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# *Vintage*-style cushion

## SIZE

To fit a bolster cushion pad approx.  
20cm x 50cm

## MATERIALS

Rowan 4 ply cotton – 2 x 50g balls  
in Opaque 112 (A), 1 x 50g ball  
in Bleached 113 (B) and 2 x 50g  
balls in each of Fresh 131 (C) and  
Ripple 121 (D).

Pair 3mm knitting needles.

5m of narrow satin ribbon.

Selection of small pearl buttons  
and beads.

20 x 50cm bolster cushion pad or  
60cm of 112cm wide cotton fabric,  
sewing thread and toy stuffing.

Contact Rowan on 01484 681 881  
for yarn stockist details.

## TENSION

28 sts and 38 rows to 10cm over st-st  
on 3mm needles.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**alt** alternate **cont** continue **fol(s)**  
follow(s)ing **k** knit **p** purl **patt**  
pattern **RS** right side **skpo** sl1, k1,  
pass slipped st over **sk2togpo** sl1,  
k2tog, pass slipped st over **sl** slip **st(s)**  
stitch(es) **st-st** stocking stitch **tog**  
together **WS** wrong side **yf** yarn forward  
**yfrn** yarn forward then round needle

## NOTE

Work all directions in square brackets  
the number of times stated.

## MAIN SECTION

With 3mm needles, cast on as folls: 6  
sts in B, 23 sts in C, 5 sts in B, 44 sts  
in D, 5 sts in B, 23 sts in C and 6 sts  
in B. 112 sts. Twisting yarns at colour  
change to avoid unwanted holes, cont  
in patt as folls: **1st row** (RS) With B  
K1, \* with B k2tog, yf, k1, yf, skpo,  
with C k3, k2tog, yf, k1, yf, skpo, k3,  
yf, skpo, k2, k2tog, yf, k1, yf, skpo, k3,  
with B k2tog, yf, k1, yf, skpo \*, with D  
k44; rep from \* to \* once more, with B  
k1. **2nd and every foll alt row** (WS)  
With B p6, with C p23, with B p5, with

D p44, with B p5, with C p23, with B  
p6. **3rd row** With B k1, \* with B k2tog,  
yf, k1, yf, skpo, with C k3, [k2tog, yf,  
k1, yf, skpo, k1] 3 times, k2, with B  
k2tog, yf, k1, yf, skpo \*, with D k44;  
rep from \* to \* once more, with B k1.  
**5th row** With B k1, \* with B k2tog, yf,  
k1, yf, skpo, with C k3, k2tog, yf, k1,  
yf, skpo, k2tog, yf, k3, yf, skpo, k2tog,  
yf, k1, yf, skpo, k3, with B k2tog, yf,  
k1, yf, skpo \*, with D k44; rep from \*  
to \* once more, with B k1. **6th row**  
As 2nd row. These 6 rows form the  
patt. Cont in patt until main section  
measures 63cm, ending with a 6th  
patt row. Cast off.

## ENDS (make 2)

With 3mm needles and A, cast on  
25 sts. **1st row** (RS) Sl 1, k19, yfrn,  
p2tog, k1, yf, k2. 26 sts. **2nd row** K4,  
yfrn, p2tog, k18, turn. **3rd row** Sl 1,  
k17, yfrn, p2tog, k2, yf, k2. **4th row**  
K5, yfrn, p2tog, k16, turn. **5th row**  
Sl 1, k15, yfrn, p2tog, k3, yf, k2. **6th**  
**row** K6, yfrn, p2tog, k14, turn. **7th**  
**row** Sl 1, k13, yfrn, p2tog, k2tog, [yf]  
twice, k2, yf, k2. **8th row** K5, [k1,  
p1] into double yf of previous row, k1,  
yfrn, p2tog, k12, turn. **9th row** Sl 1,  
k11, yfrn, p2tog, k8. **10th row** Cast  
off 5 sts, k until there are 3 sts on right  
needle, yfrn, p2tog, k10, turn. **11th**  
**row** Sl 1, k9, yfrn, p2tog, k1, yf, k2.  
**12th row** K4, yfrn, p2tog, k8, turn.  
**13th row** Sl 1, k7, yfrn, p2tog, k2, yf,  
k2. **14th row** K5, yfrn, p2tog, k6, turn.  
**15th row** Sl 1, k5, yfrn, p2tog, k3, yf,  
k2. **16th row** k6, yfrn, p2tog, k4, turn.  
**17th row** Sl 1, k3, yfrn, p2tog, k2tog,  
[yf] twice, k2, yf, k2. **18th row** K5, [k1,  
p1] into double yf of previous row, k1,  
yfrn, p2tog, k2, turn. **19th row** Sl 1,  
k1, yfrn, p2tog, k8. **20th row** Cast off  
5 sts, k until there are 3 sts on right  
needle, yfrn, p2tog, k2, [yfrn, k2tog]  
8 times, k2. Rep the last 20 rows 15  
times more. Cast off.

## LARGE PETALS (make 5)

With 3mm needles and D, cast on 3  
sts. **1st row** (RS) K1, [yf, k1] twice. 5

sts. **2nd and every foll alt row** (WS)  
Purl. **3rd row** K2, yf, k1, yf, k2. 7 sts.  
**5th row** K3, yf, k1, yf, k3. 9 sts. **7th**  
**row** K4, yf, k1, yf, k4. 11 sts. **9th row**  
Skpo, k3, yf, k1, yf, k3, k2tog. **11th**  
**row** As 9th row. **13th row** Skpo, k2,  
sk2togpo, k2, k2tog. 7 sts. **15th row**  
Skpo, sk2togpo, k2tog. 3 sts. **17th**  
**row** Sk2togpo and fasten off.

## SMALL PETALS (make 5)

With 3mm needles and A, cast on 3  
sts. **1st row** (RS) K1, [yf, k1] twice. 5  
sts. **2nd and every foll alt row** (WS)  
Purl. **3rd row** K2, yf, k1, yf, k2. 7 sts.  
**5th row** K3, yf, k1, yf, k3. 9 sts. **7th**  
**row** K3, sk2togpo, k3. 7 sts. **9th row**  
Skpo, sk2togpo, k2tog. 3 sts. **11th**  
**row** Sk2togpo and fasten off.

## TO MAKE UP

Join cast on and cast off edges of main  
section. Sew one end piece to row-end  
edge of main section along “bar” inside  
the two concentric rings of eyelet holes  
just inside chevron edging of ends. In  
the same way, attach other end piece  
to other end of main section, inserting  
cushion pad before closing seam. Using  
photo as a guide, attach large and  
small petals to main section to form  
a flower shape. Thread ribbon through  
eyelet holes of stripes in C as in photo,  
crossing ribbon every 14 rows. Attach  
buttons and beads to centre of stripes  
in B, and to petals and to centre of  
flower shape to form flower centre.

## TO MAKE BOLSTER CUSHION PAD

If you prefer to make a bolster cushion  
pad, cut two 23cm diameter circles of  
fabric and a 53 x 66cm rectangle of  
fabric. Taking 1.5cm seams, join the  
two shorter edges of the rectangle to  
form a tube, leaving an opening. Now  
sew the two fabric circles to the ends  
of the tube, then turn cover right side  
out. Insert toy filling so the pad is firmly  
filled and close opening.

