

Level of difficulty for patterns

The patterns have varying levels of difficulty. Each pattern has been given a level of difficulty ranging from 1 X to 5 XXXXX, where 1 X is given to the patterns that are the easiest for beginners to knit and 5 XXXXX are given to the patterns with the most advanced techniques aimed at experienced knitters.

We recommend that you knit the pattern sample, which is included in all patterns from Loops by Hanne Helms, in order to practise the techniques and ensure that your yarns are suitable for the pattern.

How difficult is the pattern?

1 X - BEGINNER

This category is for beginner knitters. Here you only need to know the most basic techniques to be able to knit the pattern. The patterns have very beginner friendly language with no or very few abbreviations.

You know how to:

Long tail cast on

Knit

Purl

Knit through the back loop

Decrease

Increase

Standard bind-off

Mattress stitches and chaining

2 XX – EXPERIENCED BEGINNER

You have completed your first project and feel confident reading a pattern.

In this category you will meet abbreviations. The abbreviations that are particular for this pattern will have explanations.

In addition to the above techniques, you know how to:

Knit together a folded edge

Simple buttonholes

Simple texture patterns

Purl through the back loop

3 XXX – INTERMEDIATE

You have experience with and feel confident in using the basic knitting techniques, as the patterns contain more advanced techniques.

In addition to the above techniques, you know how to:

Italian cast on,

Italian bind off,

German Short Rows

texture patterns

knitting with more than one color at a time

Kitchener stiches

I-cord

4 XXXX – EXPERIENCED INTERMEDIATE

You are an experienced knitter and can manage a pattern. You can keep track of multiple elements at the same time.

In addition to the above techniques, you know how to:

Work a charted pattern

Advances texture patterns

Brioche

5 XXXXX – ADVANCED

You are a seasoned knitter and you know how to navigate managing charts and shaping based on the instructions given in the pattern. You have a fundamental understanding of the construction and the logic of knitting.

In addition to the above techniques, you know how to:

Advanced edges, collars and buttonholes

Decreases/increases worked in patterns

Other advanced techniques