

ADAPTED PATTERN FOR CHRISTMAS STARS

As per original pattern:

Smaller star - 3.25 mm needles, tension 25 sts and 50 rows over 4"/10cm garter stitch

Larger star - 4.5 mm needles with the yarn held double, tension 20 sts and 40 rows over 4"/10cm garter stitch.

FLAT STAR Cast on 72 stitches (thumb method stated in original pattern); **if a tail of at least 6" is left this can form part of the hanging loop**

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: K7, (p2tog, k12) 4 times, p2tog, k7 (67 stitches)

Row 3: k7, (k2tog**, k11) 4 times, k2tog, k6 (62 stitches)

[** especially on the larger star a neater finish might be obtained if the 'k2tog' stitches are done through the back of the loops]

Row 4: k6, (p2tog, k10) 4 times, p2tog, k6 (57 stitches)

Row 5: k6, (k2tog, k9) 4 times, k2tog, k5 (52 stitches)

Row 6: k5 (p2tog, k8) 4 times, p2tog, k5 (47 stitches)

Row 7: k5, (k2tog, k7) 4 times, k2tog, k4 (42 stitches)

Row 8: k4, (p2tog, k6) 4 times, p2tog, k4 (37 stitches)

Row 9: k4, (k2tog, k5) 4 times, k2tog, k3 (32 stitches)

Row 10: k3, (p2tog, k4) 4 times, p2tog, k3 (27 stitches)

Row 11: k3, (k2tog, k3) 4 times, k2tog, k2 (22 stitches)

Row 12: k2, (p2tog, k2) 4 times, p2tog, k2 (17 stitches)

Row 13: k2, (k2tog, k1) 4 times, k2tog, k1 (12 stitches)

Row 14: k1, p2tog 5 times, k1 (7 stitches)

Break yarn – **leaving a tail of at least 8"** - and run through all 7 stitches. Starting from the CENTRE, with RS facing, sew short edges together. The remaining 'tail' from stitching up (which will now be at outer edge of star) can be knotted with the tail from casting on to form the hanging loop. Spray with starch and leave to dry, as per original pattern.

Alternative adaptation for larger star

Involves casting on more stitches at start, and more rows, but might look a bit neater than the 'doubled yarn' version.

Use 3.25 mm needles and single DK wool.

Cast on 122 stitches

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: k12, (p2tog, k22) 4 times, p2tog, k12 (117 st)

Row 3: k12, (k2tog, k21) 4 times, k2tog, k11 (112 st)
Row 4: k11, (p2tog, k20) 4 times, p2tog, k11 (107 st)
Row 5: k11, (k2tog, k19) 4 times, k2tog, k10 (102 st)
Row 6: k10, (p2tog, k18) 4 times, p2tog, k10 (97 st)
Row 7: k10, (k2tog, k17) 4 times, k2tog, k9 (92 st)
Row 8: k9, (p2tog, k16) 4 times, p2tog, k9 (87 st)
Row 9: k9, (k2tog, k15) 4 times, k2tog, k8 (82 st)
Row 10: k8, (p2tog, k14) 4 times, p2tog, k8 (77 st)
Row 11: k8, (k2tog, k13) 4 times, k2tog, k7 (72 st)
Rows 12 – 24 then as per rows 2 – 14 for smaller star