



## PATTERN COLLECTION: *HOME*



### **Don't Be Square! Knit-a-long Extravaganza**

#### **#9 Best Buds**

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#### **FINISHED MEASUREMENTS**

8½ x 8½"

#### **MATERIALS**

**Universal Yarn** *Uptown Worsted*  
(100% anti-pilling acrylic;  
100g/180 yds)

- 311 Cherry

**Needles:** US Size 8 (5 mm) set of  
5 dpns, 16" circular *or size needed  
to obtain gauge*

**Notions:** Tapestry needle, stitch  
markers

#### **GAUGE**

17 sts x 21 rows = 4" in St st  
**Save time, check your gauge.**

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## PATTERN NOTES

Check out our Knit-a-long Extravaganza video for tips on using dpns.

This block is an introduction to working in the round using double-pointed needles. It incorporates lace techniques already learned in previous blocks. With the exception of Round 2, every other even numbered round increases 8 stitches per round, 2 stitches per needle. These increased stitches are in the form of yarn overs and occur on either side of a 2-stitch stockinette corner “line”.

On Round 18 of pattern, instructions indicate to switch to a 16” circular needle. This is because there are too many stitches to work comfortable on dpns. If you prefer, you may also use the magic loop method. There will be a video on the magic loop method for next week’s counterpane block.

## BEST BUDS

Cast on 8 sts to 1 dpn leaving an 8” tail for joining the center sts. Slip 4 sts to a second dpn. Join to work in the rnd.

**Rnd 1:** \* K2 with 1 dpn; rep from \* 3 more times, each time with a separate dpn – 2 sts per ndl.

**Rnd 2:** \* M1, k2; rep from \* 3 more times – 3 sts per ndl.

**Odd numbered rnds 3-15:** Knit.

**Rnd 4:** \* Yo, k1, yo, k2; rep from \* 3 more times – 5 sts per ndl.

**Rnd 6:** \* Yo, k3, yo, k2; rep from \* 3 more times – 7 sts per ndl.

**Rnd 8:** \* Yo, k5, yo, k2; rep from \* 3 more times – 9 sts per ndl.

**Rnd 10:** \* Yo, k7, yo, k2; rep from \* 3 more times – 11 sts per ndl.

**Rnd 12:** \* Yo, ssk, yo, k5, yo, k2tog, yo, k2; rep from \* 3 more times – 13 sts per ndl.

**Rnd 14:** \* [Yo, ssk] 2 times, yo, k3, [yo, k2tog] 2 times, yo, k2; rep from \* 3 more times – 15 sts per ndl.

**Rnd 16:** \* [Yo, ssk] 3 times, yo, k1, [yo, k2tog] 3 times, yo, k2; rep from \* 3 more times – 17 sts per ndl.

**Rnd 17:** Working onto 16” circ ndl, [k17, pm] 4 times.

**Rnd 18:** \* [Yo, ssk] 3 times, yo, k3, [yo, k2tog] 3 times, yo, k2, sl m; rep from \* 3 more times – 19 sts per ndl.

**Rnd 19:** Knit.

**Rnd 20:** \* [Yo, ssk] 4 times, yo, k1, [yo, k2tog] 4 times, yo, k2, sl m; rep from \* 3 more times – 21 sts per ndl.

**Rnd 21:** Purl.

**Rnd 22:** \* M1, k19, m1, k2, sl m; rep from \* 3 more times – 23 sts per ndl.

**Rnd 23:** Purl.

**Rnd 24:** \* M1, k21, m1, k2, sl m; rep from \* 3 more times – 25 sts per ndl.

**Rnd 25:** Purl.

**Bind-off rnd:** \* M1, loosely bind off this st and the next 23 sts, m1, bind off this st and the next 2 sts, remove m; rep from \* 3 more times.

## FINISHING

Thread cast-on tail through tapestry ndl. Weave in and out of cast-on sts, pull taut, weave in end. Steam block lightly to finished measurements.

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## Abbreviations

<b>circ</b>	circular
<b>dpn(s)</b>	double pointed needle(s)
<b>inc'd</b>	increased
<b>k</b>	knit
<b>k2tog</b>	knit 2 sts together
<b>m1</b>	make 1 stitch; place strand of yarn that is between the st on the right ndl and the one on the left ndl onto the left ndl and knit this strand through the back loop – 1 st inc'd.
<b>ndl</b>	needle
<b>P</b>	purl
<b>pm</b>	place marker
<b>rem</b>	remain
<b>rep</b>	repeat
<b>sl m</b>	slip marker
<b>st(s)</b>	stitch(es)
<b>yo</b>	yarn over

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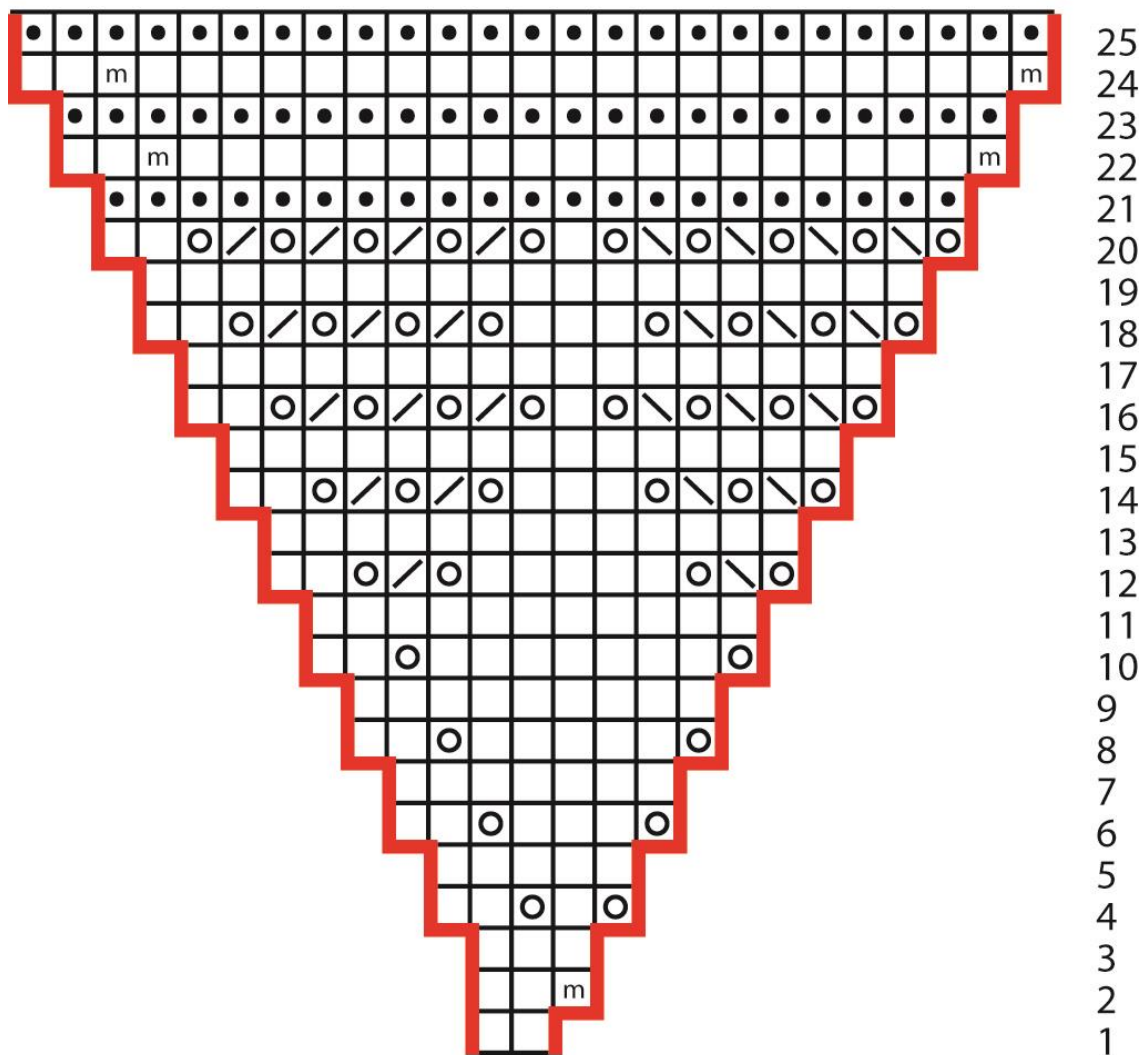
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# Best Buds



## Key

- knit on RS, purl on WS
- purl on RS, knit on WS
- m make 1
- ssk
- k2tog
- || pattern repeat

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