

# by Elanor King

# Collared!!!

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# Don't Get Caught Without One!

A super-quick and sassy knit. Whip some up for your party-loving girlfriends, sisters, cousins and nieces, but make sure, make *sure* you keep one for yourself!

#### Size

To fit neck circumference: 13<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>in/35cm

Easily adjustable by changing the number of stitches cast on.

Each collar lobe is 6cm long at the deepest part of the curve.

Sample shown at  $13\frac{3}{in}/35$ cm long with no ease.

### **Yarn and Notions**

**Madelinetosh** Prairie (Lace/2-ply; 100% merino; 840yds/100g skeins)

Stitch marker

43 paillettes or large-hole 20mm sequins. Available from simplysequins.co.uk: <u>http://www.simplysequins.co.uk/large-hole-sequins-for-knitting-and-crochet-308-c.asp</u>



Or find a hole punch and some plastic card and make your own!

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You will also need a pretty button to secure the collar at the back of the neck. Approx. 1cm diameter, but it might be an idea to check the size with a YO, K2tog in your tension square.

#### **Needles and Accessories**

1 pair 4mm (UK 8/US 6) knitting needles

A crochet hook with diameter small enough to pass easily through the holes of the sequins or beads

#### Tension

24 sts and 47 rows to 4in/10cm over garter stitch after blocking

### **Abbreviations**

CO Cast on

- K2tog Knit two stitches together
- PS Place Sequin. Thread the sequin or paillette onto a crochet hook, hook purlwise into the stitch, pass the sequin over the stitch, then pass the stitch back to the left needle and work as usual.
- Pwkfb Pick up (one) wrap and knit into the stitch and its wrap through the front and then the back, thus increasing one st. If there is more than one wrap around the stitch, you only need to pick up one.
- RS Right side
- W&t Wrap & turn. Take yarn to opposite side of work (between the needles), slip next stitch purlwise from left hand to right hand needle, return yarn to original side of work, return slipped stitch to left hand needle without twisting. The stitch is now wrapped with yarn. Turn work and start next row leaving any remaining stitches unworked. When working garter stitch, take the yarn to the opposite side of work again (between the needles) so that you can knit as usual.
- WS Wrong side
- YO Yarn over needle

### **Pattern Notes**

This pattern uses short rows to make the collar curve.

Please take the time to measure the circumference of the base of your neck and adjust the number of stitches to cast on if required.

Please note this collar is knit top-down so the sequins or beads will be upside-down as you place them. This is especially important when your sparklies have a design on one side or have a particular orientation.

This pattern uses a teensy tiny amount of yarn – about 3g or 25 yds/23m in the yarn listed.



#### **Chart Notes**

The collar is knit flat, and so the first row of the chart is read from right to left and the second row is read from left to right and so on. A number in the middle of a stretch of knit stitches denotes how many knit stitches there are to do. Please find the chart on the last page of this file. The pattern is fully charted between rows 3 and 47. Rows 1, 2, 48 and 49 are given in written format only.

#### **Directions**

Using long-tail cast-on, CO 84 or desired number to match neck circumference. Add or subtract 5 sts for every 2 cm difference.



Row 1: Knit, placing a st marker at the halfway point. Row 2: K to 20 sts before the centre marker, \*PS, K3, repeat from \* 4 times more. Don't wrap a stitch, just turn the work.

Begin working from row 3 of chart, reading from right to left for odd numbered (RS) rows and from left to right for even numbered (WS) rows. Each chart row is also written out below. After all 47 rows of chart are complete, begin working from the written directions again at row 48.

Row 3: K24, w&t. Row 4: K23, w&t.

Row 5: K19, w&t. Row 6: K2, PS, [K3, PS] 3 times, K2, w&t. Rows 7 & 8: K17, w&t. Note: this makes multiple wraps around the same stitches. Row 9: K16, w&t. Row 10: [K3, PS] 3 times, K3, w&t. Rows 11 & 12: K15, w&t. Row 13: K14, w&t. Row 14: [PS, K3] 3 times, PS, w&t. Rows 15 & 16: K12, w&t. Row 17: K11, w&t. Row 18: [PS, K3] 2 times, PS, K1, w&t. Rows 19 & 20: K9, w&t. Row 21: K8, w&t. Row 22: PS, K3, PS, K2, w&t. Rows 23 & 24: K6, w&t. Row 25: K5, w&t.

Halfway! You may want to refer to the abbreviations section now.

Row 26: K5, pwkfb5, K1, pwkfb1, K2, [PS, K3] 5 times, K2, w&t. (6 sts increased) Row 27: K24, w&t. Row 28: K20, w&t. Row 29: K19 w&t. Row 30: [K3, PS] 4 times, K3, w&t.



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Bind off loosely and weave in ends.

#### **Finishing**

Block gently, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band. Sew on button.

## About the Designer

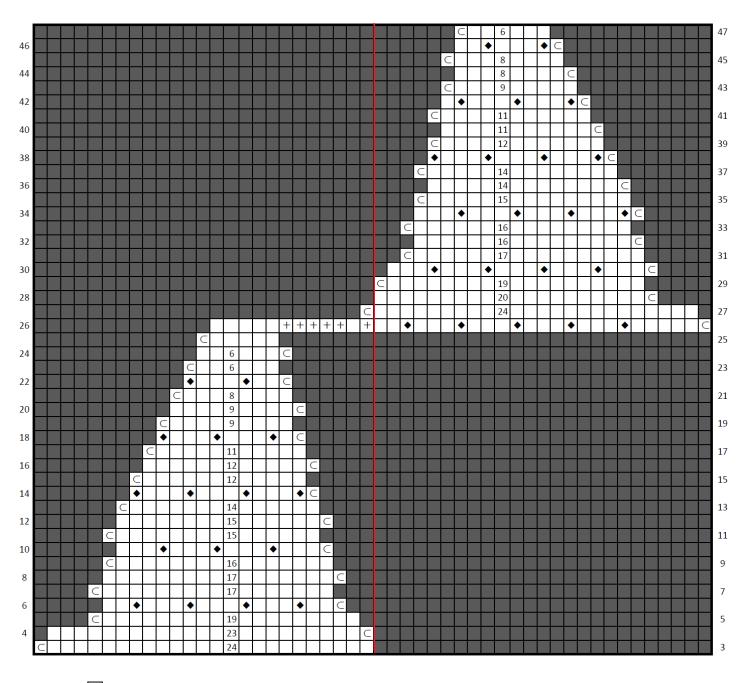
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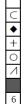




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Knit on RS and WS rows

Centre is marked with

Wrap and turn Place sequin and knit

Pick up a wrap and knit into front and back of stitch and wrap

Yarn over

K2tog

No stitch

Numbers indicate how many stitches of the same type there are in that section.

Chart - Collared



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