

FARTHING PATTERNS

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ARAN CHRISTMAS DECORATION OR DOLLS CUSHION



This hanging ornament is designed with a plain back, if you wish to work patterns on both sides please note you may require extra yarn. This is designed as a practice piece for working cables. This may also be used as a 1:6th scale cushion or a 1:12th scale cushion (omit hanging loop and see materials guide)

Materials required for each ornament: Any size yarn and needles may be used to make this decoration, but for a 1:6th scale cushion use 2.00 mm knitting needles with approximately 55 yards/50 metres 3-ply/light fingering yarn and for 1:12th scale use 1.00 mm knitting needles with 1-ply yarn; cable needle (if you cannot find a miniature cable needle see [here](#)); small amount of polyester stuffing; sewing needle.

Finished sizes of cushion after dressing/blocking:

Using size 2.00 mm knitting needles and 3-ply yarn 2½-inches/6.5 cm square

Using size 19 (1.00 mm/US 00000) knitting needles and 1-ply yarn 1-inch/2.5 cm square

Gauge:

This is not important, as this can be any size



Ability Level: INTERMEDIATE

Abbreviations:

st – stitch; **k** – knit; **p** – purl; **()** – repeat instructions between brackets as detailed in text; **inc** - increase by working twice into next st; **C2F** – slip next st onto cable needle and hold at front of work, k 1, then k 1 from cable needle; **C2B** – slip next st onto cable needle and hold at back of work, k 1, then k 1 st from cable needle; **C4F** – slip next 2 sts onto cable needle and hold at front of work, k 2, then k 2 from cable needle; **C4B** – slip next 2 sts onto cable needle and hold at back of work, k 2, then k 2 sts from cable needle.

NOTES

1. This is designed to enable people to practice the stitches which will be required in order to knit the Buttercup Miniatures Advent Calendar project 2020. More information about the Advent Calendar may be found on our [blog pages](#)
2. This is NOT the same stitch pattern as that used in the calendar, but the ability to work these cables stitches is a requirement.
3. This may be knitted and made into a cushion for a dolls house (1:12th scale), a cushion for a Barbie doll or used as a tree ornament. The same pattern is used, but materials differ.
4. In order to make the finished knitting square you will need to dress [block] the finished pieces before sewing up.

ARAN DECORATION/CUSHION**Front** (make 1)

Cast on 30 sts.

Row 1: p**Row 2:** k

Change to pattern:

Row 3: p 3, k 4, p 2, (C2B, C2F) three times, p 2, k 4, p 3.**Row 4:** k 3, p 4, k 2, p 12, k 2, p 4, k 3**Row 5:** p 3, C4B, p 2, (C2F, C2B) three times, p 2, C4F, p 3.**Row 6:** k 3, p 4, k 2, p 12, k 2, p 4, k 3**Row 7:** p 3, k 4, p 2, (C2B, C2F) three times, p 2, k 4, p 3.**Row 8:** k 3, p 4, k 2, p 12, k 2, p 4, k 3**Row 9:** p 3, k 4, p 2, (C2F, C2B) three times, p 2, k 4, p 3.**Row 10:** k 3, p 4, k 2, p 12, k 2, p 4, k 3**Row 11:** p 3, C4B, p 2, (C2B, C2F) three times, p 2, C4F, p 3.**Row 12:** k 3, p 4, k 2, p 12, k 2, p 4, k 3**Row 13:** p 3, k 4, p 2, (C2F, C2B) three times, p 2, k 4, p 3.**Row 14:** k 3, p 4, k 2, p 12, k 2, p 4, k 3**Rows 15-26:** repeat rows 3-14 once**Row 27:** p 3, k 4, p 2, (C2B, C2F) three times, p 2, k 4, p 3.**Row 28:** k 3, p 4, k 2, p 12, k 2, p 4, k 3**Row 29:** p 3, C4B, p 2, (C2F, C2B) three times, p 2, C4F, p 3.**Row 30:** k**Row 31:** p

Cast off.

Back (make 1)

Cast on 25 sts.

Row 1: p**Row 2:** k**Rows 3-24:** repeat rows 1 and 2 eleven times**Row 25:** p

Cast off

To finish

Dress [block] knitted pieces to make sure they are square. With right sides together (front and matching back), sew around edges of the work, leaving a small gap open for stuffing. Turn the work right side out and stuff ornament/cushion lightly. Sew up remaining gap and fasten off.

To make a hanging loop take 3 strands of yarn (these may be plaited if desired) and thread all 3 strands through a large eyed sewing needle, pull strands through one corner of the decoration. Tie a knot and trim ends.



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