Chunky Knits:
5 Free Chunky Knitting Patterns You Have to Try
KNITTING WITH CHUNKY YARN IS SO SATISFYING! You can have a project done in no time, so this type of knitting is great for gift knitting, baby knitting, or simply for those of us who love instant gratification!

I’ve pulled together five of my favorite chunky knitting patterns for you; I know you’ll love knitting these beautiful designs!

The **Speer Cap** by Rose Beck is a unisex hat with an interesting cable pattern that doesn’t use a cable needle! You knit two stitches together and then knit into the first stitch again, twisting the stitches on the needles. This technique makes a pretty, quick cable, especially with chunky yarn.

Cheryl Beckerich’s **Solstice Scarf** is the perfect beginning lace project. You simply cast on 34 stitches and repeat an easy chart until you have a beautiful, cozy scarf. And it takes just under 400 yards, so it’s easy on the wallet, too.

Choose a tonal or variegated yarn for Daniel Yuhas’ **Mistake Stitch Möbius** to really make this cowl a showstopper. The mistake stitch is easily memorized, and since it looks the same on both sides, this cowl is completely reversible.

The **Far Afield Vest** by Connie Chang Chinchio is a flattering tunic length, decorated with a delicate wheat-ear cable. Far Afield has an attractive shawl collar and a ribbed waist. You’ll wear this vest all the time!

Up your home décor game with Faith Schmidt’s gorgeous **Cobblestone Throw**. Choose a color that’s perfect for your home, plus a washable wool, and soon you’ll have a cozy blanket to snuggle under while you knit more stuff!

Have fun whipping up these chunky knits.

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Speer Cap
Rose Beck
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Speer Cap
Rose Beck
Intermediate Level

Quince & Co. Osprey

Size  17½ (19, 20½)” circumference; shown in 19” circumference
Yarn  Quince & Co. Osprey (100% wool; 170 yd [155 m]/100 g):
• nasturtium, 1 skein
Gauge  16 sts and 22 rnds = 4” in St st on larger needle; 20 sts and 24 rnds = 4” in patt stitch on larger needle
Tools  • Size 7 (4.5 mm): 16” circular (cir) needle
• Size 8 (5 mm): 16” cir and double-pointed needles (dpn)
• Marker (m)
• Yarn needle

Stitches
2×2 Rib: (multiple of 4 sts)
Rnd 1  *p2, k2; rep from * to last 3 sts, end p2, k1.
Rep Rnd 1 for patt.

Right Twist (RT): k2tog, but do not remove sts from left needle. Knit into first st again, then remove both sts from left needle.
Left Twist (LT): sl 2 sts, one at a time, kwise to right needle. Return both sts to left needle, keeping the stitch orientation.

Hat
With smaller cir needle, CO 88 (96, 104) sts. Place marker (pm) and join in the rnd. Work in 2×2 rib (see Stitches) for 1¼”. Change to larger cir needle. Work Rnds 1–12 of Cable chart 3 times. Shape crown, changing to dpn when necessary:
Rnd 1  *k1, p1, k2tog, ssk, p1, k1; rep from * around—66 (72, 78) sts rem.
Rnds 2 and 3  *k1, p1, k1; rep from * around.
Rnd 4  *k1, k2tog, ssk, k1; rep from * around—44 (48, 52) sts rem.
Rnds 5 and 6  Knit.
Rnd 7  *k2tog, ssk; rep from * around—22 (24, 26) sts rem.
Rnd 8  Knit.
Rnd 9  *k2tog; rep from * around—11 (12, 13) sts rem.
Rnd 10  K1 (0, 1), *k2tog; rep from * to end—6 (6, 7) sts rem.

Finishing
Break yarn. Thread tail through rem sts and cinch to close. Block as desired.
❤ **ssk**
Slip two stitches individually knitwise (1). Insert tip of left needle into front of these two slipped stitches and use right needle to knit them together through their back loops (2). (Some knitters like to slip the second stitch purlwise to make a more prominent decrease line.)

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Solstice Scarf
Cheryl Beckerich

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SOLSTICE SCARF
Cheryl Beckerich

Finished Size 72” long and 10” wide.
Yarn Cascade Yarns 128 Chunky (100% wool; 128 yd [117 m]/100 g): #9454 purple mist, 3 skeins.
Needles Size 10 (6 mm). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.
Notions Tapestry needle.
Gauge 13½ sts and 16 rows = 4” in lace chart patt.

SCARF
CO 34 sts. Knit 2 rows. Work Lace chart until piece measures 71” from CO, ending with a RS row. Knit 2 rows. BO all sts kwise on a WS row.

FINISHING
Weave in ends. Block to measurements.

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Lace
Mistake Stitch Möbius

Daniel Yuhas

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Mistake Stitch Möbius

DANIEL YUHAS

FINISHED SIZE: 10¼ (12½)” wide and 32 (42)” circumference.

YARN Blue Moon Fiber Arts Icelandic (100% Australian wool; 250 yd [229 m]/8 oz [226 g]): shaded solids tanzanite, 1 (2) skein(s).

NEEDLES Size 11 (8 mm): 16” (or longer) circular (cir). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

NOTIONS Size L/11 (8 mm) crochet hook; tapestry needle; two colors removable markers (m); spare cir needle.

GAUGE 13 sts and 16 rows = 4” in mistake rib patt, slightly stretched.

NOTE 1The Mistake Rib looks the same on both sides, so has no right-side or wrong-side. Use a different color marker to mark each side of scarf (Side A and Side B).

STITCH GUIDE

Mistake Rib (multiple of 4 sts + 1)

SET-UP ROW: P1, k4, *p2, k2; rep from * to last 4 sts, p1, k3.

ROW 1: Sl 1 pwise with yarn in front, k4, *p2, k2; rep from * to last 4 sts, p1, k3.

Rep Row 1 every row for patt.

Scarf

Using the crochet provisional method (see page 4), CO 33 (41) sts, leaving a tail at least 50 (65)” long for grafting. Work in Mistake Rib (see Stitch Guide), placing marker (pm) on Side A (see Notes) as foll: Lay scarf flat on table so that CO tail is at lower right-hand corner, pm in center of scarf about 1” from CO 1. The opposite side is Side B. Cont in patt until piece measures about 31½ (41½)” from CO, ending with a Side B row. Place a 2nd removable m in fabric 1” below needle to mark Side B 2. Break yarn. Leave sts on needle.

Finishing

Place CO sts on spare cir needle as foll: Thread CO tail onto tapestry needle and create an extra loop by inserting tapestry needle under both legs of slip st at edge 3. Gently pull tail until loop is same size as other loops. Then, beg with loop just made, place CO loops on needle, removing chain as you go 4. Give last loop a half-twist before placing it on needle 5; illustration on page 42—34 (42) sts on spare needle; 33 (41) sts on working needle. Fold scarf in half so that needles are parallel and both m are facing away from you 6; piece with Side B m is on front needle and piece with Side A m is on back needle. Give front needle

Graft

work 6 (8) times
a half twist 7. Both m are now on same side of scarf 11. With CO tail threaded onto tapestry needle, graft sts, foll grafting charts and/or text:

**STEP 1:** Pwise through first st on front needle (FN), draw yarn through, leave st on needle 9.

**STEP 2:** Pwise through first st on back needle (BN), remove st onto tapestry needle, don’t draw yarn through until next step q.

**STEP 3:** Kwise through next st on BN, draw yarn through, leave st on needle w.

**STEP 4:** Kwise through st on FN, remove st onto tapestry needle, don’t draw yarn through until next step e.

First grafted st complete.

For next 2 sts, rep Steps 1–4 twice, except work kwise (Step 1), pwise (Step 2), kwise (Step 3) and pwise (Step 4). Graft 4-st patt rep 6 (8) times, foll grafting chart (r shows 1 rep completed; t shows 2 reps; and y shows last rep worked). Graft rem 6 sts u. Photo 17 shows completed scarf. Weave in ends.

Daniel Yuhas is an obsessed knitting designer, teacher, and fiber artist from New York City. You can see more of what he’s up to at www.superfunknits.com.

### Crochet Chain (Provisional) Cast-On

With waste yarn and crochet hook, make a loose chain of about four stitches more than you need to cast on. With needle, working yarn, and beginning two stitches from end of chain, pick up and knit one stitch through the back loop of each crochet chain (Figure 1) for desired number of stitches. Work the piece as desired, and when you’re ready to work in the opposite direction, pull out the crochet chain to expose live stitches (Figure 2).
Far Afield Vest
Connie Chang Chinchio
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**Far Afield Vest**

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**Finished Size** 35½ (37, 42, 45, 50, 53)" bust circumference. Vest shown measures 37".

**Yarn** The Alpaca Yarn Company Snuggle (55% alpaca, 15% wool, 30% acrylic; 104 yd [95 m]/100 g): #6321 winter sky, 6 (6, 7, 8, 9, 10) balls.

**Needles** Body—size 10½ (6.5 mm): 24" circular (cir). Armbands and collar—size 10 (6 mm): 24" cir. Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

**Notions** Markers (m); stitch holders; tapestry needle.

**Gauge** 14 sts and 18 rows = 4" in rev St st on larger needle.

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**STITCH GUIDE**

**Right Twist (RT):** K2tog but do not drop sts from left needle, knit first st again, drop both sts from left needle.

**Left Twist (LT):** Reach right needle behind first st on left needle and knit second st through back loop (tbl) but do not drop sts from left needle, knit first st, drop both sts from left needle.

**Seed Stitch:** (worked over 1 st for side seam)

- **Row 1:** (WS) K1.
- **Row 2:** (RS) K1.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 for patt.

**Wheat Pattern:** (multiple of 15 sts)

- **Rows 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9:** (WS) P5, k2, p1, k2, p5.
- **Rows 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10:** (RS) RT (see Stitch Guide), k1, LT (see Stitch Guide), p2, k1tbl, p2, RT, k1, LT.
- **Rows 11, 13, 15, 17, and 19:** K2, p1, k2, p5, k2, p1, k2.
- **Rows 12, 14, 16, 18, and 20:** P2, k1tbl, p2, RT, k1, LT, p2, k1tbl, p2.

Rep Rows 1–20 for patt.

**Twisted Rib:** (multiple of 5 sts)

- **Row 1:** (RS) *K1tbl, p4; rep from * to end.
- **Row 2:** (WS) *K4, p1; rep from * to end.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 for patt.

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**NOTES**

- Vest is worked in one piece to the armholes with a seed-stitch faux seam.

**Body**

With larger needle, CO 133 (140, 156, 168, 182, 196) sts. Work in garter st for 3 rows, ending with a RS row. Place markers (pm) for side seams and for patt: (WS) K31 (33, 37, 40, 43, 47), pm for side seam, work 1 st in seed st (see Stitch Guide), pm for seam, k43 (45, 51, 54, 59, 62), pm, work wheat patt (see Stitch Guide) over 15 sts, pm, k8 (9, 11, 14, 17, 20), pm for side seam, work 1 st in seed st, pm for seam, k17 (19, 23, 26, 29, 33), pm, work wheat patt over 15 sts, pm, k2. Work as established, working unpatterned sections in rev St st, until piece measures 5¾" from CO, ending with a WS row. **Shape waist:** (RS) Work to 2 sts before first seam m, p2togtbl, sl m, work 1 st in seed st, sl m, p2tog, work to 2 sts before next seam m, p2togtbl, sl m, work 1 st in seed st, sl m, p2tog, work to end—4 sts dec’d. Rep dec row every 8th row 3 more times—117 (124, 140, 152, 166, 180) sts rem. Work even until piece measures 11¾" from CO, ending with Row 10 or Row 20 of wheat patt. **Waist ribbing:** (WS) Making sure knit columns on RS of rib align with knit columns in wheat patt, work in twisted rib (see Stitch Guide) to first seam m, work seam st, work in twisted rib to second seam m, work seam st, work in twisted rib to end. Cont in rib until piece measures 15¼" from CO, ending with a WS row. **Resume patt:** (WS) Beg with Row 1 of wheat patt, knit to first m, work...
seam st, knit to next m, work wheat patt to next m, knit to next m, work seam st, knit to next m, work wheat patt to next m, knit to end. **Inc row:** (RS) Work to first seam m, M1P (see Glossary), sl m, work 1 st in seed st, sl m, M1P; work to next seam m, M1P, sl m, work 1 st in seed st, sl m, M1P; work to end—4 sts inc’d. Rep Inc row every 10th row once more—125 (132, 148, 160, 174, 188) sts. Work even until piece measures 19 (19½, 19½, 19½, 19½, 19½)” from CO, ending with a WS row.

**Shape armhole and neck on right front:** Work to 2nd m, sl m, p2tog, work to first seam m, remove m, place rem 93 (98, 110, 119, 130, 140) sts on holder—31 (33, 37, 40, 43, 47) sts rem for right front. **Next row:** (WS) BO 2 (3, 3, 5, 6) sts, work to end—29 (31, 34, 37, 38, 41) sts rem. **Next row:** (RS) Work to 2nd m, p2tog for neck dec, work to last 3 sts, M1P for armhole dec, p1—27 (29, 32, 35, 36, 39) sts rem. Work armhole dec every RS row 2 (2, 3, 3, 4, 5) more times and **at the same time** work neck dec every RS row 4 (5, 5, 5, 5, 6) more times, then every 4th row 5 (5, 5, 5, 5, 5) times—18 (19, 19, 22, 22, 23) sts rem for right front. Work even until armhole measures 7¼ (8, 8¼, 9, 9¾)” ending with a WS row. **Shape shoulder with short-rows (see Glossary):** (RS) Work to last 6 (6, 6, 7, 7, 7) sts, wrap next st, turn, work to end of row. **Next row:** Work to last 12 (12, 12, 14, 14, 15) sts, wrap next st, turn, work to end of row. **Next row:** (RS) Work to end of row, picking up wraps as you come to them. Place 18 (19, 19, 22, 22, 23) shoulder sts on holder. **With RS facing,** join yarn to 29 (31, 34, 35, 38, 41, 45) left-front sts. BO 2 (2, 3, 3, 5, 6) sts, work to last 15 sts, p2togtbl for neck dec, pm, work to end—26 (28, 31, 34, 35, 38) sts rem. Work neck dec as established 2 sts before m every RS row 4 (5, 5, 5, 5, 6) more times, then every 4th row 4 (5, 6, 6, 6, 6) times and **at the same time** dec 1 st at armhole edge every RS row 3 (3, 4, 4, 5, 6) times—15 (16, 16, 19, 19, 20) sts rem after all shaping is complete. Work even until armhole measures 7¾ (8, 8¼, 9, 9¾)” ending with a WS row. Shape shoulder as for back, beg each short-row on a WS row. Place sts on holder.

**Finishing**

Block piece. Using the three-needle method (see Glossary), join shoulders. **Shawl collar:** With smaller 24” cir needle, RS facing, and beg at lower right-front edge of V-neck, pick up and knit 32 (35, 35, 36, 37, 40) sts to shoulder, pm, pick up and knit 27 (29, 32, 32, 34, 34) sts along back neck, pm, pick up and knit 32 (35, 35, 36, 37, 40) sts along left-front V-neck opening—91 (99, 102, 104, 108, 114) sts total. **Next row:** (WS) *P4, k1; rep from * to last 1 (4, 4, 3, 4) sts, BO (4, 2, 4, 3, 4). Work short-rows as foll: **Next row:** Work in rib as established to 2nd m, remove m, wrap next st, turn. **Next row:** Work to first m, remove m, wrap next st, turn. **Next row:** Work to 2 sts past previously wrapped st, wrap next st, turn. **Next row:** Work to 2 sts past previously wrapped st, wrap next st, turn. Cont in this manner, working 2 sts beyond last wrapped st, until 3 (2, 2, 3, 2, 3) sts rem unworked at each end, ending with a WS row. With RS facing, work in garter st to end of row, then work 1 WS row in garter st. BO all sts. **Left-front band:** With smaller needle, RS facing, and beg at base of V-neck, pick up and knit 67 (67, 69, 69, 69, 69) sts along left-front opening. Work 2 rows in garter st. BO all sts. Rep for right-front edge. Sew top of each front band to bottom of shawl collar to make a smooth transition from collar to front bands. **Armhole edging:** With smaller cir needle and RS facing, pick up and knit 27 (29, 29, 31, 34, 36) sts along armhole. Do not join. Knit 1 row. BO all sts. Rep for other armhole. **Belt:** With larger needle, CO 6 sts. **Next row:** Sl 1 kwise, knit to end. **Next row:** Sl 1 kwise, knit to end. **Next row:** Rep last 2 rows until belt measures 43 (45, 50, 53, 57, 61)” or desired length. BO all sts. Re-block if desired.
**Short-Rows: Wrapping a Stitch**

Work to turn point, slip next stitch purlwise to right needle. Bring yarn to front (Figure 1). Slip same stitch back to left needle (Figure 2). Turn work and bring yarn in position for next stitch, wrapping the stitch as you do so. Note: Hide wraps in a knit stitch when right side of piece is worked in a knit stitch. Leave wrap if the purl stitch shows on right side. Hide wraps as follows: Knit stitch: On right side, work to just before wrapped stitch. Insert right needle from front, under the wrap from bottom up, and then into wrapped stitch as usual. Knit them together, making sure new stitch comes out under wrap. Purl stitch: On wrong side, work to just before wrapped stitch. Insert right needle from back, under wrap from bottom up, and put on left needle. Purl them together.

**Three-Needle Bind-Off**

Place stitches to be joined onto two separate needles. Hold them with right sides of knitting facing together. Insert a third needle into first stitch on each of the other two needles and knit them together as one stitch. *Knit next stitch on each needle the same way. Pass first stitch over second stitch. Repeat from * until one stitch remains on third needle. Cut yarn and pull tail through last stitch.

**Raised (M1) Increases**

- **Left Slant (M1L) and Standard M1**
  - With left needle tip, lift strand between needles from back to front (Figure 1). Knit lifted loop through the back (Figure 2).
  - With left needle tip, lift strand between needles from front to back (Figure 1). Knit lifted loop through the front (Figure 2).

- **Right Slant (M1R)**
  - With left needle tip, lift strand between needles from front to back (Figure 1). Knit lifted loop through the front (Figure 2).
  - With left needle tip, lift strand between needles, from back to front (Figure 1). Purl lifted loop (Figure 2).

- **Purlwise (M1P)**
  - With left needle tip, lift strand between needles, from back to front (Figure 1). Purl lifted loop (Figure 2).
Cobblestone Throw

Faith Schmidt

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Faith Schmidt designs under the name DistractedKnits for a very good reason. With nine children in the house, there’s always something going on! This has led her to design patterns that are interesting to knit, but are also easy to read and memorize. She can be found online at www.distractedknits.weebly.com.

**Cobblestone Throw**

Faith Schmidt

Berroco Vintage Chunky

**Size** 46" wide and 55" long

**Yarn** Berroco Vintage Chunky (52% acrylic, 40% wool, 8% nylon; 130 yd [119 m]/100 g):
  • #6192 chana dal, 12 skeins

**Gauge** 16 sts and 18 rows = 4" in charted patt

**Tools**
  • Size 10 (6 mm): 40" circular (cir) needle
  • Tapestry needle

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**Notes**

A circular needle is used to accommodate the large number of stitches.

**Throw**

Using the long-tail method, CO 184 sts. Do not join. **Set-up row** (WS) Sl 1 pwise wyf, knit to end. Work Cobblestone chart until piece measures 55" from CO, ending with Row 5 of chart. **Next row** (WS) Sl 1 pwise wyf, knit to end. **BO** all sts.

**Finishing**

Weave in ends and block.