

# Yellow, Pink and Sparkly

## Kate

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An exciting, colourful cardigan with an all over Fair Isle pattern. Knitted in 4 ply weight yarn using a total of eleven colours. The cardigan is knitted in one piece up to the armholes, and then knitted back and forth. The shoulders are formed by short row shaping and a three needle bind off. The sleeves are knitted flat and seamed to fit.

To fit 32" / 34" chest.

Finished measurements:

Chest 34" / 86 cm

Sleeve seam 18" / 46 cm

Length 18" / 46 cm

## REQUIREMENTS

Yarn - Rowan Fine Tweed 25g balls in the following colours and amounts-

3 x Malham (main shade)

2 x Buckden

1 x Arncliffe

1 x Monsal Dale

1 x Richmond

2 x Hawes

1 x Beresford

1 x Bell Busk

1 x Muker

2 x Askrigg

2 x Nappa

Needles -

2.75 mm needles for cuff ribbing, button bands etc

3 mm circular needle for lower body

3.25 mm circular needles for Fair Isle pattern

Stitch holders

9 buttons - approximately 1 cm in diameter

## TENSION

26 sts and 33 rows to 10 cm measured over Fair Isle pattern

## ABBREVIATIONS

MS = main shade

k = knit

p = purl

sts = stitches

dec = decrease

m1= make 1

alt = alternate

RS = right side

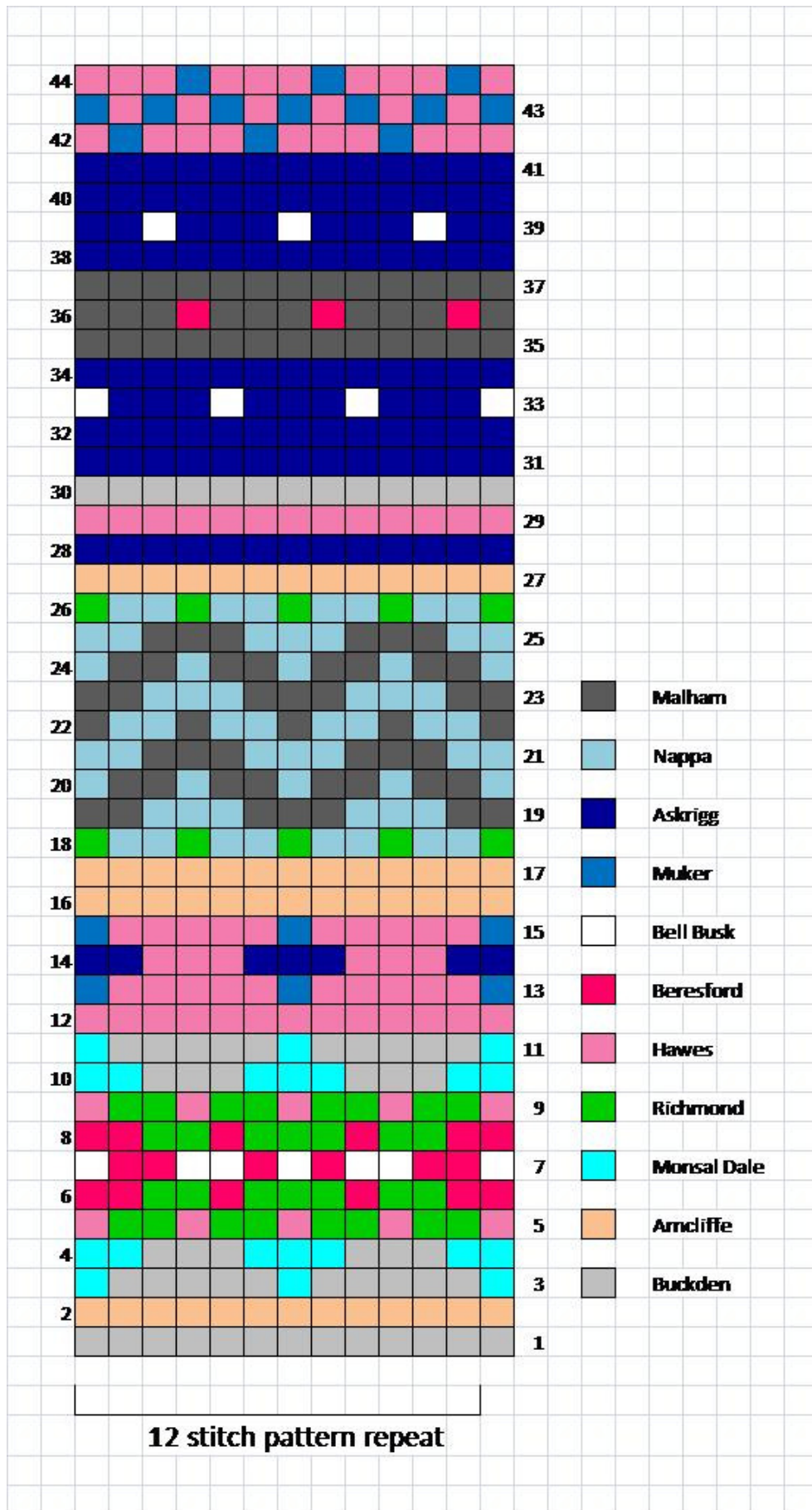
WS = wrong side

yrn = yarn round needle

LH = left hand

RH = right hand

wrap and turn = wrap next stitch and turn - work the required number of stitches in the row, wrap the next st by slipping the st onto the RH needle, take the yarn to the opposite side of the work, between the needles, and then slip the same st back onto the LH needle. On subsequent row, work the loop and the wrapped st together and continue in pattern



## LOWER BODY

With 3 mm circular needles and MS cast on 228 stitches.

Row 1 (RS) : k1, (k2, p2) to last 3 sts, k3.

Row 2 (WS) : p1, (p2, k2) to last 3 stitches, p3.

Repeat these two rows until a total of sixteen rows have been completed.

Commence stocking stitch and work 2 rows, increasing 1 st on last row and ending with a WS row. (229 sts)

Change to 3.25 mm needles and commence working from chart for Fair Isle pattern.

Work a full pattern repeat of 44 rows and then work a further 38 rows, ending with a WS row.

Divide for armholes

## RIGHT FRONT

Pattern 53 sts, turn leaving remaining sts on a spare needle.

Working on the 53 sts for the right front and keeping pattern correct, dec 1 st at armhole edge on next 5 rows. (48 sts)

Dec at armhole edge on 2 following alternate rows. (46 sts)

Dec at armhole edge on following 4<sup>th</sup> row. (45 sts)

Work 8 rows ending with a WS row.

Shape Neckline

Put the first 9 sts on a holder, rejoin yarn to next st and pattern to end. (36 sts)

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 7 rows. (29 sts)

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 5 alt rows. (24 sts)

Dec 1 st at neck edge on 2 following 4<sup>th</sup> rows. (22 sts)

Continue straight until armhole measures 17 cm ending with a WS row.

Shape shoulders (using short row shaping)

K14, wrap and turn.

P to end.

K7, wrap and turn.

P to end.

Knit to end.

Place sts on a holder.

Break of yarn.

## BACK

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to sts on the spare needle.

Cast off 8 sts. Pattern 107 sts, turn. (107 sts)





Leave remaining sts on a spare needle.

Working on the 107 sts for the back, dec 1 st at each end of next 5 rows. (97 sts)

Dec 1 st at each end of the 2 following alt rows. (93 sts)

Dec 1 st at each end of the following 4<sup>th</sup> row. (91 sts)

Continue without shaping until the armhole measures the same as the right front to the start of the shoulder shaping, ending with a WS row.

Shape shoulders (using short row shaping)

k26, turn, leaving remaining 65 sts on a spare needle.

Working on 26 sts only, cast off 4 sts. (22 sts)

Purl until there are 14 sts on RH needle, wrap and turn.

Knit to end.

P7, wrap and turn.

knit to end.

Purl to end, place the 22 sts on a holder for right back shoulder.

Return to the remaining back sts and with RS facing, place the first 39 sts on a holder for the back neck.

Rejoin yarn to remaining 26 sts and cast off 4 sts, knit until there are 14sts on the RH needle, wrap and turn.

P to end.

K 7 sts, wrap and turn.

P to end.

K to end. Place the 22 sts on a holder.

### LEFT FRONT

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to remaining sts on spare needle, cast off 8 sts and pattern to end. (53 sts)

Dec 1 st at armhole edge on next 5 rows. (48 sts)

Dec 1 st at armhole edge on 2 following alt rows. (46 sts)

Dec 1 st at armhole edge on following 4<sup>th</sup> row. (45 sts)

Work 8 rows ending on a WS row.

Shape neckline

Work to last 9 sts, turn, place the 9 sts on a stitch holder.

Working on the remaining 36 sts, dec 1 st at neck edge on next 7 rows. (29 sts)

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 5 alt rows. (24 sts)

Dec 1 st at neck edge on 2 following 4<sup>th</sup> rows. (22 sts)

Continue straight until armhole measures the same as right front and back to start of shoulder shaping ending with a RS row.



Shape shoulders (using short row shaping)

P14, wrap and turn.

K to end.

P7, wrap and turn.

K to end.

P to end.

Place sts on a holder.

Break of yarn.



## SLEEVES

With 2.75 mm straight needles and MS cast on 54 sts.

Row 1: k2, (p2, k2) to end.

Row 2: p2, (k2, p2) to end.

Repeat these two rows until a total of 16 rows have been completed.

Increase row: k3, (m1, k 8) six times, m1, k3. (61 sts)

Change to 3.25 mm needles and purl one row.

Commence working from chart for Fair Isle pattern.

Increase at each end of the 5th row and 10 following 8th rows, a total of 11 increases. (83 sts)

Continue straight until pattern row 38 has been completed for the third time. The sleeve should measure 46 cms / 18 inches.

### Armhole shaping

Cast off 5 sts at beginning of next two rows.

Decrease 1 st at each end of next 3 rows. (67 sts)

Dec 1 st at each end of two following alt rows. (63 sts)

Dec 1 sts at each end of five following 4th rows. (53 sts)

Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at each end of next and four following alt row. (43 sts)

Dec 1 st at each end of 5 rows. (33 sts)

Cast off 4 sts at beg of next 4 rows. (17 sts)

Cast off remaining 17 sts.

## MAKING UP

### Shoulder seams

Place the shoulder sts for the right front and corresponding back onto straight needles.

With right sides together, 3 needle bind off the stitches.

Repeat with the left front and corresponding back.

Join sleeve seam and set sleeve into armhole.

### NECKBAND

With RS facing, MS and 2.75 mm needles, knit across 9 sts from holder on right front, pick up and knit 32 sts from right front, pick up and knit 8 sts from right back, knit across 39 sts on holder for back, pick up and knit 8 sts from left back, pick up and knit 31sts from left front, knit across 9 sts from holder on left front . (136 sts)

Row 1 (WS): p3 (k2, p2) to last st, p1.

Row 2 (RS): k3, (p2, k2) to last st, k1.

Repeat these two rows 2 more times (6 rows worked in total).

Cast off in rib.

### BUTTON BAND

With RS facing, MS and 2.75 mm needles, pick up and knit 100 sts along left front.

Row 1 (WS): p3, (k2, p2) to last st, p1.

Row 2 (RS): k3, (p2, k2) to last st, k1.

Repeat these two rows 3 more times (8 rows worked in total).

Cast off in rib.

### BUTTONHOLE BAND

With RS facing, MS and 2.75 mm needles, pick up and knit 100 sts along right front.

Row 1 (WS): p3, (k2, p2) to last st, p1.

Row 2 (RS): k3, (p2, k2) to last st, k1.

Repeat these two rows one more time.

Row 5 (WS) (buttonhole row): p1, (p2tog, yrn, k2, p2, k2, p2, k2) eight times, p2tog, yrn, k1. (nine button holes made).

Repeat row 2 again, then rows 1 & 2 one more time. (8 rows worked in total)

Cast off in rib.

Neaten all loose ends and sew on buttons to correspond with the buttonholes.

Soak the finished cardigan for approximately 15 minutes in warm, slightly soapy water to allow the stitches to relax. Gently squeeze the water out and dry flat.

Wear your Fair Isle cardigan with pride, you've done a great job.

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