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### MATERIALS

**Scheepjes Downtown** (75% Extra Fine Merino Wool, 25% Nylon; 50g/200m)

**Yarn A** 403 Leafy Suburb x 1 ball

**Yarn B** 410 River Walk x 1 ball

**Yarn C** 412 Museum Square x 1 ball

**Yarn D** 408 Financial District x 1 ball

**Scheepjes Metropolis** (75% Extra Fine Merino Wool, 25% Nylon; 50g/200m)

**Yarn E** 019 Marseille x 1 ball

**Yarn F** 047 Dubai x 1 ball

OR

Use the different varieties of **Scheepjes**

**Arcadia** for a totally different look. No need to change needle size.

addiCrazyTrio short 2.5mm

addiCrazySnake 2.5mm dpns for Tail

2 x ø 12mm black buttons for each fish

Polyester stuffing

### GAUGE/TENSION

36 sts and 46 rows to measure 10 x 10cm over st st in the round using 2.5mm needles.

### MEASUREMENTS

Approx. 31.5cm (12½in) long, finished and stuffed

### ABBREVIATIONS

[ ] number of sts on a given round/row

**beg** begin(ning)

**dec** decrease

**inc** increase

**k** knit

**k2tog** knit 2 sts tog to dec by 1 st: insert needle kwise into first 2 sts and knit them tog  
**kfb** knit front and back to inc by 1 st: insert needle kwise into next st; knit as normal but don't slip st from needle, instead bring needle around to back and knit through back lp of same st

**kwise** knitwise

**M1L** make 1 left (left leaning inc): to inc by 1 st by picking up horizontal bar bet the 2 sts, bringing needle from front to back, then knit into back of this st

**M1R** make 1 right (right leaning inc): with left needle, pick up bar bet the 2 sts, bringing needle from back to front, then knit into front of this st

**p** purl

**p2tog** purl 2 sts tog to dec by 1 st: insert needle pwise into first 2 sts and purl them tog (right leaning dec)

**pat(s)** pattern(s)

**pwise** purlwise

**rep(s)** repeat(s)

**RS** right side

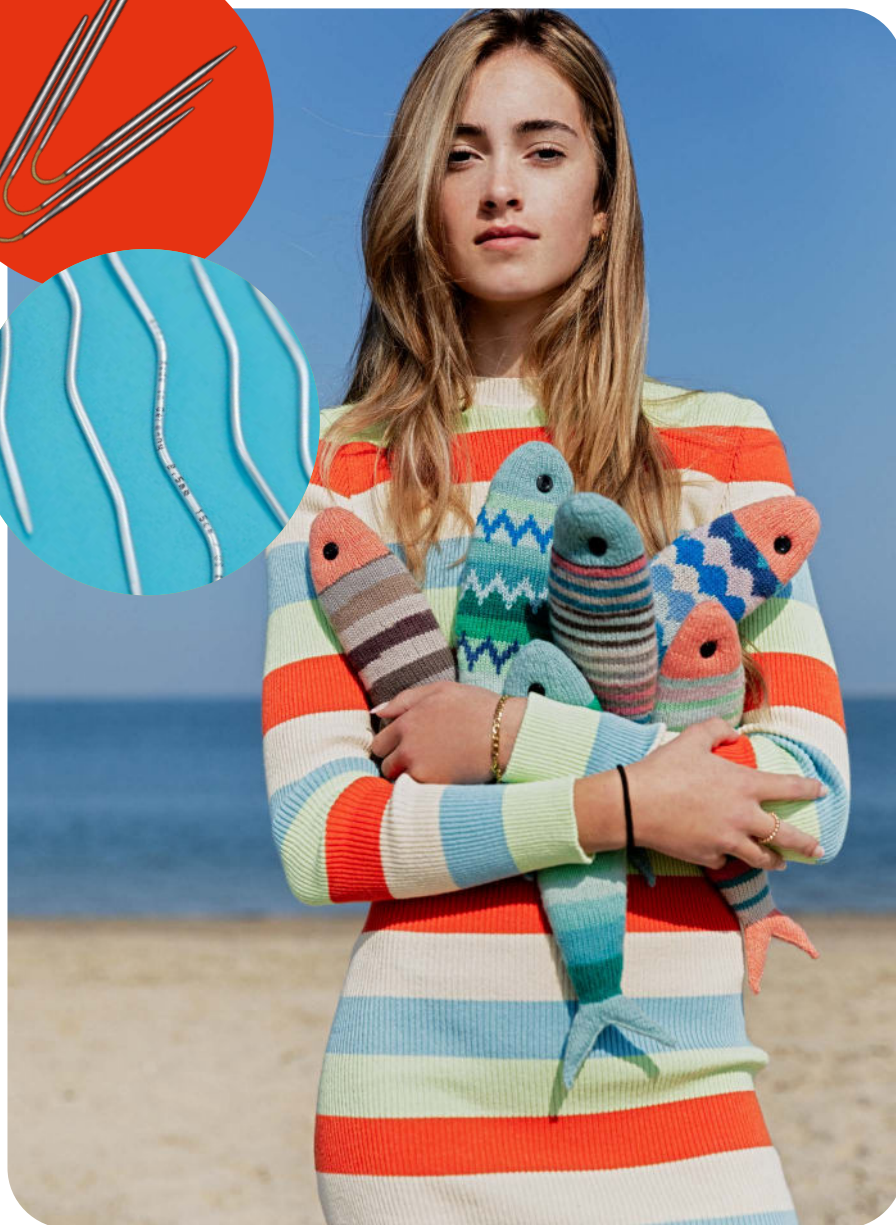
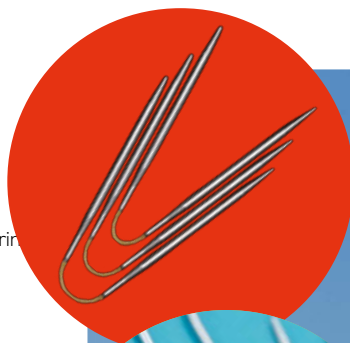
**st(s)** stitch(es)

**st st** stocking stitch: knit every round when working in the round

**tbl** through back loop(s)

**tog** together

**WS** wrong side



(.....) **once/twice/3 times** work instructions between brackets the total number of times stated

**\*.....; rep from \* once more/twice more/3 times/to the end** work instructions after \* and then repeat that section as specified

### PATTERN NOTES

Fish are knitted in the round using magic loop method. If choosing to work with different needles, tension may vary and Fish may differ in size.

Start at Tail end of Body and knit in one piece to tip of Head. For Tail, sts are picked up at Tail end of Body (from cast-on sts).

Colours and stripe thicknesses may vary, depending on starting point on self-striping yarn. If desired, force colour change by cutting yarn and rejoining at start of next colour on ball. For Colourwork Fish, keep yarn floats quite loose so fabric can stretch slightly when stuffed. If tension is very tight in two-colour rows, switch to larger needle to maintain tension if preferred.

When working two-colour rows, twist yarns at end of each needle.

Each Fish uses approx. 20g of yarn and 15g of polyester stuffing.

When stuffing, keep shape flat rather than rounded. Use same amount of stuffing for each Fish.

### INSTRUCTIONS

#### FISH 1: SIMPLE STRIPES

##### Body

With Yarn A or Yarn D, cast on 22 sts over one needle tip.

**Row 1 (RS)** K across all sts.

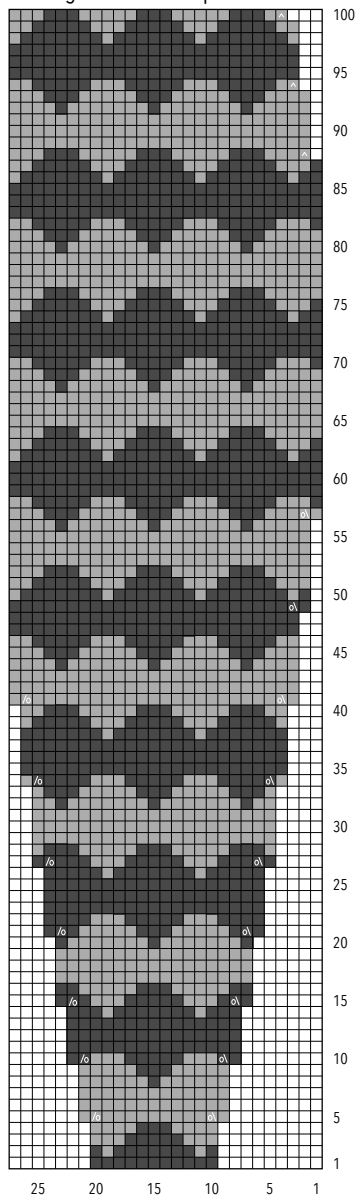
To use magic loop method, split sts evenly over 2 needle tips (11 sts on each needle tip) and work in the round. Working yarn should be located at first st on back needle. The RS of work faces outwards.

**Rounds 2-4** K 3 rounds.

**Round 5 (inc round)** Needle 1: \*k1, M1L, k to last st on needle, M1R, k1\*; Needle 2: rep from \* to \*. [26 sts; 13 sts on each needle tip]

**Rounds 6-9** K 4 rounds straight.

Knitting Chart 1: Scallops Colourwork



**Round 10 (inc round)** Rep Round 5. [30 sts; 15 sts on each needle tip]

**Rounds 11-15** Rep Rounds 6-10. [34 sts; 17 sts on each needle tip]

**Rounds 16-20** K 5 rounds straight.

**Round 21 (inc round)** Rep Round 5. [38 sts; 19 sts on each needle tip]

**Rounds 22-27** Rep Rounds 16-21. [42 sts; 21 sts on each needle tip]

**Rounds 28-33** K 6 rounds straight.

**Round 34 (inc round)** Rep Round 5. [46 sts; 23 sts on each needle tip]

**Rounds 35-41** Rep Rounds 28-34. [50 sts; 25 sts on each needle tip]

**Rounds 42-48** K 7 rounds straight.

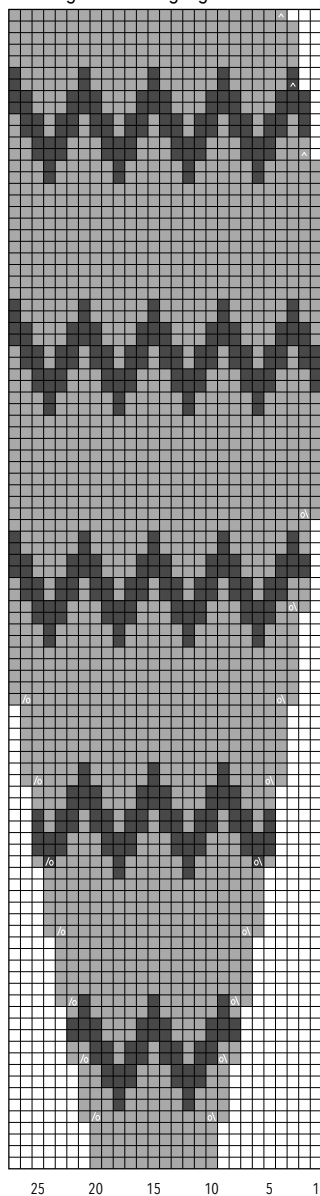
**Round 49 (inc round)** Needle 1: k1, M1L, k to end of needle; Needle 2: k to last st, M1R, k1. [52 sts; 26 sts on each needle tip]

**Rounds 50-57** Rep Rounds 42-49. [54 sts; 27 sts on each needle tip]

**Rounds 58-87** K 30 rounds straight.

**Round 88 (dec round)** Needle 1: k2tog tbl, k to end of needle; Needle 2: k to last 2 sts, k2tog.

Knitting Chart 2: Zigzag Colourwork



[52 sts; 26 sts on each needle tip]

**Rounds 89-93** K 5 rounds straight.

**Rounds 94-99** Rep Rounds 88-93. [50 sts; 25 sts on each needle tip]

**Round 100 (dec round)** Rep Round 88. [48 sts; 24 sts on each needle tip]

Start to stuff Body as per Pattern Notes. Do not over-stretch fabric.

Change to Yarn E or Yarn F for Head.

#### Head

**Round 101** K 1 round.

**Round 102 (dec round)** (K2tog, k6) 6 times. [42 sts]

**Rounds 103-108** K 6 rounds.

**Round 109 (dec round)** (K2tog, k5) 6 times. [36 sts]

**Rounds 110-114** K 5 rounds.

Add more stuffing to top of Body and Head, cont to stuff as you go, maintaining flat shape.

**Round 115 (dec round)** (K2tog, k4) 6 times. [30 sts]

**Rounds 116-119** K 4 rounds.

**Round 120 (dec round)** (K2tog, k3) 6 times. [24

sts]

**Rounds 121-123** K 3 rounds.

**Round 124 (dec round)** (K2tog, k2) 6 times. [18 sts]

**Rounds 125-126** K 2 rounds.

Finish stuffing Head.

**Round 127 (dec round)** (K2tog) 9 times. [9 sts]

Cut yarn leaving long tail and thread onto tapestry needle. Weave through rem 9 sts and take them off needle tips as you weave yarn through. Pull gently to close gap, secure with a few sts, weave yarn tail into Head.

#### Tail

Using Yarn E and starting at one side of Tail end of Body, pick up and k 10 sts along each side of cast-on edge using 4 dpns, placing 5 sts onto each needle tip. [20 sts]

Work in the round.

**Round 1 (inc round)** (RS) (Kfb, k8, kfb) twice. [24 sts; 6 sts on each dpn]

**Round 2** K all sts.

**Round 3 (inc round)** (Kfb, k10, kfb) twice. [28 sts; 7 sts on each dpn]

**Round 4** K all sts.

**Round 5 (inc round)** (Kfb, k12, kfb) twice. [32 sts; 8 sts on each dpn]

**Round 6** K all sts.

**Round 7 (inc round)** (Kfb, k6, M1R, k2, M1L, k6, kfb) twice. [40 sts; 10 sts on each dpn]

Divide for each Half of Tail

**Next round** Dpn 1: kfb, k to last 2 sts, k2tog, turn and sk dpns 2 and 3; dpn 4: k2tog tbl, k to last st, kfb. [20 sts for First Half with 10 sts on each dpn]

Cont on dpn 1 and dpn 4 only for First Half of Tail.

#### First Half of Tail

**Round 1 (dec round)** Dpn 1: k to last 2 sts, k2tog; dpn 4: k2tog tbl, k to end. [18 sts; 9 sts on each dpn]

**Round 2** Dpn 1: kfb, k to last 2 sts, k2tog; dpn 4: k2tog tbl, k to last st, kfb.

Rep Rounds 1-2 a further 6 times. [6 sts; 3 sts on each dpn]

**Next round (dec round)** Dpn 1: k1, k2tog; dpn 4: k2tog tbl, k1. [2 sts; 2 sts on each dpn]

Cut yarn and weave through rem sts with wool needle. Pull tight and fasten off. Weave end into Tail. Push small amount of stuffing into First Half of Tail and neck of Tail.

#### Second Half of Tail

Starting at outside edge of dpn 3, rejoin Yarn E and rep as for First Half of Tail, adding small amount of stuffing as you go. If needed, stitch any small gaps at centre of Tail when weaving in ends.

#### TO FINISH

Stitch on two buttons for eyes (one to each side of Head).

#### FISH 2: TWO-COLOUR FISH (3/3 ROUND STRIPES)

Use Yarns C and D for stripes, and Yarn E for Head and Tail as follows:

With Yarn C, cast on and work as for Fish 1, working 3 rounds in each of Yarn C and Yarn D

until 99 rounds of Body have been worked, then work 1 round in Yarn D to complete Body. Carry yarns not in use along inside of work and twist yarns loosely before each colour change. Change to Yarn E and work Head, then Tail as for Fish 1.

### **FISH 3: TWO-COLOUR FISH (6/3 ROUND STRIPES)**

Use Yarns C and A for stripes, and Yarn F for Head and Tail as follows:

With Yarn C, cast on and work as for Fish 1, working six rounds in

Yarn C and three rounds in Yarn A until 99

rounds of Body have been worked, then work one round in Yarn C to complete Body. Carry yarns not in use along inside of work and twist yarns loosely after every third round and before each colour change.

Change to Yarn F and work Head, then Tail as for Fish 1.

### **FISH 4: SCALLOPS COLOURWORK**

*Note: when using magic loop method, read each row of chart from right to left for needle 1 (first half of sts) and read same row from left to right for needle 2 (second half of sts).*

*If desired, force a colour change for each scallop section by cutting yarn and re-joining at start of next colour from ball.*

Use Yarns B and C for colourwork, and Yarn F for Head and Tail as follows:

With Yarn B, cast on and work as for Fish 1, following Knitting Chart 1: Scallops Colourwork for colourwork, until 100 rounds of Body have been worked. Cut yarn not in use after each section of colourwork. Strand yarns across back of work loosely so that fabric will still stretch when stuffed.

Change to Yarn F and work Head, then Tail as for Fish 1.

### **FISH 5: ZIGZAG COLOURWORK**

Use Yarn A for main colour, Yarn B for zigzag colourwork rounds and Yarn E for Head and Tail as follows:

With Yarn A, cast on and work as for Fish 1, following Knitting Chart 2: Zigzag Colourwork for colourwork patt, joining in Yarn B for colourwork rounds, until 100 rounds of Body have been worked. Cut Yarn B after each section of colourwork. Strand yarns across back of work loosely so that fabric will still stretch when stuffed.

*Note: when reading charts, read each chart row from right to left for needle 1 and read same row from left to right for needle 2.*

*Change to Yarn E and work Head, then Tail as for Fish 1*