

Roman Shield Knitted Bunting

Pattern Features

This pattern is designed to use stash yarn in double knitting. The shield design is charted. The chart is in red as the main colour and yellow for the contrast design as shields were often those colours but you may use any stash colours you like. The final size is approximately 10cm x 15cm.

The main body is worked in stocking stitch with 2 rows of garter stitch (or moss stitch if preferred) at the beginning and end to help prevent curling. For the same reason I slipped the first stitch of each row.

The raised boss is achieved with a **bobble**. Created on a single stitch marked on the chart with an X It is placed high as it tends to sit below the row. If you alter your row count this bobble should be on a knit row. You may choose a different colour for the bobble if you like. In the illustration they are in the contrast colour.



Roman shield *Scutum* design

Colour Changes

When changing colours you may want to carry the wool behind or use intarsia. Personally I found intarsia less neat but there are some quite long carry across strands so take care to avoid bunching by carrying the wool loosely along the wrong side of the work. Stretching the wool along the needle before changing back to the other colour makes this easier.

Needles and Tension

3mm-4mm depending on your tension. Or wool chosen. Tension can be adapted using smaller needles to make it smaller or larger to make larger. If you use a thinner wool you may want to create extra rows and stitches at the edges to create a suitable size.

Wool

DK in 2 colours from stash.

Abbreviations

MC main colour

CC contrast colour

K Knit

P Purl

K2tog Knit next 2 stitches together

P2tog Purl next 2 stitches together

Sl slip stitch purl wise from left to right needle

PSSO Pass the slip stitch over the last knitted stitch

Pattern

Cast on 23 stitches in MC.

Use chart for colours MC in red and CC in yellow.

Rows 1 and 2: Knit in MC.

Commence 2 colour shield design pattern as per chart as follows:

Row 3: Sl1 K10 switch to CC K1 MC K11

Row 4: Sl1 P10 CC P1 MC P11

Row 5: Sl1 K1 CC K1 MC K8 CC K1 MC K8
CC K1 MC K2

Rows 6-20 Continue using stocking stitch, slipping the first stitch in each row, following chart for colour changes, until row 21 where the boss is created in the centre of the row.

Row 21: Sl1 K1 CC K9; follow instructions for bobble to make boss on stitch X; K9 MC K2

Rows 22-38: Continue to follow chart in stocking stitch starting with a purl row.

Rows 39 and 40: Knit

Cast off loosely.

Sew in ends.

X Special Stitch

Create bobble in next stitch (using your contrast colour) as follows: Knit, purl, knit, purl, knit *into the same stitch*, (1 stitch becomes 5) Turn work: purl all 5 stitches. Turn K5 Turn P2tog P1 P2tog Turn Sl1 K2tog PSSO

Chart

When following chart the odd rows are knit and the even rows are purl apart from rows 1 and 2 and rows 39 and 40 which are knit only.

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