Knit • Advanced beginner (first colourwork)

Frost Window Mug Cosy

A snug band for a mug with a single snowflake knitted in two colours. It wraps around the mug and buttons on either side of the handle. The snowflake is the same from every side, so you can't read the chart the wrong way.

Size

About 10¼ in (26 cm) wide and 4¼ in (11 cm) tall, before buttoning. Fits a mug of about 10–11½ in (25–29 cm) around.

Materials

- Yarn: worsted-weight (#4) wool or wool blend in two colours: about 55 yds (50 m) of MC and 15 yds (14 m) of CC.
- Needles: US 7 (4.5 mm) straight needles.
- Notions: two ½–⅝ in (12–15 mm) buttons, sewing thread or yarn to sew them on, tapestry needle.

Gauge

20 sts and 24 rows = 4 in (10 cm) in stockinette with the colourwork. Gauge is not critical; a mug cosy has some stretch.

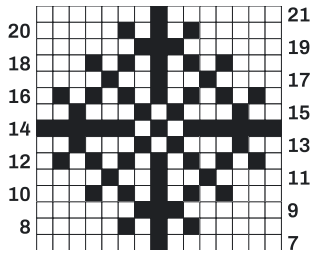
Abbreviations

k: knit
k2tog: knit 2 together
MC / CC: main colour / contrast colour
RS / WS: right side / wrong side
p: purl
yo: yarn over (makes a small hole for the button)
k3 CC, p3 CC: work that many sts with CC; sts with no colour named are worked with MC
st(s): stitch(es)

Notes

- The snowflake is worked by carrying both colours across the back (stranded colourwork). Keep the strands loose so the fabric doesn't pucker.
- The 4 sts at each end are knitted on every row (garter stitch) so the edges lie flat.
- On the snowflake's centre row (14), catch MC behind the CC halfway along each 6-st CC arm so the strand on the inside is not too long.
- The chart is numbered with the pattern's own row numbers. RS rows on the right, read from right to left; WS rows on the left, read from left to right. The written instructions say the same thing, stitch by stitch.

☐ Snowflake chart



☐ **blank square** – MC: knit on RS, purl on WS ■ **filled square** – CC: knit on RS, purl on WS

The chart covers the centre 15 sts. Each row: k4 edge sts and 14 MC sts before it, 14 MC sts and k4 edge sts after it.

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With MC, cast on 51 sts.

☐ Lower border

Rows 1–4: Knit.
Row 5 (RS): K1, yo, k2tog, k48. (buttonhole made)
Row 6 (WS): K4, p43, k4.

☐ Snowflake

Row 7 (RS): K25, k1 CC, k25.
Row 8 (WS): K4, p19, p1 CC, p1, p1 CC, p1, p1 CC, p19, k4.
Row 9 (RS): K24, k3 CC, k24.
Row 10 (WS): K4, p17, [p1 CC, p1] 4 times, p1 CC, p17, k4.
Row 11 (RS): K22, k1 CC, k2, k1 CC, k2, k1 CC, k22.
Row 12 (WS): K4, p15, [p1 CC, p1] 6 times, p1 CC, p15, k4.
Row 13 (RS): K20, k1 CC, k3, k1 CC, k1, k1 CC, k3, k1 CC, k20.
Row 14 (WS): K4, p14, p6 CC, p1, p1 CC, p1, p6 CC, p14, k4.
Row 15 (RS): K20, k1 CC, k3, k1 CC, k1, k1 CC, k3, k1 CC, k20.
Row 16 (WS): K4, p15, [p1 CC, p1] 6 times, p1 CC, p15, k4.
Row 17 (RS): K22, k1 CC, k2, k1 CC, k2, k1 CC, k22.
Row 18 (WS): K4, p17, [p1 CC, p1] 4 times, p1 CC, p17, k4.
Row 19 (RS): K24, k3 CC, k24.
Row 20 (WS): K4, p19, p1 CC, p1, p1 CC, p1, p1 CC, p19, k4.
Row 21 (RS): K25, k1 CC, k25.

☐ Upper border

Row 22 (WS): K4, p43, k4.
Row 23 (RS): Knit.
Row 24 (WS): K4, p43, k4.
Row 25 (RS): K1, yo, k2tog, knit to end. (buttonhole made)
Rows 26–28: Knit.

☐ Finishing

- Bind off all sts knitwise on the RS. Weave in the ends on the WS, along the colour they belong to.
- Sew the two buttons on the other short end, lined up with the buttonholes.
- Wrap the cosy around the mug with the handle between the two buttons, and button it.

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