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The great demand for good patterns in Knitting, applicable for useful purposes, has induced me to publish the present Series in a cheap form. The patterns have all been tested by experienced knitters; and, from the care and pains bestowed on them, I trust it will meet with the same extensive patronage accorded to my other works.

Care must be taken to procure the materials directed; and the cottons of Messrs. Walter Evans and Co. are particularly recommended. The 00000 Turkey Red Boar's Head Cotton for the Doilies washes beautifully, and is also much in use for Couvrettes and Antimacassars.

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BABY'S KNITTED SOCK.

FIRST SIZE.

Messrs. Walter Evans and Co.'s Knitting Cotton, Nos. 30 and 40, Pins No. 17.

Cast 16 stitches on each of 2 pins, and 17 on the third, unite it into a circle, seam 1, knit 2, seam 2, repeat from *.

Knit 16 rounds in this manner.

17th round. Seam 1, knit the remainder.

Knit 31 more rounds the same as 17th, then take off 25 stitches on to 1 pin, 12 stitches, on each side of the seam stitch, knit these 25 stitches backwards and forwards for 20 rows, knitting and seaming every alternate row, then divide these stitches on 3 pins, taking 9 on the centre pin, and 8 on each side, knit the 9 stitches backwards and forwards, and each time with the last of the 9, take 1 of the 8 and knit it together as one stitch, when these stitches have all been knit off the two pins take up 10 stitches on each side between the 9 stitches, and the 1st row of the heel, making in all 29 stitches, then put 14 of these stitches on to one pin, and 15 on to another, keeping the 24 for the instep on another pin, knit these stitches round, decreasing one stitch on each side of the 24, in every 3rd round, till the stitches are decreased to 45.

Knit 10 plain rounds.

Next round decrease once at the beginning and end of the pin with 24 stitches.

Knit 10 more rounds, repeat the last decreasing.

Knit 8 more rounds, decreasing 2 in each round, alternately from the instep and sole, this will reduce the stitches to 21, take 11 on one pin, and 10 on the other, and cast them off together.

This sock, in Lambswool yarn, with pins No. 13, is a good size for a boy eight years of age.
BABY'S KNITTED SOCK.

SECOND SIZE.

Messrs. Walter Evans and Co.'s Knitting Cotton, No. 30, and 4 Pins, No. 17, or if a finer sock is required for the first size than the preceding one, knit this sock with Messrs. Walter Evans and Co.'s Boar's Head Cotton, No. 30.

Cast 29 stitches on the 1st pin, and 28 on each of the other two, unite it in a circle.

1st round. Seam 1, * knit 2, seam 2, repeat from *, knit 18 rounds in this manner.

19th round. Seam 1, knit the remainder plain, knit 47 more rounds the same as 19th, then take off 43 stitches for the heel, 21 stitches, on each side of the seam stitch down the leg, knit these 43 stitches backwards and forwards for 28 rows, knitting and seaming every alternate row; then divide these stitches on 3 pins, taking 9 on the centre pin, and 17 on each of the other two, knit the 9 stitches backwards and forwards, and at the end of each row, take one stitch from the 17 and knit it together with the last of the 9, continue this till the whole of the stitches are knit off, then take up 17 stitches on each side of the 9, between the 9 stitches and the first row of the heel, making in all 43 stitches, put 20 of these stitches on to one pin, and 23 on another, keeping the 42 for the instep on the 3rd pin, knit these stitches round, decreasing one stitch on each side of the 42 in every 3rd round till the stitches are decreased to 77.

* Knit 6 plain rounds.

Next round decrease once at the beginning and end of the pin with 42 stitches, repeat from * 8 times.

* Knit 2 rounds.

Next round decrease twice, taking the 1st of the 24 stitches with the last on the pin before, and the last of the 24 with the 1st on the next pin, repeat from * till 29 stitches remain, then divide the stitches on 2 pins, and cast off.
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KNITTED SOCK.

Cast on 24 stitches on each of 2 needles, and 28 on the 3rd.

1st round. Knit 2 stitches, and seam 2 alternately.

Knit 30 rounds in this manner.

31st round. Seam the 1st stitch; knit the remainder.

32nd round. Knit plain.

Repeat these 2 rounds till 52 are done.

53rd round. Seam 1 stitch, knit 1, knit 2 together; knit the remainder plain till within 3 of the end; knit 2 together, knit 1.

Repeat the 31st and 32nd rounds till 80 are done.

81st round. The same as 53rd.

Repeat the 31st and 32nd rounds till 6 more rounds are done; take off 22 stitches on each side of the seam; stitch up the leg (leaving the remainder for the instep), and knit them in rows instead of rounds.

1st row. Knit 22 stitches, seam 1, knit 22.

2nd row. Seam all the stitches.

Repeat these 2 rows alternately till 30 are done, then take 11 stitches from the centre of the 45, leaving 17 stitches on each side of them; knit the 11 stitches backwards and forwards, knitting and seaming every alternate row; and with the last stitch of every row take one of the stitches from the 17, and knit them together as one stitch; continue this till the stitches on each side are knitted off; take up 18 stitches on each side of the 11; take up the stitches that were left off for the instep, and knit in rounds, decreasing 2 stitches in every alternate round, by knitting the last stitch of the sole with the first of the instep, and the last of the instep and first of the sole together as one stitch; when 13 stitches have been decreased on each side, knit 60 rounds without decreasing; then divide the stitches that remain equally on to 3 needles, and decrease one stitch at the beginning of each needle till the stitches are reduced to 3; cast off.
KNITTED SOCK.

Messrs. Walter Evans and Co's Knitting Cotton, No. 30, or Lambswool Yarn, No. 4.

Cast on 24 stitches on each of 2 needles, and 28 on the 3rd.

1st round. Knit 2 stitches and seam 2 alternately.

Knit 30 rounds in this manner.

31st round. Seam the 1st stitch, knit the remainder.

32nd round. Knit plain.

Repeat these 2 rounds till 52 are done.

53rd round. Seam 1 stitch, knit 1, knit 2 together, knit the remainder plain till within 3 stitches of the end; knit 2 together, knit 1.

Repeat the 31st and 32nd rounds till 80 are done.

81st round. The same as 53rd.

Repeat the 31st and 32nd rounds till 7 more rounds are done; then take off 22 stitches on each side of the seam, stitch up the leg, leaving the remainder for the instep, and knit them in rows instead of in rounds.

1st row. Knit 22 stitches, seam 1, knit 22.

2nd row. Seam all the rounds.

Repeat these 2 rows alternately till 30 rows are done; then take 11 stitches from the centre of the 45, leaving 17 stitches on each side of them; knit the 11 stitches backwards and forwards, knitting and seaming every alternate row, and with the last stitch of every row take one of the stitches from the 17, and knit them together as one stitch; continue this till the stitches on each side are knitted off; take up 18 stitches down each side of the 11; take up the stitches that were let off for the instep, and knit in rounds, decreasing two stitches in every alternate round by knitting the last stitch of the sole with the first of the instep, and the last
of the instep and first of the sole together as one stitch; when 13 stitches have been decreased on each side, knit 60 rounds without decreasing; then divide the stitches that remain equally on to 3 needles, and decrease one stitch at the beginning of each needle till the stitches are reduced to 6; cast off, and sew up the toe.

GENTLEMEN’S SHOOTING SOCKS, IN SCARLET OR BROWN.

5 oz. 3-thread Fleecy, and 4 Knitting Needles, No. 14, are required.

Cast 35 stitches on each of 2 needles, and 41 on the 3rd; keep the 21st stitch on the needle with 41 for the seam up the leg, knit and seam it alternately.

1st round. Knit 1 and seam 1 alternately.
Knit 16 rounds in this manner.
17th round. Knit 3, seam 2, repeat; all the knitting of the leg is done in this way; knit to the 24th round.

25th round. Decrease by one on each side of the seam by knitting 2 together; this must not interfere with the ribs; the knit stitches must come over the knit, and the seamed over the seamed; knit to the 32nd round, decrease on each side the seam; knit to the 40th round; decrease again on each side of the seam; knit to the 50th round, decrease again; knit to the 58th round, decrease in the same place; knit to the 67th round, decrease again on each side of the seam; knit to the 82nd round, repeat the decreasing; knit to the 91st round, repeat the decreasing; knit to the 100th round, decrease again; knit to the 104th round; take off 21 stitches on each side of the seam stitch, leaving 50 for the instep, and knit them backwards and forwards in the same ribs for 44 rows, then take off 19 stitches on each side of the 5 centre stitches; and now the knitting is not ribbed, but knit backwards and forwards, alternately plain and seamed; at the end of each row knit off one stitch from the 19 on to the centre needle; and at the beginning of each row take off one from the 19,
and knit it together with the first stitch on the centre needle; but the stitch that is taken off at the end of every row is knit by itself; continue this till all the stitches are knit off the side needles, then take up 22 stitches down each side of the heel, and the 50 stitches that were left off for the instep; divide the stitches on three needles, the 50 for the instep on one needle, and the remainder on 2 needles; the 50 stitches to be ribbed in the same way as before, in twos and threes; the remainder in plain knitting; decrease by knitting 2 together at each end of the plain part in every alternate row till 10 decreases have been made, then decrease at each end of the plain part in every 3rd row till six more decreases are done; knit 30 rounds without decreasing, still ribbing the upper part, and knitting the under plain; knit 18 rounds entirely plain, divide the stitches on to 4 needles; take 5 stitches from each end of the upper part on 2 needles, and the stitches that remain between on 2 other needles; decrease one stitch on each side of the 5 stitches in every alternate row, making 4 decreased stitches in a row; continue this till only the 5 stitches remain on each side; then knit 2 together; knit 3, repeat; knit 2 together; knit 2, repeat; knit 2 together; knit 1, repeat; cast off.

This sock can be knitted in lambswool yarn or worsted; but the fleecy being softer, is pleasanter to the feet for continual walking.

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**Honeycomb Knitting, for a Sofa Cushion.**

No. 4.

Cast on 71 stitches.

1st row.  Seam 1, slip 1, make 1, repeat.

2nd row.  Slip 1, make 1, seam 2 together, repeat.

At the end of the row seam 1, after seaming 2 together.
3rd row. Seam 2, slip 1, repeat.
4th row. Seam 2 together, slip 1, make 1, repeat.
At the end of the row seam 1, instead of seaming 2 together.
5th row. Seam 1, *, slip 1, seam 2, repeat from *.
Repeat from 2nd row, knit in double German wool 8 rows black, 4 maize filoselle doubled, 8 scarlet, 4 maize, 6 white, 4 maize, 8 lilac, 4 maize, 8 green, 4 maize.
Repeat from black.
These colours repeated 4 times, and the black 5 times, will make the cushion a nice size.
2 skeins of each of the wools, and 10 skeins of filoselle, will be required.

PRINCESSES KNITTING.

No. 5.

This stitch was published by me many years ago, in the first "Manual of Knitting, Netting, and Crochet," but it has now become so fashionable for Antimacassars, Couvre Pieds, and Cushions, that I have reprinted it.

Cast on 2 or 4 stitches.
Make 1, by passing the wool round the right hand pin, seam 2 together; every row is alike. If 4 stitches are cast on, repeat from beginning of the row. The knitting is done in stripes, and then sewed together; the colours placed in the following order:—black, scarlet, white, violet, green; and the sewing is done with maize; a fringe is then added of 3 lengths of wool 10 inches long, looped into each stripe of the knitting, and into each stripe of sewing; one oz. of each colour in double wool is sufficient; for Couvre Pieds, 12-thread fleecy is better, as it has more substance.
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CROSS STITCH KNITTING.

No. 6.

This stitch has the effect of work done on canvas, and is very pretty for a Sofa Cushion, done in the following manner:—

Cast on 91 stitches.

1st row. Knit 1, bring the wool forward, slip 1 the reverse way, pass the wool back, repeat.

2nd row. Seam 2, *, pass the wool back, slip 1, bring the wool forward, seam 1, repeat from *.

Repeat these 2 rows alternately; knit 6 rows of black, 2 of violet, 2 of maize filoselle doubled, 2 of violet, 2 maize, 2 violet, 6 of black, 2 of scarlet, 2 maize, 2 scarlet, 2 maize, 2 scarlet, 6 black, 2 green, 2 maize, 2 green, 2 maize, 2 green, 6 black, 2 blue, 2 maize, 2 blue. Repeat until the Cushion is the size you wish it.

4 skeins of black double German wool, 2 skeins each of scarlet, violet, green, and blue, and 10 skeins of maize filoselle, are required.

NETTED JUPON.

No. 7.

This petticoat is very light, and supplies the place of crinoline, so much in fashion.

Ten reels of Messrs. Walter Evans and Co's. 00000 Boar's Head Cotton are required, two Meshes, one an inch wide, and one three-quarters of an inch.

Net 109 stitches on the wide mesh; on the narrow mesh net 3 plain rows.

5th row. In every third loop net 2 stitches.
Net 5 plain rows. Now unite it, and net round.
11th row. In every 6th loop net 2 stitches.
Continue to net in plain rounds till the netting is about half-a-yard in length, net a row on the wide mesh between every 6 rows, till the netting is from three-quarters of a yard to a yard in length, according to the height of the person it is intended for. Then finish with a row on the wide mesh, in which a whalebone or steel, neatly joined, is run in, and into each of the rows on the wide mesh, which keeps out quite stiff. Set it into a band at the waist; it should be well starched.

DOUBLE KNITTING.

Cast on an even number of stitches.
1st row. Bring the wool forward, slip 1 the reverse way, pass the wool back, knit 1, passing the wool twice round the pin, repeat.
2nd row. Bring the wool forward, slip off the double stitch the reverse way, pass the wool back, knit 1, passing the wool twice round the pin, repeat.
This knitting is very soft and warm for comforters, babies' blankets, and chest preservers; for the latter, knit with 4-thread white fleecy, cast on 60 stitches, knit 2 plain rows, knit a plain stitch at the beginning and end of every row, the remainder in double knitting till you have a piece 10 inches long, then knit 2 plain rows, and cast off.

NOVELTY IN DOUBLE KNITTING.

Cast on an even number of stitches.
1st row. Bring the wool forward, slip 1, pass the wool back, knit 1, taking the stitch from the back, pass the wool twice round the pin, repeat.
2nd row. Bring the wool forward, slip off the double stitch, pass the wool back, knit 1, taking the stitch from the back, pass the wool twice round the pin, repeat.
This stitch is extremely pretty, and quite as soft as the former pattern, but the advantage it has is, that being twisted the loops are not so long, and not so likely to catch and pull out.
For a Baby’s Blanket in this stitch, knit with 3-thread fleecy, cast on 140 stitches, knit 2 plain rows at the beginning and ending of the Blanket, and two plain stitches at each end of every row.

GERMAN DOUBLE KNITTING.

Cast on an uneven number of stitches.
1st row. Seam 1, make 1, slip 1, repeat.
2nd row. Seam 2 together, make 1 by passing the wool round the pin, slip 1, repeat.
The first row is not repeated, but the whole of the knitting is done like the 2nd row.
This knitting is extremely pretty in shades of wool, but has been much approved of for cushions in bed rooms, done in cotton, and lined with coloured cambric, for which use No. 10 pins, and 8 reels, No. 1, Messrs. Walter Evans and Co.’s Boar’s Head Cotton. Both sides of the cushion must be knitted, and lined with rose colour glazed cambric.

TWISTED KNITTING.

Cast on an even number of stitches.
1st row. Seam 1, seam the remainder of the stitches, passing the wool twice round the pin.
2nd row. Knit half the 1st stitch, *, knit the other half with half the second stitch, passing the wool twice round the pin. Repeat from *.
3rd row. Seam half the 1st stitch, seam the other half with half the next stitch, passing the wool twice round the pin. Repeat from *.
Repeat the 2nd and 3rd rows alternately.
LADY'S MITTEN, IN GERMAN WOOL.

2 half-oz. skeins, and 4 Needles, No. 14, are required.

Cast 18 stitches on each of 2 needles, and 20 on the 3rd.
1st round. Knit 1, seam 1, repeat.
Knit 28 rounds in this manner.
29th round. Knit all the stitches.
30th round. Same as 29th.
31st round. Knit 1, seam 1, repeat.
Repeat these 3 rounds, making the seam stitches come in a line one above the other.

In the 32nd round begin the thumb, increase one stitch in the centre of the 2nd needle in the 36th round, increase one stitch on each side of the one increased in 32nd round; the stitches for the thumb, as they are increased, must be knit for two rounds, and then knit and seamed alternately as in the hand part. Continue to increase in every 4th round 2 stitches, till you have 31 increased stitches; take off the 3 first and last stitches of the 31, and knit the remaining 25 round for 12 rounds; then knit and seam alternate stitches for 8 rounds, cast off; then return to the hand part, taking the 3 stitches that were left on each side of the thumb, knit 14 rounds, knit 12 rounds, knitting and seaming one stitch alternately. Cast off.

This mitten, knitted in double German wool, with No. 13 pins, is a good size for a gentleman.
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PYRENEESE OPERA CAP.
DONE IN SHETLAND WOOL AND PLAIN KNITTING.

2 oz. each of Pink and White Shetland Wool, and Bone Knitting Pins, No. 8.

Cast on 40 stitches with white, increase 1 stitch at the beginning of every row, till you have 100 stitches; join the pink wool, and cast on 50 stitches at each end; knit 80 rows; cast off 50 stitches on each side; join the white wool, and decrease one stitch at the beginning of each row, till only 40 stitches remain; cast off; knit a second piece exactly the same as this, and then fold them together and double them. Sew up the long ends, and add a tassel at each end. Sew up the cap part from the increasing to the back, and draw it in at the back about 3 inches from the sewing; add a handsome bow of ribbon to match the pink wool at the back, with long ends of ribbon.

BONNET DE VOYAGE,

1 oz. each of Pink, Claret, and White 8-thread Wool.

Cast on 90 stitches with claret; * knit 2 rows, seam 1 row; knit 1 row, join the pink; knit a plain row; next row seam 2 together; make 1 by passing the wool round the pin; repeat; repeat from * 3 times; then let off 21 stitches on each side, and knit the remaining stitches backwards and forwards, till 7 ribs of the claret are done, and the pink and white between, take up the 21 stitches on each side, and knit 3 ribs; then in the next rib of claret, knit 5 rows instead of 4; 1 knit, 1 seamed, 1 knit, 1 seamed, 1 knit; repeat the pink and white, and 4 rows of claret, till 5 ribs of claret are done; cast off; then turn these last ribs back to the one where the 6 rows were knitted, sew up the ends, and add a ribbon to each; draw up the ends of the short rows, and run an elastic in; add a bow of ribbon at the back.
VERY PRETTY KNITTED DOILY.

Use Messrs. Walter Evans and Co’s. Boar’s Head Cotton 00000, of which 6 reels each of White and Turkey Red will be required.

Cast on with Turkey red cotton 40 stitches; 4 for the edge, and 36 for the pattern.
Knit 2 plain stitches at each edge, and 2 plain rows at the beginning and end of each Doily. The plain stitches will not be mentioned in the pattern.
1st row. Make 1, knit 1, make 1, knit 3; pull the 2nd stitch over the 3rd; pull the 1st over the 2nd, and let them down; repeat.
2nd row. Knit plain.
3rd row. Knit 3, pull the 2nd stitch over the 3rd; pull the 1st stitch over the 2nd; make 1, knit 1, make 1; repeat.
4th row. Knit plain.
Join the white cotton, and repeat from 1st row.
For the edging, cast on 12 stitches.
1st row. Knit 3, make 1, knit 2 together; make 2 by passing the cotton twice round the pin; knit 2 together, make 2 as before, knit 5.
2nd row. Seam 6, knit 3, seam 3, make 1, knit 2 together, knit 1.
3rd row. Knit 3, make 1, knit 2 together, knit 10.
4th row. Seam 5, knit 5, seam 2, make 1, knit 2 together, knit 1.
5th row. Knit 3, make 1, knit 2 together; make 2 by passing the cotton twice round the pin; knit 2 together, make 2 as before, knit 2 together, make 2, knit 2 together, knit 4.
6th row. Seam 6, knit 3, seam 1, knit 2, seam 3, make 1, knit 2 together, knit 1.
7th row. Knit 3, make 1, knit 2 together, knit 13.
8th row. Cast off 6 stitches, knit 6, seam 1, make 1, knit 2 together, knit 1; join the white cotton, and repeat from the beginning, changing the cotton after every 8 rows.
SHELL PATTERN FOR COUVRETTE.


Cast on 135 stitches, 131 for the pattern, and 4 for the 2 plain stitches at each edge. These will not be mentioned in the pattern.

1st row. Make 1, seam 2 together; repeat this twice more; pass the thread back, knit 1, make 1, knit 6, knit 2 together; seam 1, knit 2 together, knit 6, make 1, knit 1, repeat.

2nd row. Make 1, and seam 2 together 3 times; seam 2, make 1, seam 5, seam 2 together, knit 1, seam 2 together, seam 5, make 1, seam 2, repeat.

3rd row. Make 1, and seam 2 together 3 times; knit 3, make 1, knit 4, knit 2 together, seam 1, knit 2 together, knit 4, make 1, knit 3, repeat.

4th row. Make 1, and seam 2 together 3 times, seam 4, make 1, seam 3, seam 2 together, knit 1, seam 2 together, seam 3, make 1, seam 4, repeat.

5th row. Make 1, and seam 2 together 3 times, knit 5, make 1, knit 2, knit 2 together, seam 1, knit 2 together, knit 2, make 1, knit 5, repeat.

6th row. Make 1, and seam 2 together 3 times, seam 6, make 1, seam 1, seam 2 together, knit 1, seam 2 together, seam 1, make 1, seam 6, repeat.

7th row. Make 1, and seam 2 together 3 times, knit 7, make 1, knit 2 together, seam 1, knit 2 together, make 1, knit 7, repeat.

8th row. Make 1, and seam 2 together 3 times, seam 9, knit 1, seam 9, repeat.

Repeat from 1st row till the Couvrelette is large enough.

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