

The Twelve Days of Knitmas

a mystery knit-along

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Sizes: 25"/ 63 cm circumference, approximately 22.5"/ 57 cm length.

Needles: US 5/ 3.75mm or size to obtain gauge in SS, and US 6/
4.0cm or size to obtain gauge in colorwork. If you are using a circular
needle, 24" is recommended.

*It is recommended to change needle sizes if you are new to
colorwork (the pattern is simple, don't worry!) or have tighter
stitches when knitting colorwork.

Gauge: 24 stitches and 30 rows = 4"/ 10cm over Stockinette stitch
and colorwork.

Yarn: fingering weight:

MC: 400 yards/ 366 meters; and
CCs 1 - 4: 80 yards/ 73 meters each.

Notions: stitch markers, cable needle, tapestry needle.

Samples knit in: Nomadic Knits Twelve Days of Knitmas 2022 kits:
Emma's Yarn Practically Perfect Sock & Smalls (80% Superwash
Merino / 20% Nylon) 400 yards/ 100 grams.



Day One - Chunky Ribbing

On the first day of Knitmas, my true love gave to meeeee...
a little breathing room, because sheesh... it's been a season!

We're easing our way into Knitmas with a cast-on and some
simple ribbing. Let's step into holiday joy and take a few
moments to ourselves to do what we love to do - knit!

Directions

*Using MC and gauge needles (the smaller ones), cast on 150
sts using the longtail cast-on or your favorite stretchy CO for
ribbing. Place marker and join to work in the round, being
careful not to twist your sts.*

Rnd 1: [K3, p2] to end.

Rnds 2 - 10: Work as Rnd 1. (10 rows of 3x2 ribbing).

Yarn used:

MC: ≈ 9 g

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Day Two - Stripes

Today is a great day to learn a simple new technique that will forever up your stripes game! The technique? It's a jogless stripe!

To create a jogless stripe, you will need to knit two or more rows of your new color. In this pattern, each stripe contains two rnds of knitting. We'll smooth out the jog by working into the row below on the second rnd.

Here is a [tutorial from Patty Lyons](#) demonstrating the jogless stripe. You'll probably see a few tutorials from Patty as we work our way through the *Twelve Days of Knitmas*. I recently acquired her latest book, *Patty Lyons' Knitting Bag of Tricks*, and it's an absolute treasure-trove of knitting tips! If you would like to check it out, [click here](#). You can also read an interview we recently did with Patty [here](#).

The striped pattern was inspired by Silver State, designed by Nomagugu Sibanda, for [issue twelve : utah / nevada](#). We modified the stripes a bit with a fun diagonal purl accent.

If you've been itching to know how all of your CCs are going to look with your MC, today is the day you find out! You will use each of your four CCs to create stripes; this will provide you with a beautiful swatch to help you choose your colors for the following sections.

Notes:

- While you may be tempted to place markers for each 10 st section, be aware that you will have to move them every time your BOR shifts.

- When working CC, carry MC to wrong side throughout this section.

- Although it is listed as CC1, CC2, CC3, and CC4, there is no "correct" order in which to use your CCs, as long as you are alternating them with your MC.

- If you are working from a *Twelve Days of Knitmas Kit*, we will be sharing recommended CC order beginning on **Day Four**.

- If you are working from stash or other kits, we will also be sharing some helpful tips on choosing the order of your CCs on **Day Four**.

Directions

Using MC

Setup Rnds 1 & 2: [K8, p2] to end.

Using CC1

Rnd 1: [K8, p2] to end.

Rnd 2: Remove BOR marker, use right needle to lift stitch below first stitch on left needle onto the left needle. Knit the first stitch and this new stitch together, pm (this is your new beginning of round and will shift the purl stitches to create the diagonal effect). [k8, p2] to end. Cut CC1.

Using MC

Work Rnds 1 & 2.

Using CC2

Work Rnds 1 & 2. Cut CC2.

Using MC

Work Rnds 1 & 2.

Using CC3

Work Rnds 1 & 2. Cut CC3.

Using MC

Work Rnds 1 & 2.

Using CC4

Work Rnds 1 & 2. Cut CC4.

Using MC

Work Rnds 1 & 2.

Yarn used:

Approximately 1.75 g for each stripe (2 rnds)

MC: ≈ 8.5 g

CCs 1 - 4: ≈ 1.75 g each

Day Four - Tempest

Welcome to Day Four! Today we dive into some stranded colorwork.

The Tempest stitch pattern that today's clue is derived from was created by Andrea Rangel and can be found in her book [Altered Knits](#). If you enjoy colorwork and would like to learn more, including techniques and composition, I recommend checking it out!

Andrea's enthusiasm for knitting is contagious, and her explanations of the mechanics of it are clear and concise. Beyond technique, the book is absolutely *packed* with unique motifs to use in your knitting.

COLORS

If you purchased a [Knitmas Kit from Nomadic Knits](#), I've created images that label each colorway with a corresponding number that you can use to reference throughout the rest of the pattern. These choices are based on contrast and yardage required for each section.

Of course, these are just suggestions. If you are comfortable with modifications and love making your project unique, go for it!

Since we aren't working with endless skeins (*isn't that the dream?!*), should you decide to modify your project, you will need to pay attention to your yarn usage so as not to end up playing yarn chicken. No need to worry - we have solutions in place if you feel like you're cutting it close! Yarn usage is documented for each section.

- CC1 will be used today (6.5g), Day Seven (5g), and Day Eleven (3.5g).
- CC2 will be used on Days Five (3.5 g) and Eleven (3.5g).
- CC3 will be used on Days Five (3.5 g) and Eleven (3.5g). CC2 & CC3 are interchangeable according to your preference.
- CC4 will be used on Days Eight (6g), Nine (5g), and Eleven (3.5g).

Your remaining yarn can be used for a fun project that we'll share with you on Day Six!

* ALL YARN USAGE WEIGHTS ARE ESTIMATES BASED ON THE RESULTS OF TEST KNITTING. IF YOUR GAUGE AND YARN WEIGHT VARY, SO WILL YOUR YARN USAGE.

If you have created your own kit, you may want to look at the numbered Knitmas Kit images to get a sense of placement.

Here are some helpful hints:

- ~ Your MC remains your MC throughout. As always, anything goes in Knitmas as long as you have enough yarn!
- ~ CC1 & CC4 should have the most contrast with your MC, as they will be featured on the days you are doing traditional colorwork.
- ~ CC2 & CC3 do not require as much contrast and are a great place to use variegated colorways.
- ~ Refer to your stripes from Day Two to decide which colors you would like to use.
- ~ Don't worry if you are unsure of your colors. It's just knitting; if you don't like it, rip it out and begin again. Yarn knits just as well the second time around!

Below are the color listings for each Knitmas Kit. I've kept them small to help save ink if you are printing your pattern. Please view them on your computer where you can enlarge them to better see the information. This information will also be on the blog at [NomadicKnits.com](#).

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On to today's clue:

Notes:

- If you find it helpful, pm every 15 sts to mark the chart repeats.

- This section is stranded colorwork, often called Fair Isle. You will be working with two colors / two strands of yarn on each row of colorwork. As you work across the row, loosely carry the color you are not working on the WS of the work. To keep your tension even, avoid tugging on the carried yarn when you change colors.

- If you tend to knit tightly when working Fair Isle, now is the time to switch to your larger needles.

If you are new to Fair Isle Knitting, here are some videos to help you get started:

- [VeryPink's Favorite Fair Isle Tips](#)
- [How to Knit: Get Perfect Fair Isle](#)

If this is your first time knitting Fair Isle colorwork, we're so excited for you! You're about to open up a world of possibilities for your knitting.

Directions

Using MC & CC1 with larger needles (if needed), knit Rnds 1 - 12 of chart.

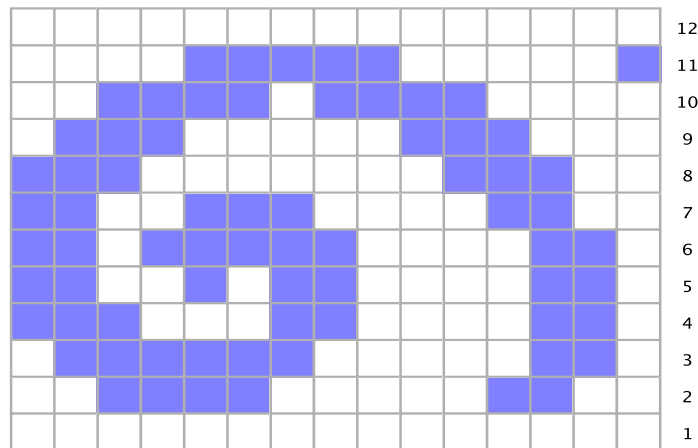
Cut CC1.

Yarn used:

MC: ≈ 8.5 g

CC: ≈ 6.5 g

KEY



ABBREVIATIONS

BO
bind off

BOR
beginning of round

CC1 - CC4
contrast colors 1 - 4

cn
cable needle

CC
contrasting color

CO
cast on

dec'd
decreased

DPN
double-pointed needle

inc'd
increased

k
knit

k2tog
knit 2 stitches together; single right-
leaning decrease

LH
left hand

m
marker

MC
main color

N
needle

p
purl

pm
place marker

pssso
pass slipped stitch over

rep
repeat

RH
right hand

rnd(s)
round(s)

RS
right side

sl
slip stitch purlwise

sm
slip marker

ssk
slip 2 stitches knitwise, knit these 2
stitches together through back loops;
single left-leaning decrease

st(s)
stitch(es)

SS
stockinette stitch

tog
together

WS
wrong side

wyib
with yarn in back

wyif
with yarn in front

yo
yarn over

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