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# COME IN FROM THE COLD **BLANKET**

INTERMEDIATE
25MM (50US) CIRCULAR NEEDLES

# YOUR ADVENTURE STARTS NOW



Nothing will make you happier than holding your finished project.

## RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

**GET YOUR TOOLS READY.**Everything you need to get making.

FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH THE TECHNIQUES.

Everything from the stitches used to the finishing touches for your project.

GET TO KNOW YOUR YARN.

Before you start your piece, play around with your new yarn to get used to it, and to check your tension.

WOOL SCHOOL

Pick up your needles & yarn and make the magic happen! For a little extra help, check out our Wool School at:

www.woolandthegang.com/t/how-to

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When you're done - let the world know.

#### LET'S GET KNITTING

#### Tool kit

7 balls of WATG's Crazy Sexy Wool in colour A

1 balls of WATG's Crazy Sexy Wool in colour B

1 Come In From The Cold Blanket pattern

1 25cm (50US) circular knitting needle

1 sewing needle

#### **Tension**

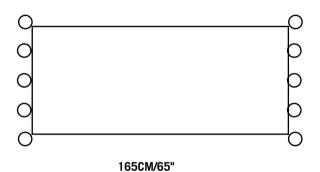
To ensure your knitting has the same measurements as the pattern, it is a good idea to make a tension swatch before you start knitting your project. A tension swatch is a small sample of your knitting where you count the stitches and rows and check them against the measurements (cm/in) given in the pattern. If you get MORE stitches/rows than the pattern's tension, it means your knitting is **tighter**. If you get FEWER stitches/rows than the pattern, your knitting is **looser**. Sometimes, it works to knit tighter or looser to compensate.

#### Stocking stitch:

10 cm/4" = 4.5 stitches 10 cm/4" = 6 rows

You can find all the knitting techniques at the back of the pattern.

#### **MEASUREMENTS**



95CM/37.5



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# HOW TO KNIT YOUR COME IN FROM THE COLD BLANKET

1 Using colour A, cast on 75 stitches using the cable cast on technique. Knit 1 row. 2 Purl 1 row 3 Knit 2 rows. 4 5 Purl 1 row. Knit 1 row 6 7 Repeat steps 2-6 once more. Knit 1 row. 8 9 Purl 1 row. Using colour B, knit 1 row. 10 11 Purl 1 row, Cut Colour B. 12 Using colour A, work both rows of the loop stitch technique. 13 Knit 2 rows.

- **14** Purl 1 row.
- **15** Knit 1 row.
- Repeat steps 2-15 unitl your piece measures 95cm/37.5" (approx. a further 38 rows).
- 17 Cast off.

#### ASSEMBLY AND FINISHING

1 Weave in the loose ends.

#### **POMPOM**

You will need six pompoms in colour A and four pompoms in colour B. Repeat the following setps for each pompom.

- 1 Cut two cardboard circles, 7.5cm/3" in diameter, with a 2.5cm/1" hole in the centre.
- 2 Using the sewing needle threaded with a long strand of yarn, hold the circles together and wind the yarn around the circle until the it runs out. Cut another length of yarn, and continue winding yarn around the cardboard circles until the card is covered and the hole closes up.
- 3 Using a pair of scissors, cut the yarn between the two pieces of card around the edge of the circle.
- Tie a strand of yarn between the two cardboard circles to secure the centre of the pompom, and fasten with a tight knot. Now remove the cardboard.
- **5** Tidy up your pompom by trimming the shape with scissors.
- Sew pompoms in colour A to each corner of the blanket. Sew the remaining two pompoms in colour A to the middle of the short sides of the blanket. Sew the pompoms in colour B in between the pompoms in colour A so that the pompoms on each side are all approx. 24cm apart.









#### **KNITTING TECHNIQUES**



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#### Work! Work! Work!

There are two main ways to 'work' stitches: they can be knitted or purled. When the pattern asks you to 'work' a number of stitches/rows/cm, it will always specify which stitch pattern to work in.

#### Using circular needles for knitting flat pieces

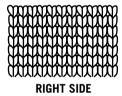
Circular needles aren't just for knitting in the round - they are also great for knitting flat pieces, if you have more stitches than you can fit on standard straight knitting needles. As you knit, the stitches will move across from the end of the circular needle in your left hand towards the other end in your right hand - the stitches you have knitted will hang between the two needle ends. After knitting your row, simply turn the long needle around so the end of your work with the tail of yarn you are knitting with is in your left hand ready to start a new row.

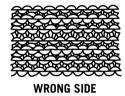
#### Cable cast on / Online video tutorial

Create a slipknot on the left hand needle. Work a knit stitch, but do not slip the stitch off the left needle. Bring the right needle up and place the stitch onto the left needle. Pull out the right needle. Now you will have two stitches on your left needle. Now insert the right needle between the two stitches, wrap and bring through. Transfer the newly created stitch onto the left hand needle. Repeat until you have the number of stitches needed.

#### Stocking stitch / Doline video tutorial

A basic stitch pattern where all the stitches of the first row are knitted, and on the second row they are purled. These two rows are repeated to make the pattern. The 'right' side of the fabric looks like a series of 'Vs' and the 'wrong' side of the fabric looks like a series of 'waves'.





Adding a new ball of yarn / Online video tutorial

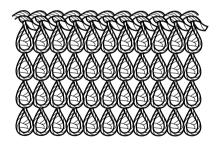
When your ball of yarn runs out, or when you need to change the colour, tie a loose knot on to the tail with the new ball of yarn and slide it up to the needle. Tighten the knot. Continue knitting with the new yarn. When you're done knitting, un-tie the knot before weaving in the ends.

#### Loop stitch / Online video tutorial

To work in loop stitch repeat the following two rows:

Row 1: ★Slip 1 stitch - but do not release it off the left needle yet! Bring the yarn to the front of your work by passing it between the two needles, and and wrap it around your thumb to create a loop, the length for the loops is specified in the pattern above. Return the yarn to the back between the two needles. Now insert the right needle into the same stitch on the left needle again, and knit it in the normal way. Slip it off the left needle. On your right needle, you now have two stitches created from one stitch. Using the tip of the left needle, lift the first stitch over the second stitch and off the right needle.★Repeat the section inside the stars to the end of the row.

Row 2: Purl all stitches.



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#### Casting off / Online video tutorial

To complete your project, you need to cast off your last row of stitches in order to make an edge that won't unravel. For your final row, knit the first two stitches. Using the tip of the left needle, lift the first stitch up and over the second stitch and then slip it off the right needle. Now you have only one stitch on your right needle. Knit the next stitch from the left needle, then lift the previous stitch over it and off the needle as before. Do this with each stitch until there are no stitches on the left needle and just one stitch on the right needle. Cut the yarn, leaving a 15 cm/6" end. Pull on the last loop until the end pops through -you've now secured the last stitch.

#### FINISHING TECHNIQUES

#### Weaving in the ends / Doline video tutorial

Weave the ends of your yarn into your knitting to finish it off and stop it from unravelling.

Thread the tail end of yarn into the sewing needle. Weave the yarn through the stiches in the wrong side of the work, following the natural stitch direction created when the piece was knitted. Weave in approximately 10cm/4", then cut the tail.

### **MAKING MEMOIRS**

## **NOTES**


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### YOUR PROJECT DESERVES SOME SEXY YARN



CRAZY SEXY WOOL 100% Peruvian Wool



SUGAR BABY ALPACA 100% Baby Alpaca



WOOL ME TENDER 100% Peruvian Wool



**IFRSEY BE GOOD** 98% Cotton 2% Flastane



MIXTAPF YARN 80% Cotton 20% Polvester



RILLIF IFAN 100% Upcycled Denim



SHINY HAPPY COTTON 100% Peruvian Pima Cotton



**WOOLY BULLY ALPACA** 80% Superfine Alpaca 20% Merino Wool



SHEEPACA YARN 50% Baby Alpaca 50% Mering Wool



TAKE CARE MOHAIR 78% Kid Mohair 13% Wool / 9% Polyamide 7% Merino / 23% Nylon



**FEELING GOOD** 70% Baby Alpaca

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