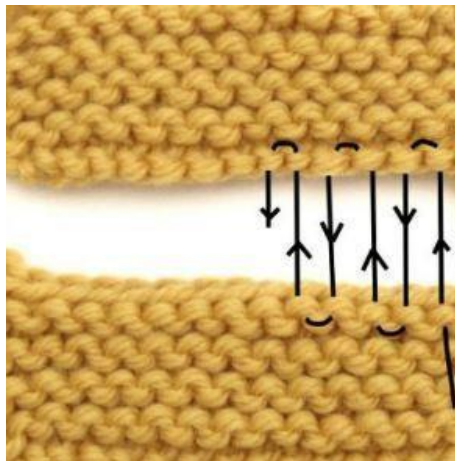
Rows 9-10: K

Repeat from * 9 more times

Bind off.

Sew Sides Together

Use the long CO tail to sew through the loops made by the end sts on the side of the work (See photo 3). Pull tight to gather and secure.



Use weaving stitch to sew the CO and BO edges together.

Stuff the Football with fiberfill and close the end by threading through the end sts on that side of the work. Pull tight to gather and secure inside the Football.

Use white yarn and running stitch to embroider laces over the seam (see photo 5).



CITRUS SLICE DISHCLOTHS

DESIGNED BY: [BERNAT](#)



Prepare for summer picnics and backyard barbecues with this free knitting pattern. The Citrus Slice Dishcloths are an easy knitting pattern to complete using any color Bernat Handicrafter Cotton yarn you prefer. Brightly colored yarn makes them especially perfect for a hot, summer day. Make these for your own home, or make a set to bring as a hostess gift. They are worked in a spiral pattern and truly resemble sliced citrus fruit. These dishcloths measure approximately 8 inches in diameter.

Finished Dimensions

Approximately 8" [20.5 cm] diameter.

Materials

- Bernat Handicrafter Cotton (50 g/1.75 oz; 73 m/80 yds)
- Main Color (MC): Banana Yellow (00089) ○ or Hot Orange (13628)
○ or Hot Green (13712) 1 ball or 17 m/19 yds
- Contrast A: White (00001) 1 ball or 17 m/19 yds
- Size 4.5 mm (U.S. 7) knitting needles or size needed to obtain gauge.

Gauge

In garter stitch, 18 sts and 32 rows = 4 inches

INSTRUCTIONS

With MC, cast on 15 sts.

1st row: (WS). Knit.

Proceed in pat as follows:

1st row: (RS). With MC, K14. Turn. Leave rem st unworked.

2nd and alt rows: Knit.

3rd row: K12. Turn. Leave rem sts unworked. 5th
row: K10. Turn. Leave rem sts unworked. 7th
row: K8. Turn. Leave rem sts unworked.
9th row: K6. Turn. Leave rem sts unworked.
11th row: K4. Turn. Leave rem sts unworked.
13th and 14th rows: With A, knit across all 15 sts.
Rep last 14 rows 10 times more, then rep 1st to 13th rows once. With
A, cast off knitwise (WS).

FINISHING

Weave a length of A through center sts and pull in tightly to close circle as shown in picture.
Sew cast on and cast off edges tog, leaving ridge of A prominent on RS of work.

With A, cast on 15 sts for hanging loop. Cast off. Fold loop in half and sew to outer edge at
seam.

UNCERTAIN CITY HANDBAG

BY: BRITT FROM BRITT KNITS



Throw your things in this cute knit bag and get ready for a day on the town. The cute stripes adorning the Uncertain City Handbag make this an attractive project that's relatively easy to knit. This tote bag pattern is an easy project for a beginning knitter to try out. With this bag on your shoulder you'll be ready to go anywhere.

Finished Measurements:

Bag: 11 inches long, 20 inches around
Strap: 2 inches wide, 26 inches long

Materials

- US 9 circular knitting needles
- Less than 167 yds of Vickie Howell's Sheepish Yarn in Gun Metal(ish)
- Less than 167 yds of Vickie Howell's Sheepish Yarn in Turquoise(ish)
- Less than 167 yds of Vickie Howell's Sheepish Yarn in Lime(ish)
- 1 medium dark grey or black button
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors
- St marker

Gauge

In stockinette stitch, 4 sts and 6 rows = 1 inch

Abbreviations

BO - Bind off
CC - Change color
CO - Cast on
K - Knit
K2tog - Knit 2 stitches together
P - Purl
P2tog - Purl 2 stitches together
St(s) - Stitch(es)

INSTRUCTIONS:

CO 72 sts with gun metal yarn, leave a long enough tail to sew up the bottom of the purse when done

Join to knit in the round and place stitch marker to mark beginning of round.

Round 1: K

Round 2: (M1, K6)12x (84 sts)

Round 3: K

Round 4: (M1, K12)7x (91 sts)

Rounds 5-12: K

Round 13: CC to turquoise, K

Rounds 14-24: K

Round 25: CC to lime, K

Rounds 26-36: K

Round 37: CC to gun metal

Rounds 38-42: K

Round 43: CC to turquoise

Rounds 44-48: K

Round 49: CC to lime, K

Round 50: (K10, K2tog)7x, K7(84 sts)

Rounds 51&52: K

Round 53: (K5, K2tog)12x (72 sts)

Round 54: K

Round 55: CC to gun metal, K

Rounds 56&57: K1, P1 around

Round 58: CC to turquoise, K

Rounds 59&60: K1, P1 around

Round 61: CC to lime, K

Round 62: K1, P1 around

Round 63: BO, until last 10 sts are remaining on needle

Leave last 10 sts on needle and continue to knit the following rows as if knitting on regular straight needles, or if you prefer you can transfer sts over to straight needles at this point

Last 10 sts on Row 63: Slip first st, (K1, P1)4x, K1

Row 64: Slip first st, (P1, K1)4x, K1

Row 65: Slip first st, (K1, P1)4x, K1

Row 66: Slip first st, (P1, K1)4x, K1

Repeat rows 65 & 66 until purse strap reaches row 170

Row 171: CC to turquoise, Sl 1st st, K

Row 172: Slip first st, (P1, K1)4x, K1

Row 173: Slip first st, (K1, P1)4x, K1

Row 174: Slip first st, (P1, K1)4x, K1

Row 175: CC to gun metal, Sl 1st stitch, K2, Bring yarn to front, slip one stitch purlwise, Bring yarn to back, do a simple BO (do not knit the sts to BO) to BO 4 sts, Slip the last st of the BO back to the left needle, Turn the work, make sure yarn is in back, Do a cable CO to CO 5 sts, turn the work again, make sure yarn is in the back, slip the first st from the left needle to right needle, slip the last CO st over and off of the needle, then continue to K the rest of the sts on the row. This row makes a buttonhole on your purse strap to attach it to the other side of the purse.

Row 176: Slip first st, (P1, K2tog)2x, P1, K2 (8 sts)

Row 177: Slip first st, (K2tog, P1)2x, K1 (6 sts)

Row 178: Slip first st, P2tog, K2tog, K1 (4 sts)

Row 179: Slip first st, K2tog, K1 (3 sts)

Assembly

Cut yarn, use tapestry needle to thread through sts on needle, pull tight, cut yarn and secure.

Use needle and yarn to sew a button onto the other side of the purse. Turn purse inside out, use the tail from CO to sew up the bottom of the purse.

Weave in any yarn ends. Block purse before use.

BLOSSOMING KNITTED FLOWERS

DESIGNED BY: [DIANNE JONES FROM KNITTING GALORE](#)



Blossoming Knitted Flowers are adorable accents for any of your projects. This easy knit flower pattern is great for making flowers to add to headbands, dresses, and hats. Use your leftover yarn scraps quickly and easily with these cute flowers.

NOTES: You can finish off flowers by adding beads, buttons or anything you wish in the center as shown in photo. All flowers can be made smaller or larger by using finer or thicker yarn and needles.

INSTRUCTIONS

Large Flower

Cast on 12 stitches.

Row 1: Slip 1, knit 11

Row 2: Slip 1, purl 11

Row 3: Slip 1, *k1, yo, repeat from* to last st, knit 1,

Row 4: Slip 1, purl to end

Continue in stocking stitch (slipping the first st of every row) for 14 more rows.

Row 19: knit 2 tog twice, knit to last 4sts, knit 2 tog twice

Row 20: purl

Repeat row 19 & 20 3times more.

Row 27: knit 2 tog 3 times.

Row 28: Purl

Row 29: knit 3 together fasten off.

Arrange petals as desired and sew into place.

Medium Flower

Cast on 8 stitches.

Row 1: knit **Row 2:** Purl

Row 3: knit 2, knit front & back of all stitches to last, knit 1

Row 4: purl

Knit 10: rows stocking stitch

Row 15: Knit 2 together twice, knit to last 4 sts, knit 2 together twice

Row 16: Purl

Row 17: Knit 2 tog, knit to last 2 sts. Knit 2 tog

Row 18: Purl

Repeat row 17 & 18 3times more

Row 25: knit 2 together. Fasten off

Repeat to make 5 petals. Arrange petals as desired and sew into place.



Small Flowers

Cast on 4 stitches.

Row 1: Knit front & back of 1st stitch, knit 3 (5sts)

Row 2: Knit front & back of 1st stitch, purl 4 (6sts)

Row 3: Knit front & back of 1st stitch, knit 5 (7sts)

Row 4: Knit front & back of 1st stitch purl 6 (8sts).

Cut yarn leaving a 4" tail and leave on a spare needle.

Repeat 4 more times but do not cut yarn on last petal

Row 5: Join all petals by knitting across—see picture at right.
(40 sts)

Row 6: Purl 2 together across row (20 sts)

Row 7: Knit 2 together across row (10sts)

Row 8: Purl 2 together, purl 3 together, purl 2 together, purl 3 together



Thread yarn through stitches and pull tight and sew into place. Secure all loose ends.

[RAINBOW DREAMS SCARF](#)

DESIGNED BY: [LION BRAND DESIGN TEAM](#)



Beginning and experienced knitters alike will enjoy the Rainbow Dreams Scarf pattern. The simple construction of this scarf makes it a great pattern for beginners, while its wide array of colors makes this a great pattern for people who need to clear out their stash. You can easily modify this pattern to suit any type of yarn you have on hand, or any particular color scheme you like.

Gauge

In stockinette stitch, 22 stitches = 4 inches

INSTRUCTIONS

With first color, cast on 30 stitches.

Knit 5 rows.

Row 1: Knit first 4 stitches, purl across to last 4 stitches, knit last 4 stitches.

Row 2: Knit across.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until almost all first color yarn has been used. Change to second color and continue to repeat Rows 1 and 2 until almost all second color yarn has been used.

Continue as established, repeating Rows 1 and 2 and changing color as each is used up. Work until final color block measures about 1/2 in. (1.5 cm) less than previous color blocks. With red, knit 4 rows.

Bind off. With large-eyed blunt needle, weave in ends.

WEEKEND STASHBUSTER AFGHAN

DESIGNED BY: FISKARS DESIGN TEAM



If you've been hoping to clear out some yarn from your collection, consider making a few knitted afghan patterns. Made with ten different types of yarn and broken down into 20 separate squares, this textural afghan will create the perfect showpiece to add to your living room decor. To make the Weekend Stashbuster Afghan, you'll always be knitting with four strands of yarn at the same time. This means not only will you be using up yarn from your stash, but this blanket can be

completed in hardly any time at all.

INSTRUCTIONS

Knitting with a larger size needle is fast and fun! I am sharing a simple idea to make a nice snuggly blanket for your family. This is the perfect craft to keep your fingers busy while watching some TV. I pulled out a bunch of yarn from my collection – some textured bulky yarn and some regular yarn for this blanket.



To make each block, cast 20 stitches on a size 19 needle, combining four different yarns as one.

Work in Stockinette stitch on these stitches. Knit one row than purl the next one. Knit and cast off each block when it reaches eight inches long. Make 20 such blocks.

Once you have knit all 20 blocks, lay them out
and

arrange them in a pattern that you like

Sew or crochet the blocks together to form blanket.

WINTER FLOWERS

DESIGNED BY: CLARE FROM THE NATTY KNITTER



You can make flowers bloom whenever you want them to! Just get out a bit of leftover yarn and this Winter Flowers pattern and you'll have the house covered in flowers before you know it. This pattern teaches you exactly how to knit flowers, and has plenty of pictures to help show the way. You can add these cute knit flowers to sweaters, gifts, or blankets as a unique embellishment.

Finished Size

2.5 inches diameter for large flower

2 inch diameter for small flower

Materials

- Approximately 40 yards fingering weight yarn from the small and large flowers
- US size 1 (2.25 mm) Needles
- Tapestry needle
- Buttons for flower center

Gauge

In stockinette stitch, 8 sts and 12 rows = 1 inch

Abbreviations

CO = Cast on

K = Knit

Sl1 = Slip 1 yfwd =
yarn forward yback
= yarn back

M1L = Make one left-leaning stitch: pick up bar between stitches on left needle from front to back and then knit this new stitch through the back loop.

M1R = Make one right-leaning stitch: pick up bar between stitches on left needle from back to front and then knit this new stitch through the front loop. SSK = Slip, slip, knit

INSTRUCTIONS

Notes:

Each “turn work” creates a loop of yarn under the stitch. When knitting back over a stitch with a loop under it, you must knit or purl into the loop at the same time as the stitch above it.

Winter Flowers are knitted sideways, the petal shape will form when you fold your knitting in half.

Each Winter Flower is made by layering a small flower on top of a large flower.

Large Flower

CO 18 sts

Row 1: P

***Row 2:** K8, M1L, K2, M1R, K2, Sl1, yfwd, turn work (20 sts)

Row 3: Sl1, yfwd, P8, Sl1, yback, turn work

Row 4: Sl1, yback, K2, M1L, K1, M1L, K2, M1R, K1, M1R, K4, Sl, yfwd, turn work (24 sts)

Row 5: Sl1, yfwd, P16, Sl1, yback, turn work

Row 6: Sl1, yback, K4, M1L, K8, M1R, K8 (26 sts) (end of row)

Row 7: P

Row 8: K8, K2tog, K6, SSK, K2, Sl1, yfwd, turn work (24 sts)

Row 9: Sl1, yfwd, P12, Sl1, yback, turn work

Row 10: Sl1, yback, K2, (K2tog)x2, (SSK)x2, K4, Sl1, yfwd, turn work (20 sts)

Row 11: Sl1, yfwd, P12, Sl1, yback, turn work

Row 12: Sl1, yback, K4, K2tog, SSK, K8 (18 sts) (end of row)

Row 13: P

Repeat from * 5 more times. For final Row 13, BO in P

Small Flower

CO 12 sts.

Row 1: P

***Row 2:** K5, M1L, K2, M1R, K1, Sl1, yfwd, turn work(14 sts)

Row 3: Sl1, yfwd, P6, Sl1, yback, turn work

Row 4: Sl1, yback, K1, M1L, K1, M1L, K2, M1R, K1, M1R, K3, Sl1, yfwd, turn work

Row 5: Sl1, yfwd, P14, Sl1, yback, turn work

Row 6: Sl1, yback, K3, M1L, K8, M1R, K5 (20 sts) (end of row) **Row**

7: P

Row 8: K5, K2tog, K6, SSK, K1, Sl1, yfwd, turn work (18 sts)

Row 9: Sl1, yfwd, P10, Sl1, yback, turn work

Row 10: Sl1, yback, K1, (K2tog)x2, (SSK)x2, K3, Sl1, yfwd, turn work (14 sts)

Row 11: Sl1, yfwd, P10, Sl1, yback, turn work

Row 12: Sl1, yback, K3, K2tog, SSK, K5 (12 sts) (end of row)

Row 13: P

Repeat from * 4 more times. For final Row 13, BO in P.

To Make Up

Thread the CO tail on to a tapestry needle and sew through the end loops on the inside of the petals, on one side only (see photo below, left). Sew the CO edge to BO edge using a fake graft (see photo below, right). Pull to tighten and secure to from the middle of the flower. The center back of the flower is left open.

Layer the small flower on top of the large flower and sew together. Sew a button into the center of the small flower.



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