

Outcasts Banner

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With several eagerly anticipated knitting-in-public appearances scheduled for Autumn 2009, a *knitted* sign for our Outcasts group was inevitable. Here is our very quick and easy solution for knitted bunting with a chart overleaf for you to use as a canvas for your own lettering or motifs. Each bunting flag on our sign was charted and knitted individually, and then sewn onto i-cord made to the required length. Each bunting flag measures approximately 25(w) x 30(h) cm.

WHAT TO USE

DK weight yarn • Knitting needles – size 3.5–4mm • 2 double-ended knitting needles for i-cord • Sewing needle and scraps of yarn

WHAT TO DO

Cast on 54 stitches.

Make a blank or patterned bunting flag (following your charted design) as follows:

Row 1 (and every knit row) – K to end.

Row 2 (and every purl row) – K2, P to last 2 stitches, K2.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until 56 rows have been worked.

Start decreasing one stitch at either edge (i.e. 2 stitches on every row) as follows:

Row 57 (and every knit row) – K2, ssk, knit to last 4 stitches, K2tog, K2.

Row 58 (and every purl row) – K2, p2tog, purl to last 4 stitches, P2tog tbl, k2.

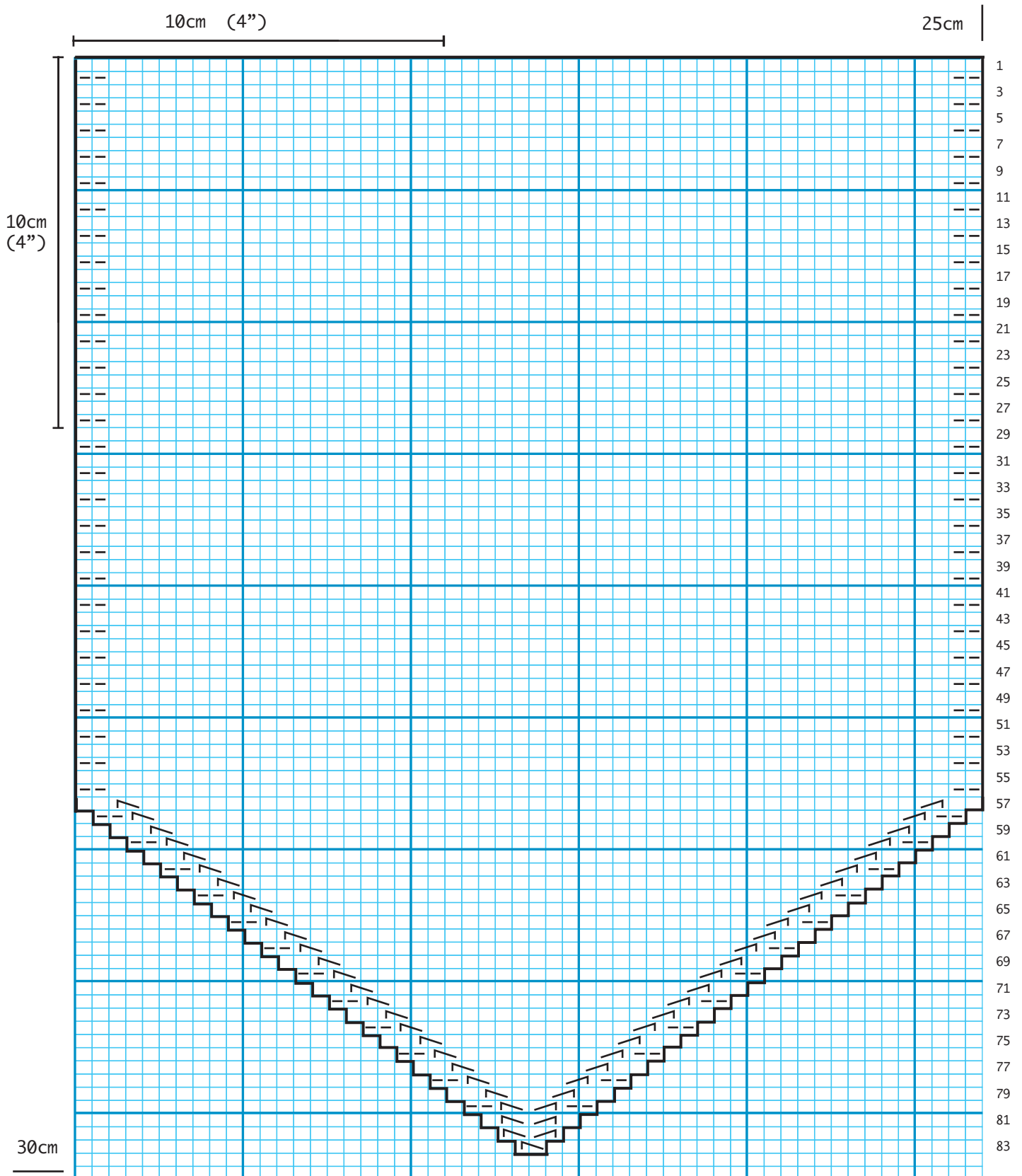
When only 2 stitches remain, K2tog and bind off by pulling the yarn through the remaining stitch. Finish flags by weaving in any ends and lightly blocking to shape.

To make i-cord, cast on 6 stitches using double-ended needles. Knit the first row and without turning your work slide the stitches to the other end of the needle and knit the second row. Repeat knitting in this way until the i-cord is the required length.

Complete by sewing the flags on to the i-cord and brandish in public!

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Gauge 22st and 28 rows using DK on 3.5-4mm

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- Knit on WS (i.e. purl rows) to make garter edge
- ↗ ssk on RS (i.e. knit rows) AND p2tog on WS (i.e. purl rows)
- ↘ K2tog AND p2tog tbl on WS (i.e. purl rows)

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