

Bunting with Star Stitch

You will need

Please use white, cream or pale shades (white is preferred).

2ply with 2.5 needles (13's),

3ply with 2.75mm needles (12's),

4ply with 3.25mm needles (10's),

2 Cords: Anything you like, knitted, twisted, crochet or ribbon to thread through holes and be able to tie in a bow.

Choice of 2, 3 or 4 buttons.

Abbreviations

yfwd - yarn over needle to create a new stitch when worked on the following row.

inc - increase in next st, by working into the front and back of stitch.

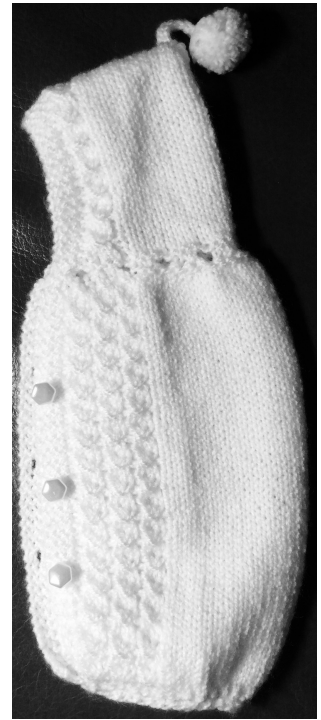
K2tog - knit 2 stitches together making 1 stitch.

P2tog - purl 2 stitches together making 1 stitch.

g/st - garter stitch, every row Knit.

Make Buttonhole - K2, yfwd, K2tog then pattern to end.

Star - Purl next 3 stitches tog without removing them from Lt needle, yfwd, then Purl the 3 stitches together again and remove. You still have 3 sts on Rt needle.



TIP: slip the first stitch of every row for neat edge with 'give'.

For girls, put buttonholes at beginning of a Knit row, boys at the end.

Begin at the toes

With your choice of yarn and needles,

Cast on 34 sts loosely.

First Row: Knit.

Next Row: K2, P1, (yfwd, P2tog, P1) to last 4 sts, yfwd, P2tog, K2.

Next Row: Knit, knitting the loops as stitches (10 'holes') - **34 sts**

Next Row: Increase in front and back of every stitch - **68 sts**

Next Row: K4, (P1, K3) 3 times, P1, Knit to last 17sts, (P1, K3) 3 times, P1, K4.

The next 4 rows form pattern

Row 1: K4, (K1, P3) 3 times, K1, Purl to last 17sts, (K1, P3) 3 times, K5.

Row 2: K4, (P1, K3) 3 times, P1, Knit to last 17sts, (P1, K3) 3 times, P1, K4.

Row 3: K4, (K1, Star*) 3 times, K1, Purl to last 17sts, (K1, Star*) 3 times, K5. *as abbreviations above.

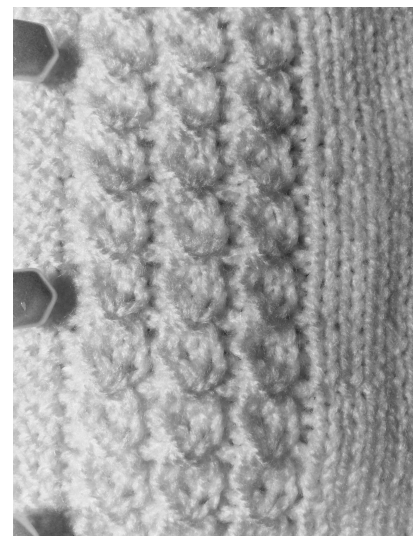
Row 4: As Row 2.

Repeat the pattern until first buttonhole (see below)...

For 2 buttons make buttonhole in border after 12 g/st ridges

For 3 buttons, make buttonhole in border after 9 g/st ridges.

For 4 buttons, make buttonhole in border after 7 g/st ridges.



After working last buttonhole, continue in pattern for 12 (9 or 7) more garter stitch ridges, ending with row 2 - **68 sts**

Neck

With Wrong Side facing you, K4, K2tog to last 4 sts, K4 - **38 sts**

Next Row: Knit.

Next Row: K1, K2tog twice, (yfwd, P2tog, P1) to last 6 sts, yfwd, K2tog three times - **34sts**

Next Row: Knit (10 'holes').

Next Row: with the wrong side facing you, Knit across row - **34 sts**

Hood

Increase Row: K9, (inc, K2) repeat to last 7 sts, K7 - **39 sts**

Starting with row 1, pattern as before but with borders of 3 sts as follows...

Row 1: K4, K1, P3, K1, Purl to last 8 sts, K1, P3, K4.

Row 2: K3, P1, K3, P1, Knit to last 8 sts, P1, K3, P1, K3.

Row 3: K4, Star*, K1, Purl to last 8 sts, K1, Star*, K4. *as abbreviations above.

Row 4: As Row 2.

Repeat these 4 pattern rows until there are 7 'stars', ending with pattern row 4.

(Border has total of 14 garter stitch ridges.)

Cast off and sew seam or use Kitchener stitch to graft it. Add pompom or what you like.

Add buttons to correspond with buttonholes.

Thread ribbon through holes at toes and neck edge.

Variations on the star pattern

This stitch is really versatile, you can make different patterns with it, just keep the borders and the increases & decreases the same:

You could work a single column of 'stars' up both fronts.

Or place seed beads on Row 1 in the centres of the column of 'stars'. These could be assorted colours or one colour shown here...

Or you could stagger the 'stars' on alternate purl rows throughout the whole piece...

