

Yarnstorming is knitting as street art and to celebrate the Arts Festival's 18th birthday (24 June to 10 July) we want to festoon Hebden Bridge with colourful knitted cakes, buns, bunting and paper chains! Knitters and crocheters of all ages and experience are encouraged to get involved - you just need a sense of fun and a bit of imagination! Spread the word and lets yarnstorm HX7!

## Patterns for Knitters – One (by Helen Baron)

### Bunting Pattern

You can use any yarn weight, I suggest dk, aran or chunky with appropriate sized needles, or a bit larger, tension is not important. The yarn can be acrylic, cotton, wool, anything. Use up scraps and ball ends left over. You will be creating gorgeous colourful knitted triangles to create bunting to hang in the street.

- Cast on 30 sts
- Working in garter stitch (knit every row) knit 3 rows
- Knit 2 together at each end of next and every following 4<sup>th</sup> row until 2 sts remain
- Knit last 2 sts twice more
- Cast off
- Darn in ends

Using 3 or 4 lengths of yarn held together, or cotton tape or string, thread a large darning needle. With large running stitch, thread the triangles onto the yarn and secure at each triangle corner. If you don't fancy sewing them together just bring in the triangles on their own.



### Paper Chains Pattern

We want to create a mile of paper chain around Hebden Bridge but not in paper – in knitted chain and this is so simple to do. Again, you can use any weight of yarn, or string, or strips of plastic bags (not the biodegradable ones). Any colour, any texture. Using appropriate sized needles or a bit larger, tension is not important, these are really easy to do.

- Cast on about 60 sts (45 if you are using a super chunky, I cast on 40 for the plastic bag loop on a 10mm needle)
- Knit 5 or 6 rows
- Cast off
- Sew together using a large needle, or knit together the 2 short ends to make a loop. Don't forget to interlink the new loop through the last one created to make a chain.



If you like to use your short circular needles to make the loops don't forget to interlink the previous loop when you have cast on. Also don't worry too much about creating garter stitch just knit 6 rounds and it will curl nicely, giving a good effect.

### Fairy Cakes Pattern

These simple fairy or cup cakes are great for knitters who have knitted before but you don't have to be an expert. We want to festoon the town with delicious looking afternoon tea delights and these

delightful looking buns are a good place to start. They work best in dk, aran or chunky but you could be creative and use any yarn along with an appropriate needle size.

Cast on 6 sts in a cake coloured yarn (cream, beige, yellow, brown – for chocolate yummm)

- row 1 and 2 knit
- row 3 knit into the front and back (kfb) of each stitch (12 sts)
- row 4 knit
- row 5 (increase or kfb 1, knit 1) repeat to end (18 sts)
- row 6 knit
- row 7 (increase or kfb 1, knit 1) repeat to end (27 sts)
- row 8 knit
- row 9 (increase or kfb 1, knit 2) repeat to end (36 sts)
- row 10 knit
- rows 11-19 knit 1 purl 1 rib on each row
- row 20 knit

change to delicious icing coloured yarn (pink, yellow, stripy, brown – for chocolate yummm)

- row 21 knit
- row 22 purl
- row 23 knit
- row 24 purl
- row 25 (knit 4, knit 2 together) 6 times (30sts)
- row 26 purl
- row 27 (knit 3, knit 2 together) 6 times (24sts)
- row 28 purl
- row 29 (knit 2, knit 2 together) 6 times (18sts)
- row 30 purl
- row 31 (knit 1, knit 2 together) 6 times (12sts)
- row 32 purl
- row 33 (knit 2 together) 6 times (6sts)



- Cut yarn leaving a long end and thread through the 6 sts using a darning needle, pull tightly and fasten off.
- Sew the cake together from the top to the bottom but do not sew the underside.
- Fasten off all yarn ends and turn cake right side out.
- Stuff the cake with polyester wadding, scraps of yarn, or sawdust.
- Sew along the bottom of the cake, when you reach the cast on stitches use a straight stitch to gather up the cast on edge.
- Pull up tight and fasten off.
- Sew a pompom, button or bobble to the top of the cake in place of a cherry.

If you have a great pattern for any other teatime, treats please be our guest and knit away! Completed bunting, chains and cakes can be brought along to:

**Hebden Bridge Arts Festival Office**, New Oxford House, Albert Street, Hebden Bridge, HX7 8AH

**Ribbon Circus** haberdashery and knitting supplies, 8 Albert Street, Hebden Bridge HX7 8AH

**Word of Mouth** Crafts and Supplies Unit 4, 38 Hangingroyd Lane (entrance on Valley Rd), Hebden Bridge, HX7 7DD

Hebden Bridge Summer Yarnstorming yarn and needle guide for bunting and chains	
Dk (double knitting)	Use 4-5mm needles
Aran weight	6-7mm needles
Chunky	7-9mm needles
Super Chunky	10-12mm needles