

Quick & Easy



WEDDING gifts

Knit one of these sumptuously elegant keepsakes by Kirstie McLeod to make your big day (or a friend or relative's) even more special.





"I loved creating this crocheted corsage. Why not make one for each of the ladies in the wedding party?"



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A ring cushion this special will be treasured forever!

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Finish off the crocheted flowers with a pretty crystal or pearl bead.



CORSAGE

YARN Bergère de France, Idéal (40% wool, 30% acrylic, 30% polymide, 50g/125m) 1 ball of each Danseuse (230.261) and Cyclamen (205.551)
HOOK A 3.5mm crochet hook
YOU WILL NEED Three glass beads, green ribbon

FLOWERS (MAKE 1 OF EACH SIZE)

Using a 3.5mm hook make 30 (36: 46) ch, using Danseuse for the smaller sizes and then Cyclamen for the large one.

Row 1 1 tr into 3rd ch from hook, 1 tr into every ch st, ch 2, turn.

Row 2 (1 tr, 1 htr) into the base of the 2 ch, (1 htr, 1 tr, 1 htr) into each ch, fasten off yarn.

TO MAKE UP

Weave in all loose ends. Roll the crochet up to look like a flower, then secure the base well. Attach the beads to the centre of the flowers. Sew the ribbon in place with a matching thread.

RING CUSHION

YARN Bergère de France, Idéal (40% wool, 30% acrylic, 30% polymide, 50g/125m) 1 ball Everest (512.201)
NEEDLES A pair of 3¼mm needles
YOU WILL NEED 25x25cm plain cushion fabric, 1 metre length of narrow ribbon

HEART BAND

Cast on 27 sts using 3¼mm needles.

Row 1 Knit.

Row 2 Purl.

HEART LACE PATTERN

Row 1 K2, k2tog, yo, K8, k2tog, yo, K9, yo, skpo, K2.

Row 2 and all alt rows Purl.

Row 3 K2, k2tog, yo, K7, k2tog, yo, K1, yo, skpo, K7, yo, skpo, K2.

Row 5 K2, k2tog, yo, K6, k2tog, yo, K3, yo, skpo, K6, yo, skpo, K2.

Row 7 K2, k2tog, yo, K5, k2tog, yo, K5, yo, skpo, K5, yo, skpo, K2.

Row 9 K2, k2tog, yo, K4, k2tog, yo, K7, yo, skpo, K4, yo, skpo, K2.

Row 11 K2, k2tog, yo, K3, k2tog, yo, K9, yo, skpo, K3, yo, skpo, K2.

Row 13 K2, k2tog, yo, (K3, k2tog, yo) twice, K4, yo, skpo, K3, yo, skpo, K2.

Row 15 K2, k2tog, yo, K4, yo, skpo, K1, k2tog, yo, K1, yo, skpo, K1, k2tog, yo, K4, yo, skpo, K2.

Row 17 K2, k2tog, yo, K5, yo, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, yo, K3, yo, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, yo, K5, yo, skpo, K2.

Row 18 Purl.

Repeat these 18 rows until the border measures 50cm, ending on a purl row.

Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Cover the cushion pad with fabric. Pin and sew the border to the centre of the cushion. Attach the thin ribbon to the knitted border so rings can be tied in place.



This heart band will fit snugly around a small ring cushion.



Soft and stylish with a touch of sparkle! This hairband is a lovely idea for a crafty bride.

HAIRBAND

YARN Bergère de France, Idéal (40% wool, 30% acrylic, 30% polymide, 50g/125m) 1 ball 1 ball Everest (512.201)
HOOK A 3.5mm crochet hook
YOU WILL NEED Hair band, glass bead

FLOWER

Using a 3.5mm hook and Everest yarn, make 72 ch.

Row 1 1 tr into the 2nd ch from the hook, *tr 2 into next ch, tr into next ch; rep from * to end of row, turn. [106 sts]

Row 2 Ch 1, 2 tr into each of the next 2 tr, (1 tr, 2 tr into next tr, 1 tr, 2 tr into each of the next 4 tr, 1 tr, 2 tr into next tr, 1 tr) rep 10 times, 2 tr into each of the next 2 tr, 1 tr.

Fasten off yarn.

LEAVES

Using a 3.5mm hook and Everest yarn, make 7 ch, ss into the first ch to form a

ring.

Round 1 Ch 1, work 15 dc into the ring, ss into first dc.

Round 2 *Ch 4, miss next dc, (1 tr, 2 ch, 1 tr) into next dc, 4 ch, miss next dc, ss in each of next 2 dc; rep from * ss into the last dc of the round.

Round 3 * (3 dc, 4 ch, 3 dc) into next 4 ch sp, (2 dc, 4 ch, 2 dc) into next 2 ch sp, (3 dc, 4 ch, 3 dc) into next 4 ch sp, ss in between the 2 ss of round 2; rep from * twice ending with a ss.

Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

Weave in all loose ends. Roll the crochet up to resemble a flower. Attach the glass bead to the centre of the flower. Sew the leaves onto the base of the flower. Attach the flower to the hairband with a spot of glue, wrapping the yarn round the band.

MITTENS

YARN Bergère de France, Idéal (40% wool, 30% acrylic, 30% polymide, 50g/125m) 1 ball Everest (512.201)
NEEDLES A pair of 3¼mm needles
YOU WILL NEED Pink beads, beading needle

MITTENS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 43 sts using 3¼mm needles.

Knit 2 rows.

Row 1 Knit.

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 Purl.

Rows 5, 7 & 9 P1, * yo K4, sl 1, K1, pssso, P1, k2tog, K4, yo, P1; rep from * to end of row.

Rows 6, 8 & 10 K1, * P6, K1; rep from * to end of row.

Row 11 Knit.

Row 12 Purl.

Row 13 Knit.

Row 14 Purl.

Rows 15, 17 & 19 P1, * k2tog, K4, yo, P1, yo, K4, sl 1, K1, pssso, P1; rep from * to end of row.

Row 16, 18 & 20 K1, * P6, K1; rep from * to end of row.

Now work rows 1 to 10.

Continue in stocking stitch for 5cm (measuring from the end of the lace pattern), ending on a knit row.

Next row Knit.

Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Weave in all loose ends. Using a beading needle and matching yarn, attach 3 beads to the centre of each lace pattern over the purl stitches. Join together the side seam, leaving a gap for your thumb.

Tip Attach the beads in groups of three, securing and cutting the yarn after each group is sewn in place.



You can match the bead colour to the wedding theme



Knit this sweet bag and pop in a gift for a bridesmaid!



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CAKE TOPPER

YARN Bergère de France, Idéal (40% wool, 30% acrylic, 30% polymide, 50g/125m) 1 ball Pavot (224.081)
NEEDLES A pair of 3¼mm needles
YOU WILL NEED A small amount of black DK yarn, 3.5mm crochet hook, toy stuffing, 2 bamboo skewers and PVA glue

BIG HEART (MAKE 4)

Cast on 3 sts using 3¼mm needles.
Row 1 Purl.
Row 2 Purl.
Row 3 Kfb, K1, kfb. [5 sts].
Row 4 Purl.
Row 5 Kfb, K3, kfb. [7 sts]
Row 6 Purl.
Row 7 Kfb, K5, kfb. [9 sts]
Row 8 Purl. **
Row 9 Kfb, K7, kfb. [11 sts]
Row 10 Purl.
Row 11 Kfb, K9, kfb. [13 sts]
Row 10 Purl.
Row 11 Kfb, K11, kfb. [15 sts]
Row 12 Purl.
Row 13 K7 sts, cast off 1 st, K to end. Continue working on these 7 sts.
Row 14 P7.
Row 15 K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog.
Row 16 Purl.
 Repeat these last 2 rows until 3 sts

remain.

Cast off.

Rejoin yarn and work as follows:

Next row P7.

Next row K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog.

Next row Purl.

Repeat these last 2 rows until 3 sts remain.

SMALL HEART (MAKE 2)

Work as Big Heart until **.

Next row K4 sts, cast off 1 st, K to end.

Working on these 4 sts:

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog, k2tog.

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog.

Fasten off yarn.

Rejoin yarn and work as follows:

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog, k2tog.

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog.

TO MAKE UP

Using long stitch, sew initials on two of the big hearts and the number 4 on to one smaller heart. Place a plain and sewn heart together, right sides facing. Sew round the edge, leaving a small gap open. Turn the heart the right way out and fill with stuffing. Cut the skewers in half and wrap the top centimetre in yarn. Secure with glue, leave to dry and then push through the inside base of the heart. Slip stitch the heart closed.



Personalise the heart toppers with the date or couple's initials.



The heart motif on this bag makes it ideal for new baby gifts too!

BAG

YARN Bergère de France, Idéal (40% wool, 30% acrylic, 30% polymide, 50g/125m) 1 ball Everest (512.201)
NEEDLES A pair of 3¼mm needles
YOU WILL NEED Blue ribbon

BAG

Cast on 33 sts using 3¼mm needles. Starting with a purl row, st st 7 rows.
Next row (Picot row) K1, k2tog, *yo, k2tog; rep from * to last st, K1. Starting with a purl row, st st 11 rows.
Next row (Eyelet row) *K1, k2tog, yo; rep from * to last 2 sts, K2. Starting with a purl row, continue in st st until the knitting measures 22cm.
Row 1 K16, k2tog, yo, K to end.
Row 2 Purl.
Row 3 K15, k2tog, yo, K1, yo, skpo, K to end.
Row 4 Purl.
Row 5 K14, k2tog, yo, K3, yo, skpo, K to end.

Row 6 Purl.

Row 7 K13, k2tog, yo, K1, k2tog, yo, K2, yo, skpo, K to end.

Row 8 Purl.

Row 9 K12, k2tog, yo, K1, k2tog, yo, K1, yo, skpo, K1, yo, skpo, K to end.

Row 10 Purl.

Row 11 K11, k2tog, yo, K1, k2tog, yo, K3, yo, skpo, K1, yo, skpo, K to end.

Row 12 Purl.

Row 13 K10, k2tog, yo, K1, k2tog, yo, K5, yo, skpo, K1, yo, skpo, K to end.

Row 14 Purl.

Row 15 K9, k2tog, yo, K1, k2tog, yo, K7, yo, skpo, K1, yo, skpo, K to end.

Row 16 Purl.

Row 17 K8, k2tog, yo, K1, k2tog, yo, K9, yo, skpo, K1, yo, skpo, K to end.

Row 18 Purl.

Row 19 K7, k2tog, yo, K2, k2tog, yo, K3, k2tog, yo, K4, yo, skpo, K2, yo, skpo, K to end.

Row 20 Purl.

Row 21 K6, k2tog, yo, K4, yo, skpo, K1, k2tog, yo, K1, yo, skpo, K1, k2tog, yo, K4, yo, skpo, K to end.

Row 22 Purl.

Row 23 K6, k2tog, yo, K5, yo, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, yo, K3, yo, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, yo, K5, yo, skpo, K to end.

Row 24 Purl.

Row 25 K6, k2tog, yo, K8, k2tog, yo, K9, yo, skpo, K to end.

Row 24 Purl.

Row 25 K7, yo, skpo, K6, k2tog, yo, K1, yo, skpo, K6, k2tog, yo, K to end.

Row 26 Purl.

Row 27 K8, yo, skpo, K4, k2tog, yo, K3, yo, skpo, K4, k2tog, yo, K to end.

Row 26 Purl.

Row 27 K9, yo, skpo, yo, skpo, k2tog, yo, K5, yo, skpo, k2tog, yo, k2tog, yo, K to end.

Starting with a purl row, st st 4 rows.

Next row (Eyelet row) *K1, k2tog, yo; rep from * to last 2 sts, K2.

Starting with a purl row, st st 11 rows.

Next row (Picot row) K1, k2tog, *yo, k2tog; rep from * to last st, K1.

Starting with a purl row, st st 7 rows.

Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Weave in all loose ends. Fold along one picot row and slip stitch the hem on the wrong side. Repeat for the other end. With right sides facing, sew together the side seams, and turn the right way out. Thread the ribbon through the eyelet row and tie a bow.

Tip

Choose a ribbon in a shade that matches the bride and groom's colour scheme.