

Patchwork Knitting Basics

Key to all schematics

The instructions shown are all based on Garter stitch throughout. Casting on refers to making new stitches or picking up from an edge. Wyif and wyib means that, before the last stitch of each row, you need to bring the yarn towards you.

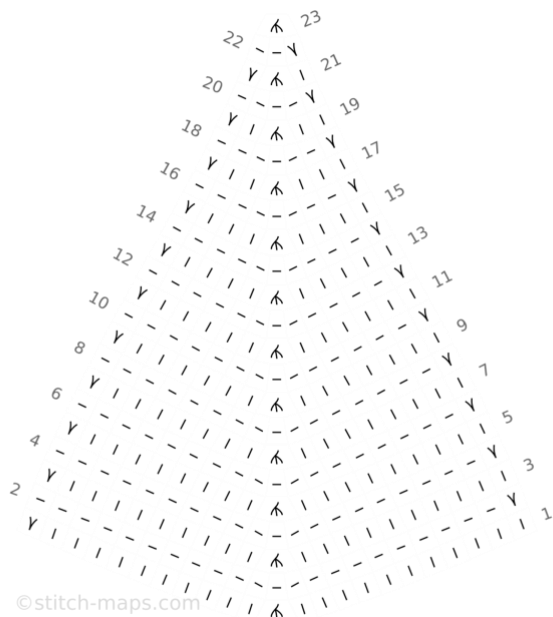
<https://stitch-maps.com/collections/display/414/> is a link to the patterns shown here, with the ability to interact with the patterns.

The first stitch of every row should be knitted through the back loop.

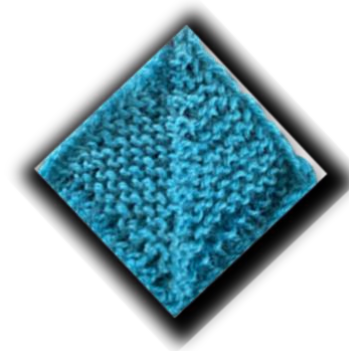
- | **Knit**
- **Purl on RS, knit on WS**
- Y **Sl1 wyib on RS, sl1 wyif on WS**
- o **Yo**
- ⋈ **K3tog**

Mitred Square

Cast on 25 stitches and knit one row. Then....

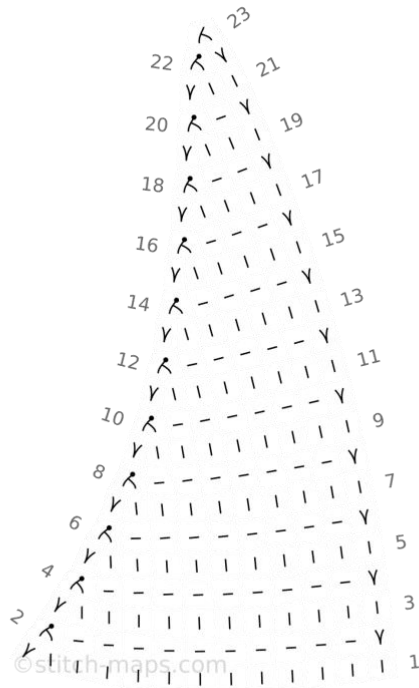


- **Row 1 (RS):** K11, k3tog, k10, sl1 wyif (23 sts).
- **Row 2:** K22, sl1 wyib.
- **Row 3:** K10, k3tog, k9, sl1 wyif (21 sts).
- **Row 4:** K20, sl1 wyib.
- **Row 5:** K9, k3tog, k8, sl1 wyif (19 sts).
- **Row 6:** K18, sl1 wyib.
- **Row 7:** K8, k3tog, k7, sl1 wyif (17 sts).
- **Row 8:** K16, sl1 wyib.
- **Row 9:** K7, k3tog, k6, sl1 wyif (15 sts).
- **Row 10:** K14, sl1 wyib.
- **Row 11:** K6, k3tog, k5, sl1 wyif (13 sts).
- **Row 12:** K12, sl1 wyib.
- **Row 13:** K5, k3tog, k4, sl1 wyif (11 sts).
- **Row 14:** K10, sl1 wyib.
- **Row 15:** K4, k3tog, k3, sl1 wyif (9 sts).
- **Row 16:** K8, sl1 wyib.
- **Row 17:** K3, k3tog, k2, sl1 wyif (7 sts).
- **Row 18:** K6, sl1 wyib.
- **Row 19:** K2, k3tog, k1, sl1 wyif (5 sts).
- **Row 20:** K4, sl1 wyib.
- **Row 21:** K1, k3tog, sl1 wyif (3 sts).
- **Row 22:** K2, sl1 wyib.
- **Row 23:** K3tog (1 st).



Left side half square

Cast on 13 stitches.

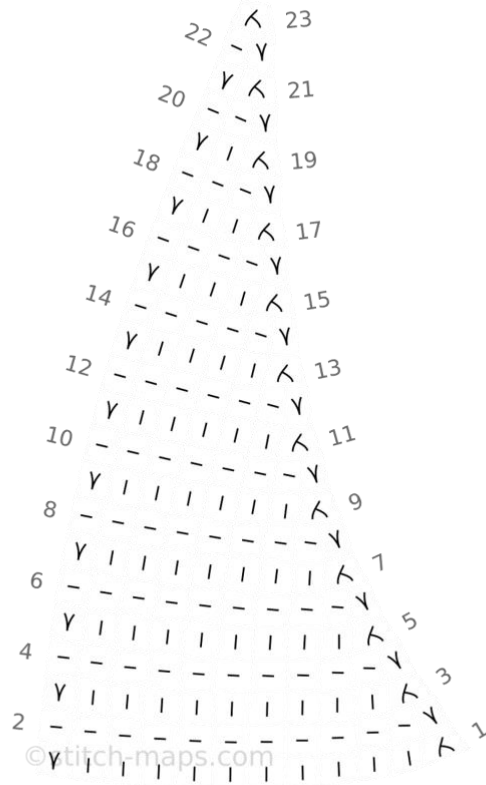


- **Row 1 (RS):** K12, sl1 wyif.
- **Row 2:** K2tog, k10, sl1 wyib (12 sts).
- **Row 3:** K11, sl1 wyif.
- **Row 4:** K2tog, k9, sl1 wyib (11 sts).
- **Row 5:** K10, sl1 wyif.
- **Row 6:** K2tog, k8, sl1 wyib (10 sts).
- **Row 7:** K9, sl1 wyif.
- **Row 8:** K2tog, k7, sl1 wyib (9 sts).
- **Row 9:** K8, sl1 wyif.
- **Row 10:** K2tog, k6, sl1 wyib (8 sts).
- **Row 11:** K7, sl1 wyif.
- **Row 12:** K2tog, k5, sl1 wyib (7 sts).
- **Row 13:** K6, sl1 wyif.
- **Row 14:** K2tog, k4, sl1 wyib (6 sts).
- **Row 15:** K5, sl1 wyif.
- **Row 16:** K2tog, k3, sl1 wyib (5 sts).
- **Row 17:** K4, sl1 wyif.
- **Row 18:** K2tog, k2, sl1 wyib (4 sts).
- **Row 19:** K3, sl1 wyif.
- **Row 20:** K2tog, k1, sl1 wyib (3 sts).
- **Row 21:** K2, sl1 wyif.
- **Row 22:** K2tog, sl1 wyib (2 sts).
- **Row 23:** K2tog (1 st).



Right side half square

Cast on 13 stitches and knit one row.

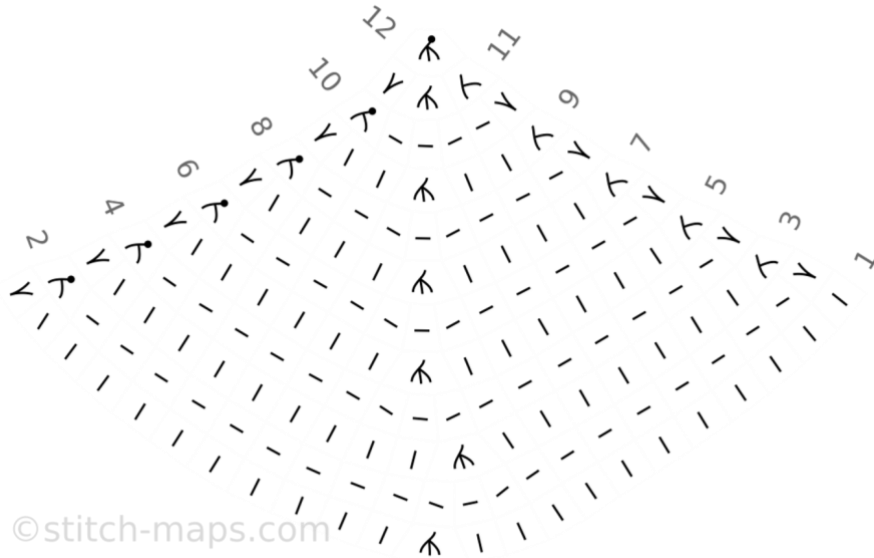


- **Row 1 (RS):** K2tog, k10, sl1 wyif (*12 sts*).
- **Row 2:** K11, sl1 wyib.
- **Row 3:** K2tog, k9, sl1 wyif (*11 sts*).
- **Row 4:** K10, sl1 wyib.
- **Row 5:** K2tog, k8, sl1 wyif (*10 sts*).
- **Row 6:** K9, sl1 wyib.
- **Row 7:** K2tog, k7, sl1 wyif (*9 sts*).
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- **Row 14:** K5, sl1 wyib.
- **Row 15:** K2tog, k3, sl1 wyif (*5 sts*).
- **Row 16:** K4, sl1 wyib.
- **Row 17:** K2tog, k2, sl1 wyif (*4 sts*).
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- **Row 19:** K2tog, k1, sl1 wyif (*3 sts*).
- **Row 20:** K2, sl1 wyib.
- **Row 21:** K2tog, sl1 wyif (*2 sts*).
- **Row 22:** K1, sl1 wyib.
- **Row 23:** K2tog (*1 st*).



Top Mitre

Cast on 25 stitches and knit one row.

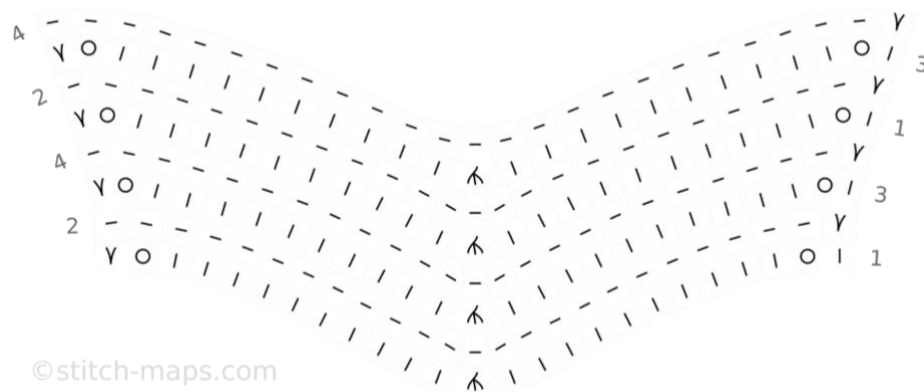


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- **Row 3:** K2tog, k7, k3tog, k9, sl1 wyif (19 sts).
- **Row 4:** K2tog, k16, sl1 wyib (18 sts).
- **Row 5:** K2tog, k6, k3tog, k6, sl1 wyif (15 sts).
- **Row 6:** K2tog, k12, sl1 wyib (14 sts).
- **Row 7:** K2tog, k4, k3tog, k4, sl1 wyif (11 sts).
- **Row 8:** K2tog, k8, sl1 wyib (10 sts).
- **Row 9:** K2tog, k2, k3tog, k2, sl1 wyif (7 sts).
- **Row 10:** K2tog, k4, sl1 wyib (6 sts).
- **Row 11:** K2tog, k3tog, sl1 wyif (3 sts).
- **Row 12:** K3tog (1 st)



Extended Mitre

Cast on 25 stitches



- **Rows 1 and 3**
(RS): K1, yo, k10, k3tog, k10, yo, sl1 wyif.
- **Rows 2 and 4:** K1, k23, sl1 wyib.



Picture shows this shape used as a pocket.

Variations

- ❖ Alternate garter stitch with stocking stitch by purling alternate wrong side rows: i.e., knit 3 rows then purl 1 row throughout.



- ❖ Knit in two colours by alternating every two rows.
- ❖ Combine the above two variations, so that one colour is garter stitch, the other is stocking stitch.



- ❖ Use a variegated yarn and get random patterns.



Joining

Join by picking up stitches from the edge of each square: you will see an edge like this, with individual stitches as shown. I pick up both 'bars' of the stitch.

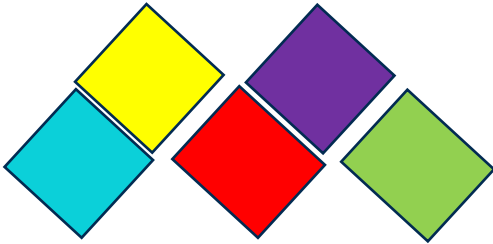


Designing

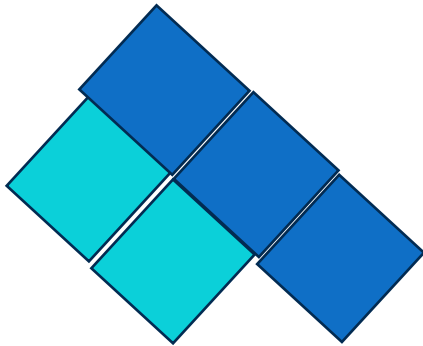
Designing articles based on patchwork knitting is a little different from most knitting patterns.

There are at least two means of construction:

- ❖ Knit individual squares separately, then join them as you go - each square is a separate start and finish.



- ❖ Knit in 'rows' - start with one square and build on that, without breaking the yarn. This way requires you to start at the left side of the article. The next 'row' will begin on the right of that row and pick up from the right side of that



The diagram on the left shows two 'rows': the turquoise row is the first one knitted, the blue one is knitted joining on.

Further reference

I have patterns and information on www.longbuckbymk.com under the main menu Patterns/Patchwork HK

Books: Patchwork Knitting by Fiona Morris [2022] www.crowood.com

Patchwork Knitting by Horst Schulz [out of print]