

# \* CAT KNITTING PATTERN



**EASY TO KNIT!**

## YOU WILL NEED

- Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic, 100g/280m)
- Ginger Kitten** 1 ball of each: **Yarn A** Fox (779), **Yarn B** Pecan (677), **Yarn C** White (961), **Yarn D** Black (965), **Yarn E** Pretty Pink (657), **Yarn J** Bluebell (969)
- Grey Kitten** 1 ball of each: **Yarn C** White (961), **Yarn F** Dark Grey Mix (790), **Yarn D** Black (965), **Yarn E** Pretty Pink (657)
- Siamese Kitten** 1 ball of each: **Yarn B** Pecan (677), **Yarn H** Chocolate (947), **Yarn E** Pretty Pink (657), **Yarn K** Lemongrass (699)

- A pair of 3mm knitting needles
- Stitch holder
- Locking stitch markers
- Toy filling
- Buttons (2 per kitten), 1cm diameter

For yarn stockists contact  
**Sirdar 01924 231682**  
[www.sirdar.co.uk](http://www.sirdar.co.uk)

## TENSION

22 sts and 28 rows to measure  
10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using  
3mm needles

## MEASUREMENTS

36cm (14¼in)

## ABBREVIATIONS

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## KITTENS

**Note** These kittens are knitted from the bottom paw up through the Hind Legs towards the Head. The Fore Legs are picked up from each side of the Body and knitted after the Body and Head have been completed. The Front and Back are then sewn together around the outside. The Dungarees are worked in two main pieces from the top down. The straps are knitted separately. To aid with finishing, leave long cast-on and cast-off tails for sewing up seams.

## SWISS DARNING

Thread a length of yarn onto a tapestry needle. \*Identify base of stitch to be worked and bring point of needle through from the back. Draw yarn through, leaving a tail at the back. Take the needle from right to left behind the 2 loops of the knitted stitch above and draw yarn through. Reinsert needle into the same place as before at the base of the knitted st and draw yarn through to the back, taking care to replicate the tension of the knitting. Repeat from \* for all knitted sts that are to be duplicated. See our diagram on page 42.

## BACK AND FRONT (BOTH ALIKE)

### PAW AND HIND LEG 1

**Cast on** 8 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn C (Ginger and Grey Kittens) or Yarn H (Siamese Kitten).

**Row 1** (RS) (K1 tbl) 8 times.

**Row 2** Purl.

**Row 3** Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [2 sts inc'd]

**Rows 4 to 9** Rep Rows 2 and 3 another 3 times. [16 sts]

**Rows 10 to 12** Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

**Row 13** K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [2 sts dec'd]

**Row 14** Purl.

**Rows 15 to 20** Rep Rows 13 and 14 another 3 times. [8 sts]

Break yarn and change to Yarn A (Ginger Kitten), Yarn F (Grey Kitten) or Yarn B (Siamese Kitten).

### GINGER KITTEN ONLY

Starting on a RS knit row, work 4 rows in st st.

Change to Yarn B and work 4 rows in st st.

These 8 rows form stripe pattern.

Cont in patt for a further 20 rows. \*\*

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## GREY AND SIAMESE KITTENS ONLY

Starting on a RS knit row, work 28 rows in st st.\*\*

## ALL KITTENS

Break yarn, slip rem sts on a stitch holder and set aside.

## PAW AND HIND LEG 2

Work as given for Paw and Hind Leg 1 to \*\*.

## BODY & HEAD

**Next row** With RS facing and continuing in Stripe Pattern (Ginger Kitten) or Yarn F (Grey Kitten) or Yarn B (Siamese Kitten) knit across 8 sts of second leg, then knit across 8 held sts from first leg, securing the loose thread in the middle. [16 sts]

**Next row** Purl.

**Next row** Kfb, knit to the last stitch, kfb. [2 sts inc'd]

**Next row** Purl.

Rep the last two rows another 4 times. [26 sts]

Starting on a RS knit row, work 14 rows in st st.

**Next row** K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [2 sts dec'd]

**Next row** Purl.

Rep the last 2 rows another 6 times. [12 sts]

Mark each edge of last row to denote beginning of neck.

**Note** For the Head Front if knitting Grey Kitten change to Yarn C, for Ginger Kitten continue in Stripe Pattern and for Siamese Kitten change to Yarn H.

**Note** For the Head Back if knitting Grey Kitten cont in Yarn F. For

Ginger Kitten continue in Stripe Pattern, for Siamese Kitten cont in Yarn B.

**Next row** Knit.

**Next row** Purl.

**Next row** Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [2 sts inc'd]

Rep the last 2 rows another 5 times. [24 sts]

Starting on a WS purl row, work 5 rows in st st.

**Next row** K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [2 sts dec'd]

**Next row** Purl.

Rep the last 2 rows another 7 times. [8 sts]

**Cast off.**

### FORE LEG & PAW 1

With RS facing and kitten's legs pointing towards your left, beg at neck marker and pick up and knit 8 stitches working from the neck marker downwards using Yarn B (Ginger Kitten and Siamese Kitten) or Yarn F (Grey Kitten). [8 sts]

Cont in st st and Stripe Pattern (Ginger Kitten) or Yarn F (Grey Kitten) or Yarn B (Siamese Kitten). Work 27 rows ending after a WS purl row.

\*\*\*Work the Paw as folls:

Change to Yarn C (Ginger and Grey kittens) or Yarn H (Siamese Kitten).

**Next row** Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [2 sts inc'd]

**Next row** Purl.

Rep the last 2 rows 2 more times. [14 sts]

Starting on a RS knit row, work 2 rows in st st.

**Next row** K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [2 sts dec'd]

**Next row** Purl.

Rep the last 2 rows 2 more times. [8 sts]

**Cast off.**

### FORE LEG & PAW 2

With RS facing and kitten's legs pointing towards your right, count 8 rows away from the neck marker towards the legs, then pick up and knit 8 sts working from this point as far as the neck marker using Yarn B (Ginger Kitten or Siamese Kitten) or Yarn F (Grey Kitten).

Cont in st st and Stripe Pattern (Ginger Kitten) or Yarn F (Grey Kitten) or Yarn B (Siamese Kitten). Work 27 rows ending after a WS purl row.

Work Paw from \*\*\* to end of Fore Leg & Paw 1.

### EARS

**Note** For Ginger Kitten make 2 in Yarn A and 2 in Yarn B; for Grey Kitten make 2 in Yarn F and 2 in Yarn C, for Siamese Kitten make 2 in Yarn H and 2 in Yarn B.

**Cast on** 12 sts using 3mm needles.

**Next row** (K1 tbl) 12 times.

**Next row** Purl.

**Next row** K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [2 sts dec'd]

Rep the last 2 rows another 4 times. [2 sts]

**Next row** Purl.

**Next row** K2tog. [1 st]

Break yarn and thread through rem st. Pull tight to fasten.

### TAIL

**Cast on** 5 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn C (Ginger and Grey Kittens) or Yarn H (Siamese Kitten).

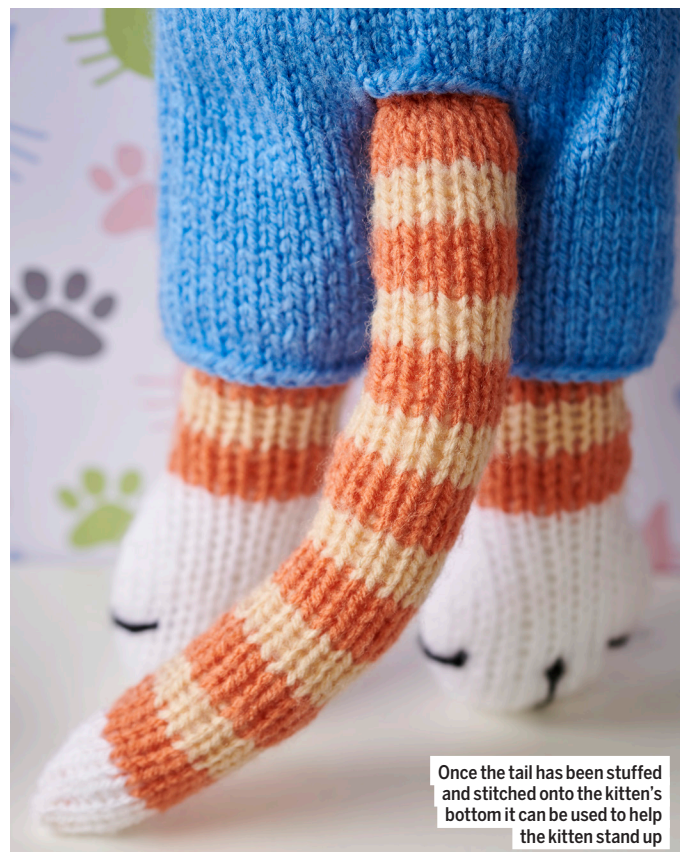
**Next row** Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [2 sts inc'd]



Take a little time to get the facial features right, it will make all the difference to your finished kitten



Create the pads by threading black yarn through the paw, tying snugly into a knot, then pushing the knot inside the paw



Once the tail has been stuffed and stitched onto the kitten's bottom it can be used to help the kitten stand up

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**Next row** Purl.

Rep the last 2 rows another 3 times. [13 sts]

Change to Stripe Pattern (Ginger Kitten) or Yarn F (Grey Kitten) or cont in Yarn H (Siamese Kitten).

Starting on a RS knit row, work 44 rows in st st.

**Cast off.**

## DUNGAREES FRONT

**Cast on** 36 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn J (Ginger Kitten) or Yarn E (Grey Kitten) or Yarn K (Siamese Kitten).

**Next row** (K1 tbl) 36 times.

Starting on a WS purl row, work 17 rows in st st.

**Next row** K18, turn and work on these 18 sts only for first leg.

Starting on a WS purl row, work 12 rows in st st.

**Cast off** these 18 sts purlwise.

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to rem 18 sts for second leg.

**Next row** Knit.

Starting on a WS purl row, work 11 rows in st st.

**Cast off.**

With RS facing and cast-on edge uppermost, count 12 sts in from the right-hand side, then pick up and knit 12 sts for bib, making sure they sit in the middle of the Dungarees Front.

Starting on a WS purl row, work 13 rows in st st.

**Cast off.**

## DUNGAREES BACK

**Cast on** 36 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn J (Ginger Kitten) or Yarn E (Grey Kitten) or Yarn K (Siamese Kitten).

**Next row** (K1 tbl) 36 times.

Starting on a WS purl row, work 7 rows in st st.

**Next row** (Hole for the tail) K14, **cast off** 8 sts, K to end. [28 sts]

**Next row** P14, **cast on** 8 sts, P to end. [36 sts]

**Next row** K13, (K1 tbl) 10 times, K to end.

Starting on a WS purl row, work 7 rows in st st.

**Next row** K18, turn and work on these 18 sts only for first leg.

Starting on a WS purl row, work 11 rows in st st.

**Cast off.**

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to rem 18 sts for second leg.

**Next row** Knit.

Starting on a WS purl row, work 11 rows in st st.

**Cast off.**

## DUNGAREE STRAPS (MAKE 2)

**Cast on** 40 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn J (Ginger Kitten) or Yarn E (Grey Kitten) or Yarn K (Siamese Kitten).

**Row 1** (K1 tbl) 40 times.

**Row 2** (K1 tbl) twice, cast off 3 sts for buttonhole, \*K1 tbl; rep from \* to end. [37 sts]

**Row 3** (K1 tbl) 35 times, cast on 3 sts, (K1 tbl) twice. [40 sts]

**Cast off**, knitting all the sts tbl.

## MAKING UP

**KITTEN BODY AND HEAD** Sew around the Kitten Front and Back RS together using colour-matching yarn and leaving a gap for turning. Turn RS out. Using small amounts of stuffing fill the Kitten's Legs, working right down to the paw and using the blunt end of a knitting needle to push the stuffing to the ends. Fill sufficiently but do not overfill. The Kitten should look flat.

**EARS** With Yarn E, Swiss darn inner ear section onto one of the Yarn B (Ginger Kitten) or Yarn C (Grey Kitten) or Yarn B (Siamese Kitten) Ear pieces. Sew this section to a Yarn A (Ginger Kitten) or Yarn F (Grey Kitten) or Yarn H (Siamese Kitten) Ear section, WS together using a colour matching yarn and oversewing the edges.

Sew completed ears to Kitten's head using colour-matching yarn and the photo as a guide to position.

**DUNGAREES** Sew Dungaree Front and Back with RS together, at the side seams. Sew inner leg seams. Sew the straps to the back of the Dungarees making sure the buttonhole is at the free end. Sew buttons to the top two corners of the Dungarees bib. Weave in all ends and place dungarees on Kitten.

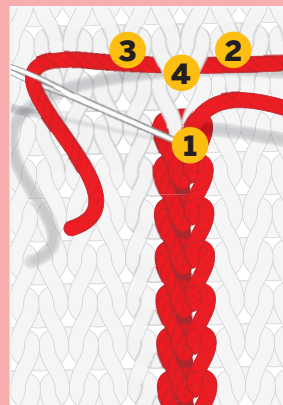
**FACE** Separate and pull out a single ply 1m length of Yarn D (Ginger and Grey Kitten) or Yarn B (Siamese Kitten), backstitch Kitten's face using the photo as a guide. Create a simple triangular nose using a group of backstitches in Yarn E.

**TOES** Thread a tapestry needle with Yarn D (Ginger and Grey Kitten) or Yarn C yarn (Siamese Kitten). Push the needle through the Kitten's paw and out the other side (use the photo to locate the entry points). Remove the needle and tie the ends of the Yarn D together in a double knot, pulling the edge of the Kitten's paw in slightly. Trim the ends reasonably close to the knot and, using the tapestry needle push the knot into the paw to hide it. Repeat to create all the toes. 🐾



When knitting the dungarees don't forget to create a hole for the tail to thread through!

## STEP-BY-STEP SWISS DARNING



Swiss darning or duplicate stitch is a great way to add small details to your knitting, covering the stitch with an embroidery stitch the same shape as the stitch beneath it.

Work from bottom to top, bringing the needle out at the base of the stitch at **1**. Take the needle behind the top of the 'V', in at **2** and out at **3**. Take the needle down at **4** and bring it up at **4**, at the base of the stitch above. Continue in this way up the line of knitted stitches.