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Knitted flat, simple increases and decreases create the elephant's clever shaping

CIRCUS

Roll up, roll up! When I was a child, going to the circus was a special treat. I vividly recall the sights and sounds of the dazzling spectacles in the ring, and I'm transported back to that world of skill and daring by our projects this issue. They all make delightful additions to a child's room; a wooden stool is transformed into a crocheted circus tent, the 'Circus' bunting can be personalised with patches, and our adorable knitted elephant will catch a child's imagination. Sit back and enjoy the show!

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KNITTED CIRCUS ELEPHANT
By Cher Marcus

Gauge/Tension
Tension is not critical for this project, but different measurements may result in different yarn amounts needed

Measurements
Approx. 34cm height

Abbreviations
[ ] number of sts on a given row
beg beginning
k knit
k2tog knit 2 sts together to decrease by 1 st: insert needle knitwise into first two sts and knit them together
kfb knit front and back to increase by 1 st: insert needle into next st knitwise, k as normal but don't slip st from needle, instead bring needle around to back and k through back loop of same st
p purl
p2tog purl 2 sts together to decrease by 1 st: insert needle purlwise into first 2 sts and purl them together
rep(s) repeat(s)
RS right side(s)
st(s) stitch(es)
st st stocking stitch: RS knit, WS purl
WS wrong side
(.......) x times work instructions between brackets the *total* number of times stated

Pattern Notes
Elephant is worked flat in separate pieces which are joined and assembled at the end. Each piece is worked in st st throughout.

Instructions

BODY
Using Yarn A, cast on 80 sts.
Beg with a k row, work 18 rows in st st.

Next row (RS) (K6, k2tog) to end. [70 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 13 rows in st st.
Next row (RS) (K5, k2tog) to end. [60 sts]
Beg with a p row, work in 11 rows in st st.
Next row (K4, k2tog) to end. [50 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 9 rows in st st.
Next row (K3, k2tog) to end. [40 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 7 rows in st st.
Next row (K2, k2tog) to end. [30 sts]
Next row Purl.
Cast off for neck edge.

BASE

Using Yarn A, cast on 80 sts.
Beg with a k row, work 4 rows in st st.
Row 5 (RS) (K6, k2tog) to end. [70 sts]
Row 6 and each following WS row Purl.
Row 7 (K5, k2tog) to end. [60 sts]
Row 9 (K4, k2tog) to end. [50 sts]
Row 11 (K3, k2tog) to end. [40 sts]
Row 13 (K2, k2tog) to end. [30 sts]
Row 15 (K1, k2tog) to end. [20 sts]
Row 17 (K2tog) to end. [10 sts]
Row 19 (K2tog) to end. [5 sts]
Break yarn and thread through remaining sts,
pull tightly to close.

HEAD

Using Yarn A, cast on 20 sts.
Beg with a k row, work 2 rows in st st.
Next row (RS) (K1, kfb) to end. [30 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 5 rows in st st.
Next row (RS) (K2, kfb) to end. [40 sts]

Beg with a p row, work 3 rows in st st.
Next row (K3, kfb) to end. [50 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 3 rows in st st.
Next row (K4, kfb) to end. [60 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 3 rows in st st.
Next row (K5, kfb) to end. [70 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 13 rows in st st.
Next row (K5, k2tog) to end. [60 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 3 rows in st st.
Next row (K4, k2tog) to end. [50 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 3 rows in st st.
Next row (K3, k2tog) to end. [40 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 7 rows in st st.
Next row (K2, k2tog) to end. [30 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 5 rows in st st.
Next row (K1, k2tog) to end. [20 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 22 rows in st st.
Next row (WS) Knit (for fold line).
Next row (RS) Knit.
Next row (P2tog) to end. [10 sts]
Next row Knit.
Next row (P2tog) to end. [5 sts]
Break yarn and thread through remaining
sts, pull tightly to close.

LEG (MAKE 4)

Using Yarn A, cast on 20 sts.
Beg with a k row, work 4 rows in st st.
Next row (RS) (K3, kfb) to end. [25 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 11 rows in st st.
Next row (RS) (K4, kfb) to end. [30 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 11 rows in st st.
Next row (K5, kfb) to end. [35 sts]

Beg with a p row, work 6 rows in st st.
Next row (WS) Knit (for fold line).
Beg with a k row, work 2 rows in st st.
Next row (RS) K1, (k2tog) to end. [18 sts]
Next row Purl.
Next row (K2tog) to end. [9 sts]
Break yarn and thread through remaining sts,
pull tightly to close.

EAR FRONT (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, cast on 28 sts.
Beg with a k row, work 4 rows in st st.
Row 5 (RS) K2tog, k to end. [27 sts]
Row 6 (WS) Purl.
Row 7 K2tog, k to end. [26 sts]
Row 8 Purl.
Row 9 K2tog, k to end. [25 sts]
Row 10 Purl to last 2 sts, p2tog. [24 sts]
Rep Rows 9-10 twice more. [20 sts]
Row 15 K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog. [18 sts]
Row 16 P2tog, k to last 2 sts, p2tog. [16 sts]
Rep Rows 15-16 twice more. [8 sts]
Cast off.

EAR BACK (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, cast on 28 sts.
Beg with a k row, work 4 rows in st st.
Row 5 (RS) K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [27 sts]
Row 6 (WS) Purl.
Row 7 K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [26 sts]
Row 8 Purl.
Row 9 K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [25 sts]
Row 10 P2tog, p to end. [24 sts]

Rep Rows 9-10 twice more. [20 sts]
Row 15 K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog. [18 sts]
Row 16 P2tog, k to last 2 sts, p2tog. [16 sts]
Rep Rows 15-16 twice more. [8 sts]
Cast off.

NECK FRILL

Using Yarn B, cast on 30 sts.
Beg with a k row, work 2 rows in st st.
Next row (RS) (Kfb) to end. [60 sts]
Next row (WS) Purl.
Next row (Kfb) to end. [120 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 5 rows in st st.
Next row (K1, kfb) to end. [180 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 3 rows in st st.
Change to Yarn C, knit 2 rows.
Change to Yarn B, beg with a k row, work 2 rows in st st.
Change to Yarn D, knit 2 rows.
Change to Yarn B, beg with a k row, work 2 rows in st st.
Change to Yarn C, knit 4 rows, cast off.

HAT

Using Yarn C, cast on 40 sts.
Knit 16 rows.
Change to Yarn B, beg with a k row, work 4 rows in st st.
Change to Yarn D, beg with a k row, work 2 rows in st st.
Change to Yarn B, beg with a k row, work 2 rows in st st.
Next row (RS) (K3, k2tog) to end. [32 sts]

Next row (WS) Purl.
Change to Yarn D, beg with a k row, work 2 rows in st st.
Change to Yarn B, beg with a k row, work 2 rows in st st.
Next row (K2, k2tog) to end. [24 sts]
Next row Purl.
Change to Yarn D.
Next row (K1, k2tog) to end. [16 sts]
Next row Purl.
Change to Yarn B, beg with a k row, work 2 rows in st st.
Next row (K2tog) to end. [8 sts]
Break yarn and thread through remaining sts, pull tightly to close.
Bobble
Cast on 5 sts in Yarn C, knit 20 rows, cast off.

ASSEMBLY

Use photo as a guide. Join all seams using mattress st unless otherwise stated: oversew Base to Body; gather cast-on sts of Head to close, oversew to open neck of Body; oversew open edge of Legs to Body; wrap Bobble strip tightly and gather row ends to form a ball, stitch to Hat. Stuff all pieces before closing seams. Position Neck Frill and join row ends, place Hat on Head. Using black yarn, embroider eyes. Cut 3 x 30cm lengths of Yarn A for tail, twist together, knot end, stitch in place.

TO FINISH

Weave in all ends.

Make a vibrant string of bunting using an array of colourful craft products

Spectacle of colour

CIRCUS BUNTING
By Liz Barraclough

Measurements
Strung length 1.5m plus 50cm either side to tie
Individual flags 18cm width, 15cm length (max.)

Abbreviations
st(s) stitch(es)
RS right side(s)
WS wrong side(s)

Pattern Notes
Bunting fabric is interlined to strengthen and highlight print on each side. Felt circles are added as a background for patches. Flags are strung on bias binding. Follow manufacturer's instructions for applying interlining, Bondaweb and patches.

Instructions

PREPARE TEMPLATES
Step 1 Cut 1 of each small and large triangle templates and a 6cm diameter circle template out of cardboard (see schematic).

PREPARE FABRICS
Step 2 Cut 19 x 29cm piece of interlining and fuse to felt. Place adhesive side of Bondaweb on top of interlining and fuse. Use circle template to draw 8 circles onto Bondaweb and cut out.
Step 3 Cut 16 flags using large triangle template: 2 from each chosen fabric, keeping

direction of print in mind. Use small triangle template to cut 16 from interlining. Position adhesive side onto WS of each flag, aligning top short edges so there is a small even border on long diagonal sides only (this makes it easier to achieve a clean point on the flags) and fuse.

MAKE FLAGS

Step 4 Remove paper backing from felt circles. Take one flag from each pair and position outer edge of circle 3cm down from short top edge and centred between diagonal sides, fuse in place.
Step 5 Align edge of felt with centre mark on machine foot, then using zigzag st, sew around circle (do not reverse st at beginning and end; instead use hand sewing needle to take thread ends through to WS, knot and cut short).
Step 6 Pin the 8 pairs of flags RS together. Using straight sts and 0.5mm seam allowance, sew along long sides. Trim triangle at tip close to stitching, turn RS out, push out seams and press. Trim top open edge to straighten if necessary.
Step 7 Arrange flags as desired. Place a star patch onto circle of each outer flag and the 'circus' letters onto circles of central patches, fuse patches in place.
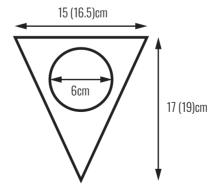
STRING FLAGS

Step 8 Fold binding in half along length and press. Mark centre point with pin. Insert the two central flags into binding with inner corners 1cm either side of pin (cut edge of flag should meet fold and 1cm binding should be visible on front and back of flags). Pin or baste in place. Working from centre outwards, pin or baste remaining flags with 2cm gap between them.
Step 9 Sew over binding to join flags to bunting, including ends either side of outer flags.

TO FINISH

Step 10 Display bunting indoors or out!

Schematic: Templates

15 (16.5)cm

6cm

17 (19)cm

Add extra flair with a trick! The pompom trim is simply pushed through the crochet

Take a seat!

CROCHETED BIG TOP STOOL COVER
By Helen Anderson

Gauge/Tension
17 sts and 17 rows to measure 10 x 10cm over dc using a 4.5mm crochet hook

Measurements
32cm diameter, 11cm height, 92cm circumference around after blocking

Abbreviations (UK Terms)
[ ] number of sts on a given row/round
1incA increase by 1 st in Yarn A by working 2dc in next st; applies to all yarn colours
ch(s) chain(s) or chain stitch(es)
dc double crochet
dcA work indicated number of dc sts in Yarn A; applies to all yarn colours
rep(s) repeat(s)
RS right side
ssj ss to first dc of round to join
ss slip stitch(es)
st(s) stitch(es)
tr treble crochet
trA work indicated number of tr sts in Yarn A; applies to all yarn colours
WS wrong side
(.......) x times work instructions between brackets the *total* number of times stated
*.....; rep from * x more times work instructions after * and then repeat that section as specified

Pattern Notes

Stool Top is worked in joined rounds. Float unused yarn at WS of work, to be picked up when needed, unless otherwise instructed. Stool Side is worked in rows, then joined at end of section. Turn after each row. Keep unused yarn at WS of work, to pick up again in following row, unless otherwise instructed. Pompom trim is inserted along WS of work. Curtains are worked separately then attached to Stool Cover.

Change colour in last yarn over hook of st before change as follows: insert hook in st, yarn over hook, pull up loop in previous colour, yarn over hook in new colour and draw new colour through all loops.

Pompom trim is used to add pompoms between sts at top of Sides section: run length of trim across WS of work, when instructed, push a single pompom to RS after each ch-space.

Use 4.5mm hook unless otherwise stated.

Instructions

STOOL COVER

Top

Using Yarn A, make magic ring.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in ring, ssj. [6 dc]
Round 2 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 1incA around, ssj. [12 dc]
Round 3 Ch1, (1dcA, 1incA) 6 times, change to Yarn B, ssj, fasten off Yarn A. [18 dc]
Round 4 Ch1, (2dcB, 1incC) 6 times, ssj. [24 dc]
Round 5 Ch1, (1dcC, 2dcB, 1incC) 6 times, ssj. [30 dc]
Round 6 Ch1, (1dcC, 1dcB, 1incB, 2dcC) 6 times, ssj. [36 dc]
Round 7 Ch1, 2dcC, (3dcB, 1dcC, 1incC, 1dcC) 5 times, 3dcB, 1incC, ssj. [42 dc]
Round 8 Ch1, 2dcC, (1dcB, 1incB, 1dcB, 4dcC) 5 times, 1dcB, 1incB, 1dcB, 2dcC, ssj. [48 dc]
Round 9 Ch1, 2dcC, (4dcB, 3dcC, 1incC) 5 times, 4dcB, 1dcC, 1incC, ssj. [54 dc]
Round 10 Ch1, 2dcC, (3dcB, 1incB, 5dcC) 5 times, 3dcB, 1incB, 3dcC, ssj. [60 dc]
Round 11 Ch1, 1dcC, 1incC, (5dcB, 4dcC, 1incC) 5 times, 5dcB, 3dcC, ssj. [66 dc]
Round 12 Ch1, 3dcC, (4dcB, 1incB, 6dcC) 5 times, 4dcB, 1incB, 3dcC, ssj. [72 dc]
Round 13 Ch1, 2dcC, 1incC, (6dcB, 5dcC, 1incC) 5 times, 6dcB, 3dcC, ssj. [78 dc]
Round 14 Ch1, 4dcC, (5dcB, 1incB, 7dcC) 5 times, 5dcB, 1incB, 3dcC, ssj. [84 dc]
Round 15 Ch1, 3dcC, 1incC, (7dcB, 6dcC, 1incC) 5 times, 7dcB, 3dcC, ssj. [90 dc]
Round 16 Ch1, 5dcC, (6dcB, 1incB, 8dcC) 5 times, 6dcB, 1incB, 3dcC, ssj. [96 dc]
Round 17 Ch1, 4dcC, 1incC, (8dcB, 7dcC, 1incC) 5 times, 8dcB, 3dcC, ssj. [102 dc]
Round 18 Ch1, 6dcC, (7dcB, 1incB, 9dcC) 5 times, 7dcB, 1incB, 3dcC, ssj. [108 dc]
Round 19 Ch1, 5dcC, 1incC, (9dcB, 8dcC, 1incC) 5 times, 9dcB, 3dcC, ssj. [114 dc]
Round 20 Ch1, 7dcC, (8dcB, 1incB, 10dcC) 5 times, 8dcB, 1incB, 3dcC, ssj. [120 dc]
Round 21 Ch1, 6dcC, 1incC, (10dcB, 9dcC, 1incC) 5 times, 10dcB, 3dcC, ssj. [126 dc]

Round 22 Ch1, 8dcC, (9dcB, 1incB, 11dcC) 5 times, 9dcB, 1incB, 3dcC, ssj. [132 dc]
Round 23 Ch1, 7dcC, 1incC, (11dcB, 10dcC, 1incC) 5 times, 11dcB, 3dcC, ssj. [138 dc]
Round 24 Ch1, 9dcC, (10dcB, 1incB, 12dcC) 5 times, 10dcB, 1incB, 3dcC, ssj. [144 dc]
Round 25 Ch1, 8dcC, 1incC, (12dcB, 11dcC, 1incC) 5 times, 12dcB, 3dcC, ssj. [150 dc]
Round 26 Ch1, 10dcC, (11dcB, 1incB, 13dcC) 5 times, 11dcB, 1incB, 3dcC, ssj. [156 dc]
Round 27 Ch1, 10dcC, (13dcB, 13dcC) 5 times, 13dcB, 3dcC, ssj, fasten off Yarns B and C.
Round 28 *Join Yarn C with ss to first st in next Yarn C section, (skip 2 dc, 5tr in next st, skip 2 dc, 1ss in next st) twice, fasten off Yarn C leaving approx. 25cm yarn tail for joining; join Yarn B with ss to first st in next Yarn B section, (skip 2 dc, 5tr in next st, skip 2 dc, 1ss in next st) twice, fasten off Yarn B leaving approx. 25cm yarn tail for joining; rep from * 5 more times.
[24 scallops, 36 ss]
Weave in all ends and block.

Sides

Using Yarn C, ch20.
Row 1 (RS) 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end, turn. [19 dc]
Rows 2 (WS)-3 Ch1 (does not count as a st throughout), 19dc, turn.
Row 4 Ch1, 1dc, ch1, skip 1 dc, insert pompom, 17dc. [18 dc, 1 ch]
Row 5 Ch1, 17dc, 1dc in ch-1 sp, 1dc. [19 dc]
Rows 6-13 Rep Rows 2-5 twice.

Fasten off Yarn C.
Rows 14-25 Using Yarn B, rep Rows 2-5 three times.
Row 26 Rep Row 2, fasten off Yarn B.
Row 27 Using Yarn C, rep Row 2.
Rows 28-39 (Rep Rows 4-5, rep Row 2 twice) 3 times, fasten off Yarn C.
Row 40 Using Yarn B, rep Row 5.
Row 41 Rep Row 2.
Row 42 Ch1, 3dcB, 16dcD.
Row 43 Ch1, 16dcD, 3dcB.
Row 44 Ch1, 1dcB, ch1, skip 1 dc, insert pompom, 1dcB, 16dcD. [18 dc, ch-1 sp]
Row 45 Ch1, 16dcD, 1dcB, 1dcB in ch-1 sp, 1dcB. [19 dc]
Rows 46-49 Rep Rows 42-45.
Row 50 Rep Row 42, fasten off Yarn D.
Row 51 Using Yarn B, rep Row 2.
Row 52 Rep Row 4, fasten off Yarn B.
Rows 53-64 Using Yarn C, (rep Row 5, rep Row 2 twice, rep Row 4) 3 times.
Row 65 Rep Row 2, fasten off Yarn C.
Rows 66-77 Using Yarn B, (rep Row 2 twice, rep Row 4, rep Row 5) 3 times.
Row 78 Rep Row 2, fasten off Yarn B.
Row 79 Using Yarn C, rep Row 2.
Rows 80-91 (Rep Row 4, rep Row 5, rep Row 2 twice) 3 times, fasten off Yarn C.
Rows 92-103 Using Yarn B, (rep Row 4, rep Row 5, rep Row 2 twice) 3 times.
Row 104 Rep Row 4, fasten off Yarn B.
Rows 105-116 Using Yarn C, (rep Row 5, rep Row 2 twice, rep Row 4) 3 times.

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Row 117 Rep Row 2, fasten off Yarn C.
Rows 118-119 Using Yarn B, rep Row 2.
Row 120 Ch1, 1dcB, ch1, skip 1 dc, insert pompom, 1dcB, 16dcD. [18 dc, 1 ch-1 sp]
Row 121 Ch1, 16dcD, 1dcB, 1dcB in ch-1 sp, 1dcB. [19 dc]
Row 122 Ch1, 3dcB, 16dcD.
Row 123 Ch1, 16dcD, 3dcB.
Rows 124-127 Rep Rows 120-123 once.
Row 128 Rep Row 120, fasten off Yarn D.
Row 129 Using Yarn B, rep Row 5.
Row 130 Rep Row 2, fasten off Yarn B.
Row 131 Using Yarn C, rep Row 2.
Rows 132-143 (Rep Row 4, rep Row 5, rep Row 2 twice) 3 times, fasten off Yarn C.
Rows 144-155 Using Yarn B, (rep Row 4, rep Row 5, rep Row 2 twice) 3 times.
Row 156 Rep Row 4.
Fasten off Yarn C, leaving a 50cm yarn tail for joining.
Cut pompom trim after final pompom inserted in Row 156.
Weave in all ends and block.
To join Stool Sides section, align sts in Row 1 with sts in Row 156 and pin, ensuring work is not twisted, whip stitch edge together.

Lower Edge
Using 4mm hook, join Yarn D with ss to any row end at bottom edge of Stool Cover.
Rounds 1-2 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st), 156dc, ss to first dc to join. [156 dc]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

CURTAIN (MAKE 4)

Using Yarn C, ch17.
Row 1 (RS) 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end, turn. [16 dc]
Rows 2 (WS)-6 Ch1 (does not count as st), 16dc, turn.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

ASSEMBLY

Use photo as a guide.
Join Curtain sets to Yarn B sections of Stool Side: pin 2 Curtains to first 16 Yarn B sts in Rows 40 and 52, each facing towards centre of Yarn D section to cover all these sts. Using Yarn B, join outer and top edges of Curtains to Side. Pin remaining 2 Curtains to second 16 Yarn B sts in Rows 118 and 130, join in same way.
Thread a 20cm Yarn A strand behind each curtain to create curtain tie backs. Knot each end and tie in a bow.
Join Stool Top to Stool Side section: pin row ends of Side to WS of Round 27 of Top, then using yarn tails, stitch to join, ensuring Yarn B and Yarn C sts align across sections.

TO FINISH

Weave in all ends and place on stool.

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BONUS CROCHET PATTERN!

Crochet a cute toy companion to join our knitted elephant (page 2) at the circus! Made using **Scheepjes Catona** and the amigurumi method, the beginner-friendly, sensational **Party Lion** pattern by Matt Farci is not to be missed. Visit our website for the **bonus pattern** via the link: bit.ly/partylionEN

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