

# YARNSMITHS

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I'm Shelley Worth, the designer and founder of Brambles & Hart, a modern crochet brand based on the North East coast of Scotland. My beginner-friendly patterns combine contemporary design with natural inspiration and are designed for the whole family; from cosy makes for little ones to timeless pieces for adults and matching beanies for all. I aim to encourage makers to slow down, create with confidence and find joy in every stitch!



## The Astra Sweater

### MATERIALS AND MEASUREMENTS

	0-3m	3-6m	6-12m	1-2yrs	2-3yrs	
To Fit Chest (Circumference)	41	43	46	52	54	cm
	16.25	17	18	20.5	21.25	ins
Finished Chest (A)	24	25	27.5	30	32	cm
	9.5	9.75	10.75	11.75	12.5	ins
Length (B)	23	25	29	33	37	cm
	9	10	11.5	13	14.5	ins
Sleeve (C)	16.5	17.5	20	23	26	cm
	6.5	7	8	9	10.25	ins
<b>Yarnsmiths SnuggleSoft DK</b>						
Main Colour	2	2	2	3	3	50g Balls
Contrast Colour 1 (Ribbing and stars)	1	1	1	2	2	50g Balls
Total	3	3	3	5	5	50g Balls

3.5mm and 4mm Crochet hook  
Tapestry needle  
Scissors  
Measuring tape  
Stitch markers

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### ABBREVIATIONS (UK)

**Ch** - chain  
**St** - stitch/es  
**Sl st** - slip stitch  
**DC** - double crochet  
**HTR** - half treble crochet  
**TR** - Treble crochet  
**HTR2TOG** - half treble crochet 2 together (decrease)  
**V-St** - (HTR, ch2, HTR) in one stitch  
**BLO** - Back loop only  
**FO** - fasten off  
**RS** - right side  
**WS** - wrong side

### GAUGE

17 HTR x 15 rows = 10 x 10cm  
(4" by 4")  
Gauge swatch using a 4mm crochet hook: Ch 24

### Row 1 -

HTR in 2nd ch from hook and in each stitch across. Ch1 and turn. (23 sts)

### Row 2 -

HTR in each stitch across. Ch1 and turn. (23 sts)

### Rows 3 to 18 -

Repeat row 2  
Measure the inside stitches/rows to check your gauge

### PATTERN NOTES

Chain 3 at the start of the yoke rounds counts as a TR plus 1 chain. (If you find this too tight then chain 4 at the beginning of the round).

Chain 1 at the start of a main body round DOES NOT count as a stitch. Whilst you will work into chain 1 spaces they **do not** count towards the total stitch counts at the end of a yoke round.

The stitch counts for each size will be given as follows: **0-3m, 3-6m, 6-12m, 1-2y, 2-3y**. If separate instructions are required for a specific size this will be made clear.

### IMPORTANT

Use only the Yarnsmiths yarn specified. We cannot accept responsibility for an imperfect item if any other brand is used. The quantities of yarn stated are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. Please note that the limitations of the printing process mean the actual colour will not always precisely match the colours shown in the photograph.

The Astra Sweater is designed to have a relaxed fit and sit just below the hips.

The length of the jumper is easily adjustable, simply add more/less rounds to the main body before working the bottom ribbing. Whilst the pattern design has the star appliques added to both the front and back of the sweater you can customise this to best suit your own style

## MEASUREMENTS

All measurements are given in cms. Finished Chest (A) is measured from underarm to underarm with garment laid flat.

Length (B) is measured from neck-line to bottom of jumper.

Sleeves (C) are measured from underarm to the end of the cuff.

The Astra Sweater is designed with a positive ease of 8-12cm

## SIZING NOTES

The measurements for this pattern are based on the standard sizing guidelines provided by the Craft Yarn Council however, we acknowledge that no two children are the same and that you may wish to make adjustments to the pattern to best fit the individual wearer.

The length of the jumper is easily adjustable so you can make it as short or as long as you require. If your child has longer arms then you can add on extra rounds to the sleeve before completing the cuff. Should you wish to make a mid-size such as 5-6years then we suggest making the size above with a slightly shorter length and to shorten the sleeves by 2/3 rounds before adding your chosen cuff style.

Our overall recommendation would always be that making the size up is the best choice as it ensures more wear out of your garment.

## THE ASTRA SWEATER

### Neckband

Using a 4mm crochet hook and your contrast colour.

Ch 6 (6, 7, 7, 8)

#### Row 1-

DC into the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. Ch1 and turn 5 (5, 6, 6, 7 sts)

#### Row 2-

DCBLO into each st across, ch1 and turn. 5 (5, 6, 6, 7 sts)

#### Row 3-

DCBLO into each st across. Ch1 and turn. 5 (5, 6, 6, 7 sts)

#### Row 4 onwards:

Repeat row 3 until you have a total of 62 (62, 64, 68, 70) rows.

Join your last row to the starting chain by working a sl st through the BLO of the last row and the corresponding chain stitch. Ch 1 and turn your work so that you can work along the long edge of your ribbing.

We will now be working in the round.

### Foundation Round -

HTR around into the end of each row, sl st to the first HTR to join. Do not turn.

62 (62, 64, 68, 70 sts)

Fasten off and attach your main colour.

### Yoke

Using a 4mm hook (or size needed to meet gauge).

**Round 1** - This is the only TR round.

Ch3 and TR into the same stitch (This creates our first V-St, you may wish to mark this with a stitch marker).

TR into the next 9 (9, 9, 11, 11 sts), V-St (TR, ch1, TR) into the next st. Work 20 (20, 21, 21, 22) TR, V-St in next st.

Work 9, (9, 9, 11, 11) TR, V-St in next stitch.

Work 20 (20, 21, 21, 22) TR.

Sl St into the chain space of your first V-St to join.

Turn. (62, 62, 64, 68, 70 sts)

### Round 2 -

Ch 3 and HTR into the same ch-space, HTR into the next 22 (22, 23, 23, 24 sts) (this is up to, and including, the first TR of the V-St from the previous row)

Note: the first stitch in which you need to work a HTR may end up slightly obscured by your V-St, push that to the side slightly so that you can work into the top of the ch3 from the previous V-St.

V-St (HTR, ch1, HTR) into the ch-space. 11 (11, 11, 13, 13)

HTR, V-St. 22 (22, 23, 23, 24) HTR, V-St 11 (11, 11, 13, 13)

Sl St into the ch-space of the starting V-St to join.

Turn. (70, 70, 72, 76, 78 sts)

### Round 3 -

Ch3 and HTR into the same ch-space. HTR into each st across until you reach the next ch-space, V-St (HTR, ch1, HTR) into the ch-space.

Repeat this around until you reach the beginning V-St. Sl St into the ch-space to join.

Turn. (78, 78, 82, 84, 86 sts)

### Round 4 onwards -

Repeat round 3 until you have a total of 9, (10, 12, 14, 15) rounds.

## MAIN BODY

Continue using your 4mm hook and main colour.

### Creating the armholes:

This will differ slightly depending on whether or not you ended on an odd or even numbered row.

Be sure to ch1 and turn after your final yoke round.

### Sizes 0-3m and 2-3yrs -

HTR into the starting ch-space and into each st along until you reach the next ch-space. Work 1 HTR into that ch-space and 1 HTR into the following ch-space, skipping all of the HTRs in between (first armhole created).

HTR into each st along until you reach the next ch-space. Work 1 HTR into the ch-space and then Sl St to the first HTR (in first ch-sp) to join, skipping all HTRs in between (second armhole created). Ch1 and turn. (80, 108 sts)

### **Sizes 3-6m, 6-12m and 1-2yrs:**

Work 1 HTR into the starting ch-space then work 1 HTR into the next ch-space skipping all of the HTRs in between (first armhole created).

HTR into each st along until you reach the next ch-space. Work 1 HTR into that ch-space and then place 1 HTR into the final ch-space, skipping all of the HTRs in between (second armhole created). HTR into each st across. Sl st to first HTR to join. Ch1 and turn. (84, 94, 102 sts)

### **Main Body Rounds**

All sizes are worked the same from this point on.

#### **Round 1 (WS) -**

HTR into each st around. Sl st to first HTR to join. Ch1 and turn. (80, 84, 94, 102, 108 sts)

Repeat row 1 until your sweater measures approximately 19, (20, 24, 29, 32) cms from the centre of the neckband to the bottom of the sweater ensuring you end after completing a WS row.

Fasten off.

### **RIBBING**

Using a 4mm hook and your contrast colour

#### **Final Round (RS) -**

HTR into each st around. Sl st to first HTR to join. Do NOT Turn. Ch 6, (6, 7, 8, 8)

Switch to a 3.5mm hook (or stay with a 4mm for looser ribbing)

#### **Row 1 -**

DC into the 2nd chain from the hook and in each chain across. Sl st into the next 2 stitches along, ch1 and turn. (5, 5, 6, 7, 7 sts)

#### **Row 2 -**

Work a DCBLO into each stitch from the previous row. Ch1 and turn. (5, 5, 6, 7, 7 sts)

#### **Row 3 -**

DCBLO into each stitch along. Sl st into the next 2 stitches along. Ch1 and turn. (5, 5, 6, 7, 7 sts)

#### **Row 4 onwards -**

Repeat rows 2 and 3 around until you reach the last stitch along the bottom of your jumper.

To join the ribbing together sl st through the starting chain of the initial row and the BLO of each st on the last row.

Fasten off and weave in your ends.

Proceed to the Sleeves.

### **PATTERN NOTES**

#### **SLEEVES**

You will join your yarn to the middle of the armhole with the RS of your jumper facing you. This means that you will be working a RS round of your sleeve first, going clockwise around the armhole that you created. Ch1 DOES NOT count as a stitch. You do not work into the chain space. HOWEVER If you find you're getting a gap when skipping it then you can HTR2TOG into the space and the first normally presenting HTR to help close that up.

Decrease rounds consist of one HTR2TOG across the first or last 2 sts of the round, this alternates.

Decreases are always **even** number rounds starting with round 2.

You can omit the decreases if you would like a looser fit for your sleeve.

The cuffs on the baby sizes are intended to be a looser fit to help with ease of dressing.

To increase or decrease the length of the sleeve simply work more or less rounds of HTR before continuing to the cuff.

### **SLEEVES**

Using a 4mm hook and main colour, attach your yarn to the middle stitch at the bottom of the arm hole and ch1.

Follow for both sleeves.

#### **Round 1 (RS) -**

Evenly work 27, (29, 33, 39, 41) HTRs around the armhole opening. Sl st to join, ch1 and turn. (27, 29, 33, 39, 41 sts).

#### **Round 2 (WS) -**

HTR2TOG across the first 2 stitches, HTR in each stitch around. Sl st to join, ch1 and turn. (26, 28, 32, 38, 40 sts).

#### **Round 3 -**

HTR into each stitch around. Sl st to join, ch1 and turn. (26, 28, 32, 38, 40 sts)

#### **Round 4 -**

HTR in each st around until 2 sts remain, HTR2TOG across the last 2 sts. Sl st to join, ch1 and turn. (25, 27, 31, 37, 39 sts)

#### **Round 5 -**

HTR into each stitch around. Sl st to join, ch1 and turn. (25, 27, 31, 37, 39 sts)

### **Sizes 0-3m and 3-6m**

stop decreasing here and skip to 'round 10' instructions

### **All other sizes:**

#### **Rounds 6 to 9 -**

Repeat rounds 2 to 5 (-, -, 29, 35, 37 sts)

#### **Round 10 -**

HTR in each stitch around. Sl st to join, ch1 and turn. (25, 27, 29, 35, 37 sts)

Repeat round 10 until the sleeve measures 13.5, (14, 16, 18, 21) cm from the underarm. This should be approximately 17, (18, 20, 22, 24) rounds altogether.

Fasten off C1.

Continue to cuffs

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## CUFFS

Attach your contrast colour ready for a RS round, this means that you may need to turn your work if you ended on an even number round previously.

## Final Sleeve Round:

Ch1, HTR in each st around. Sl St to join, do not turn.

(25, 27, 29, 35, 37 sts)

Switch to a 3.5mm hook for all sizes except 0-6m and 6-12m.

## DCBLO Ribbing

Ch 6, (7, 7, 8, 8)

### Row 1 -

DC into the 2nd chain from the hook and in each chain across. Sl st into the next 2 stitches along, ch1 and turn. (5, 6, 6, 7, 7 sts)

### Row 2 -

Work a DCBLO into each stitch from the previous row. Ch1 and turn. (5, 6, 6, 7, 7 sts)

### Row 3 -

DCBLO into each stitch along. Sl st into the next 2 stitches along. Ch1 and turn.

(5, 6, 6, 7, 7 sts)

### Row 4 onwards -

Repeat rows 2 and 3 around until you reach the last stitch along the sleeve.

To join the first row to the last, sl st through the chain from the first row and the BLO of the corresponding stitch of the last row.

Fasten off and weave in all of your ends.

Continue to Star Appliques.

## STAR APPLIQUES

The amount of stars that you make for your sweater will largely be down to personal preference of how many you would like and whether or not you would like them on both the front and back of the sweater.

## Small Star

Using a 3.5mm hook and your contrast colour .

Into a MR work 10 HTR. Sl st to join.

\*Ch 3, DC in 2nd chain from the hook. HTR into next ch. Skip a st and sl st to next st along\*.

Repeat from \* to \* four more times to complete the star.

Fasten off.

## Large Star

Using a 3.5mm hook and your contrast colour

Into a MR work 10 HTR. Sl st to join.

\*Ch 4, DC in 2nd chain from the hook. HTR into next ch, TR into final ch. Skip one st and sl st to next st along\*. Repeat from \* to \* four more times to complete the star.

Fasten off.

Leave a long tail if you plan to sew your appliques on, weave in your starting tail.

## Attaching Your Stars

You can opt to either sew your appliques onto your sweater or use a hot glue gun. The glue gun is my preferred method but it's not for everyone. Once you attach with hot glue you cannot rearrange your stars!

Play around with your appliques, laying them out on your sweater to get an idea for where you would like them to go. If you're having them across both the front and back of the sweater then you want them to flow from the centre of the back, over the shoulder/sleeve and across the front.

remember roughly where to place them!

Once you are happy with your placement you can either glue your stars on (place a piece of scrap paper inside your sweater to prevent any glue transfer) or sew them on using the long tail.

## Congratulations, you have completed your Astra Sweater!



**Tip -** Take a photo so that you

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# QUICK REFERENCE TABLE

You can refer to the tables below for the total stitch count for each row of the yoke per size. Simply follow along with your size until the squares are greyed out. This indicates that your yoke is complete and you can move on to creating the armholes and the main body.

	Foundation Rnd	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4	Rnd 5	Rnd 6	Rnd 7	Rnd 8	Rnd 9	Rnd 10	Rnd 11	Rnd 12	Rnd 13	Rnd 14	Rnd 15
0-3 months	62	66	74	82	90	98	106	114	122	130						
3-6 months	62	66	74	82	90	98	106	114	122	130	138					
6-12 months	64	68	76	84	92	100	108	116	124	132	140	148	156			
1-2 years	68	72	80	88	96	104	112	120	128	136	144	152	160	168	176	
2-3 years	70	74	82	90	98	106	114	122	130	138	146	154	162	170	178	186