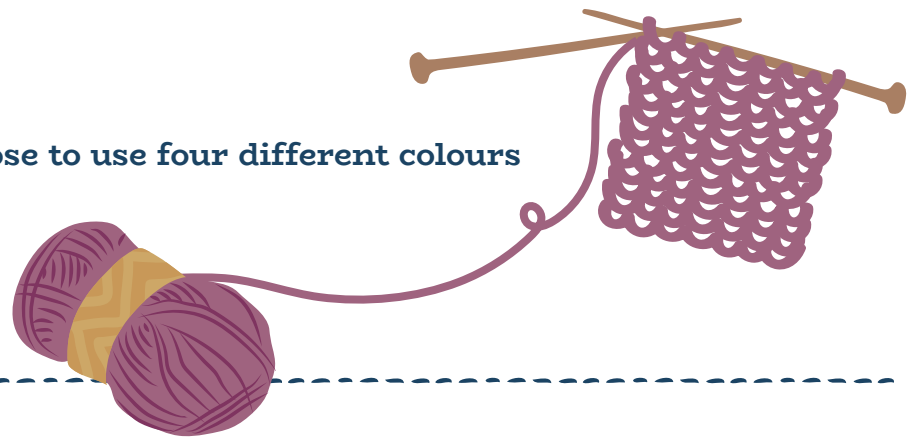


How to knit a patchwork cushion cover

Follow Scarlett's instructions to get crafty with Kite!

What you need:

- Bulky, 14-ply yarn – Scarlett chose to use four different colours
- 6 mm needles (or similar)
- A thick darning needle



Instructions:

Top tip! Any underlined words have a link to a trusted website where you can find a video to explain the specific instruction.

Step 1: Basic cast on 16 stitches to the needle in your left hand.

Step 2: Knit a row of garter stitch.

Step 3: Once you get to the end of your row, the needle with stitches on will be in your right hand and the empty needle in your left. Turn your work over so that the needle with stitches on is now back in your left hand. You should do this at the end of each row.

Step 4: Knit 16 rows.

Step 5: Once your 16 rows are complete, cast off 16 stitches so that your square does not unravel.

If you'd like to continue with garter stitch, simply repeat these instructions until you have nine squares in the colours of your choice.

If you're a more experienced knitter like Scarlett, you could knit five garter stitch squares and then knit four squares in a different stitch that use a combination of knit and purl stitches.



Different types of knit:

Key

K = knit stitch

K(1) = knit one stitch

P = purl stitch

P(1) = purl one stitch

RS = right side of your work. This will be the outside of your cushion.

WS = wrong side of your work. This will be the inside of your cushion.

Stocking stitch

This pattern is made by alternating rows of knit and purl. When the right side is facing you, knit a row of stitches. When the wrong side is facing you, purl a row of stitches.

Basic cast on 16 stitches.

Row 1 (RS): K.

Row 2 (WS): P.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until you have 16 rows.

Moss stitch

Basic cast on 16 stitches.

Row 1: K1, P1, (repeat).

Row 2: P1, K1, (repeat).

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until you have 16 rows.

Basketweave stitch

Basic cast on 16 stitches.

Rows 1-4: K4, P4, (repeat).

Rows 5-8: P4, K4, (repeat).

Rows 9-12: K4, P4, (repeat).

Row 13-16: P4, K4 (repeat).

You may need to knit some extra rows to make this square the same size as your other squares. This is because basketweave stitch requires a slightly tighter tension.

Half moss stitch

This pattern requires casting on an odd number of stitches.

Basic cast on 17 stitches.

Row 1 (RS): P1, K1, (repeat).

Your last stitch should be K1.

Row 2: K.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until you have 16 rows.

How to create your patchwork square:

Step 1: Lay out your knitted squares in a 3x3 patchwork arrangement.

Step 2: Place one square on top of another with the right sides (the outside of your cushion) together.

Step 3: Using a thick darning needle, blanket stitch the two squares together down one seam.

Step 4: Open your squares out so that the seam is enclosed.

Step 5: Repeat this until you have three rows of three squares, and then blanket stitch the rows together to make a patchwork square.

For the back panels:

Step 1: Basic cast on 48 stitches.

Step 2: Knit 32 rows of garter stitch.

Step 3: Cast off 48 stitches.

Step 4: Repeat so that you have two panels.

Step 5: Then, with the right sides (the outside of your cushion) facing each other, use a thick darning needle and sew both back panels to your patchwork square leaving a gap where they overlap.

Step 6: This is where you will insert your cushion.

