

Knit Sampler



This sampler is to learn to read knit lace charts and uses only four types of lace stitches: yarnover for increases, K2tog and SSK for single decreases, and SK2P for a double decrease. It uses worsted weight yarn and needles size US 7.

Note that **every** row begins and ends with knit 4 stitches – this gives a solid edge that controls curling and delineates the pattern. There are 2 knit rows between each pattern as well. When I say ‘follow chart (2 times),’ I mean knit all stitches of the chart (chart 1 is 9 stitches total) then start again at stitch 1 and knit all 9 stitches again.

Charts are read starting in the lower right-hand corner and read right to left. Each square is 1 stitch. For example, when you see a blank square that is one knit stitch on the right side and one purl stitch on the wrong side of your knitting. When you see ‘0’ followed or preceded by ‘/’ or ‘\’ that starts as two stitches, then the yarnover adds one stitch and the decrease

(knit 2 together or slip-slip-knit) removes one stitch, so you end up with two stitches. When you see ‘0’ followed by ‘^’ followed by ‘0’ you start with three stitches, the yarnovers add two stitches and the middle slip-knit 2 together-pass slipped stitch over decreases two stitches so you end up with three stitches. Note that the chart only shows the odd-numbered rows; even-numbered rows on the charts are not charted and all stitches are purled (not the side stitches, just those matching the charts).

Key:

K	Knit
K2tog	Knit 2 stitches together
YO	Yarn Over
SK2P	Slip 1 stitch as if to knit, knit the next 2 stitches together, pass the slipped stitch over the knit stitch
SSK	Slip 2 stitches as if to knit individually, insert the left needle into front of the 2 slipped stitches and knit them together

To start the sampler, cast on 26 stitches.

Knit 4 rows.

Begin pattern: knit 4, follow chart 1 (2 times), knit 4.

All even pattern rows: knit 4, purl 18, knit 4.

Chart 1								
				/	0			
				/	0			
			/	0				
	/	0						
9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

7		
5		K
3	/	K2tog
1	0	YO

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Knit 2 rows.

Begin pattern: knit 4, follow chart 2 (2 times), knit 4.

All even pattern rows: knit 4, purl 18, knit 4.

Chart 2												
			0	Λ	0					7		
										5	□	K
			0	Λ	0					3	Λ	SK2P
										1	0	YO
9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1				

Knit 2 rows.

Begin pattern: knit 4, follow chart 3 (2 times), knit 4.

All even pattern rows: knit 4, purl 18, knit 4.

Chart 3												
		0	\							7		
			0	\						5	□	K
				0	\					3	\	SSK
					0	\				1	0	YO
9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1				

Knit 2 rows.

Begin pattern: knit 4, follow chart 4 (2 times), knit 4.

All even pattern rows: knit 4, purl 18, knit 4.

Repeat pattern, i.e. knit all 8 rows again starting at row 1.

Chart 4												
			0	Λ	0					7	□	K
	\	0				0	/			5	/	K2tog
		\	0		0	/				3	\	SSK
										1	Λ	SK2P
											0	YO
9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1				

Knit 4 rows.

Bind off.

www.knittinghelp.com has videos showing these stitches in both the English and Continental methods of knitting.