Basic Pattern Template

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PATTERN NAME

Distinct! Memorable!

INTRODUCTION

Inspiration.

Overview of design.

Summary of construction.

Comments on yarn used.

DIFFICULTY LEVEL/SKILLS REQUIRED/TECHNIQUES USED

Include one of the following:

Difficulty Level

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Beginner/Advanced Beginner/Intermediate/Experienced

OR

Easy/Intermediate/Challenging

Skills Required/Techniques Used

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Examples are below. Include whichever are relevant, and add whatever else you need.

-Knit & purl, cast on & bind off

-Increasing, decreasing

-Specialty CO: list

-Specialty BO: list

-Working in the round on circular needles

-Working small circumferences in the round on DPNs/with magic loop/with two circulars

-Working from charts

-Short rows

-Cables

-Lace

-Stranded colorwork

-Intarsia

-Experience with toe up/top down sock knitting

-Picking up stitches

-Seaming

-Kitchener stitch/grafting

-Advanced finishing skills: list (e.g., steeking)

-Basic crochet stitches

MATERIALS

Yarn

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A single yarn/color:

CompanyName YarnName (fiber content; #yds/#m per #oz/#g skein/ball); # skeins/balls

Sample uses color #/name

Multiple colors:

CompanyName YarnName (fiber content; #yds/#m per #oz/#g skein/ball)

MC color #/name; # skeins/balls

CC1 color #/name; # skeins/balls

CC2 color #/name; # skeins/balls

Needles

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For items worked flat:

#mm/US # needles

OR

#mm/US # needles for working flat

OR

#mm/US # needles for working flat – straight or short circular as you prefer

For items worked in the round on a circular needle:

#mm/US # #-inch/#cm circular needle

For small-circumference items worked in the round:

#mm/US # DPNs

OR

#mm/US # 32-40 inch circular for magic loop method

OR

Two #mm/US # 16-24 inch circulars for two-circulars method

OR

#mm/US # needles for working small circumference in the round: DPNs, 1 long circular or 2 short circulars

Metric Size/US size Conversions

1.5mm/US #000

1.75mm/US #00

2mm/US #0

2.25mm/US #1

2.5mm No standard equivalent; some patterns list as 1.5

2.75mm/US #2

3mm No standard equivalent; some patterns list as 2.5

3.25mm/US #3

3.5mm /US #4

3.75mm/US #5

4mm/US #6

4.5mm/US #7

5mm/US #8

5.5mm/US #9

6mm/US #10

6.5mm/US #10.5

7mm/US #No standard equivalent; some patterns list as 10¾

7.5mm No standard equivalent

8mm/US #11

9mm/US #13

10mm/US #15

12mm/US #17 – sometimes

12.75mm/US #17 – sometimes

15mm/US #19

19mm/US #35

20mm/US #36

25mm/US #50

Notions

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Examples are below. Include whichever are relevant, and add whatever else you need.

-Cable needle(s)

-Stitch markers

-Stitch markers – removable; 1 of different color or style for marking start of round

-Stitch holders

-Length of contrasting color waste yarn for stitch holder/provisional CO

-#mm/US# crochet hook

-Pom-pom maker

-Yarn needle

-# #-inch/#cm buttons

-sewing needle and thread for attaching buttons

-#-inch/#cm zipper

-elastic - #-inch/#cm width, #-inch/#cm length

GAUGE

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If worked flat:

# sts/# rows = 4 inches square in stockinette stitch using #mm/US # needles

# sts/# rows = 4 inches square in pattern stitch using #mm/US # needles

If worked in the round:

# sts/# rounds = 4 inches square in stockinette stitch using #mm/US # needles

# sts/# rounds = 4 inches square in pattern stitch using #mm/US # needles

SIZE INFORMATION

Sizes

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List all sizes, by name.

First (second, third, …)

XS (S, M, L…. )

Finished Measurements

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Give key dimensions for all sizes.

Dimension 1: # (#, …)

Dimension 2: # (#, …)

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Guidance on choosing a size, e.g.: Choose a size based on… Choose the size closest to your actual measurements…

Schematic

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Include one for anything but very basic shapes.

ABBREVIATIONS, GLOSSARY, REFERENCES, TECHNIQUES

Specialty CO Instructions/Reference

Specialty BO Instructions/Reference

Special stitches instructions: decreases, increases, cables, etc.

References.

PATTERN NOTES

Construction overview

Tips for working the pattern

Tips for adjusting size

Alternate versions

Pattern Stitch Written Instructions

Pattern Stitch Charts

Chart Legend

METHOD

See “Specific Pattern Templates”.

NAME OF PIECE/SECTION

For pieces worked flat:

Using size x needles and y yarn, using Long Tail/cable/backwards loop method CO…

For pieces worked in the round on a circular:

Using size x circular needle and y yarn, using Long Tail/cable/backwards loop method CO …. Place marker and join for working in the round, being careful not to twist.

For small circumference pieces worked in the round:

Using size x needles and y yarn, using Long Tail/cable/backwards loop method CO …. Distribute across needles as you prefer and join for working in the round, being careful not to twist. Note or mark start of round.

Key Phrases:

Using scrap yarn and provisional method, CO…. Join working yarn….

Work even until piece measures…. ending with a WS row.

Continue in pattern as set….

Ending with a WS row.

Ending with a RS row.

Bind off loosely.
Bind off in pattern.

Bind off, using larger needle to work stitches.

Bind off, using … method.

With RS facing, rejoin yarn and pick up and knit….

FINISHING

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Block.

Seams; edgings.

Weave in ends.

DESIGNER AND PATTERN INFORMATION

Contact Information

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Designer name

Website; Ravelry store URL

Email address

Brief biography

Credits

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Photographer

Tech editor

Test knitter

Graphic designer/layout

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