Gansey Teddy

This pattern was developed to be knitted by children at one of our primary school knitting groups, to introduce them to gansey patterns.   Six charts are included, each with a different gansey pattern on the chest. The sample is knitted in double knitting wool on 4mm needles, but any weight of yarn could be used, with appropriate needles. You only need small amounts of each colour.

Instructions

Key to the charts:

☐ = Knit stitches on the right side of the work (purl on wrong side rows)

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You need 3 colours:
A – for teddy's head, hands and feet; B – for trousers; C – for gansey

Body (make 2)
Start with legs:
Cast on 7 stitches with colour A, knit 4 rows
Change to colour B and work 16 rows in stocking stitch, break off yarn and knit another leg to match
Knit across both legs, adding an extra stitch in the middle (15 stitches altogether)
Work another 2 rows in stocking stitch
Change to colour C, purl one row, then work 19 rows pattern as on chart

Change to colour A and work another 17 rows in stocking stitch starting with a purl row; cast off

Arms (make 2) – cast on 10 stitches with colour A, knit 3 rows, change to colour C, and work 3 rows in rib then 14 rows in stocking stitch; cast off
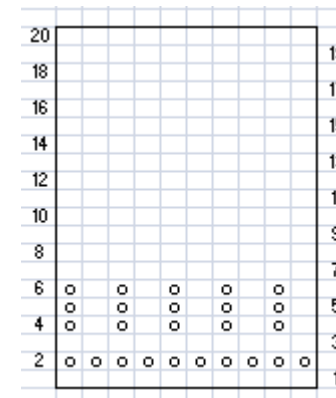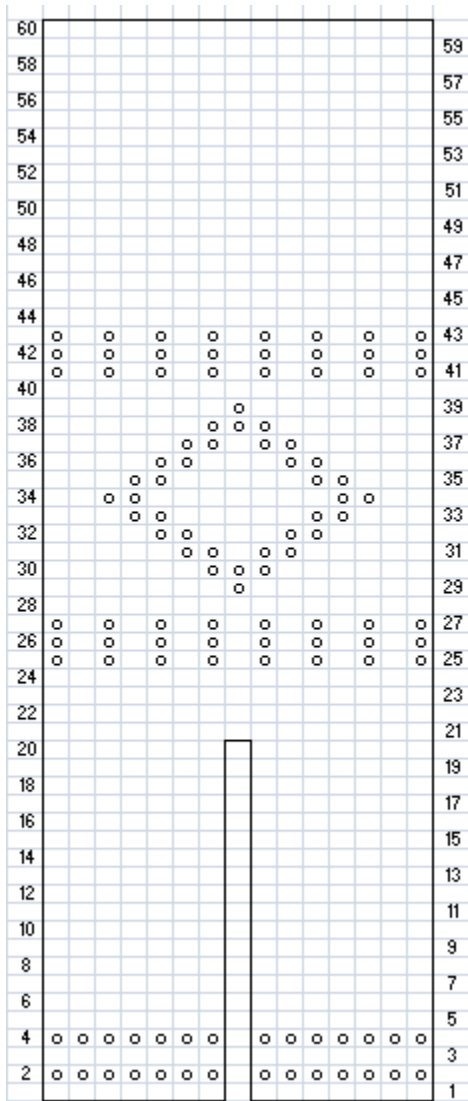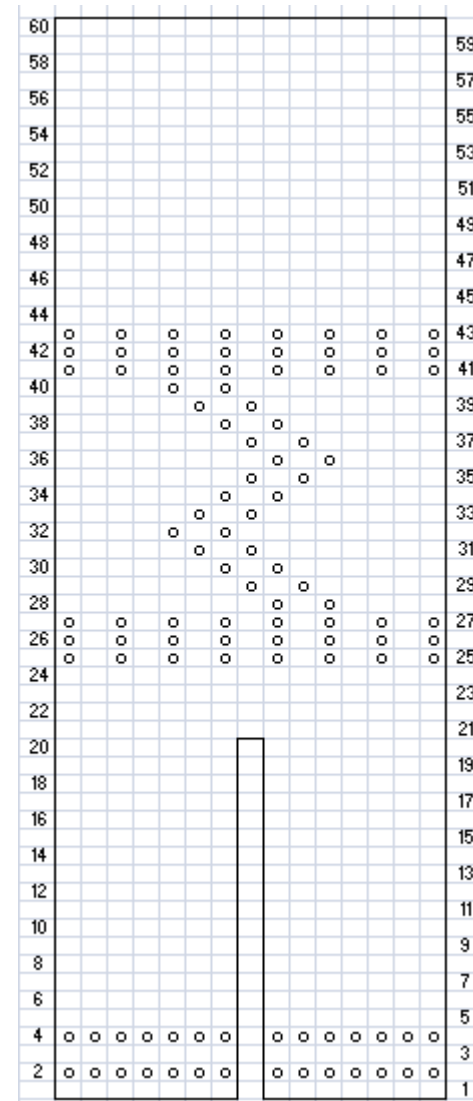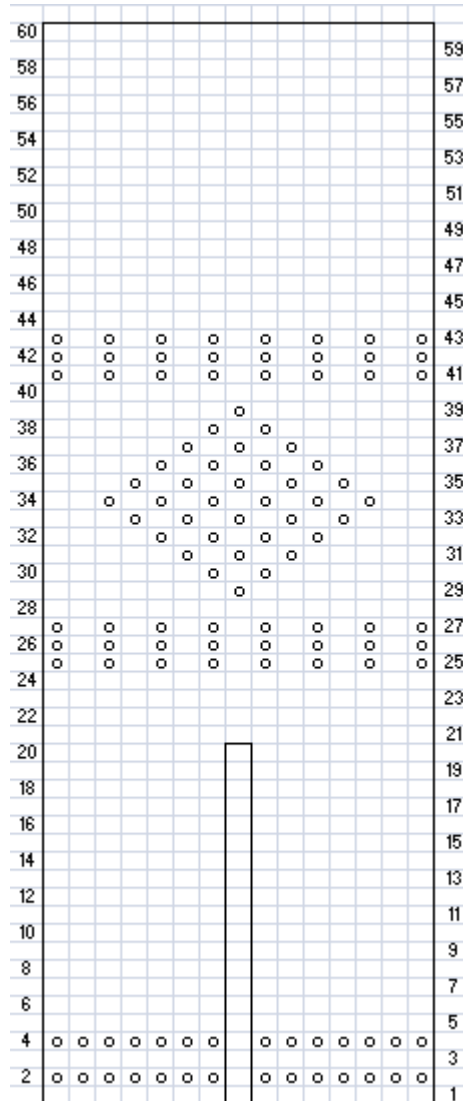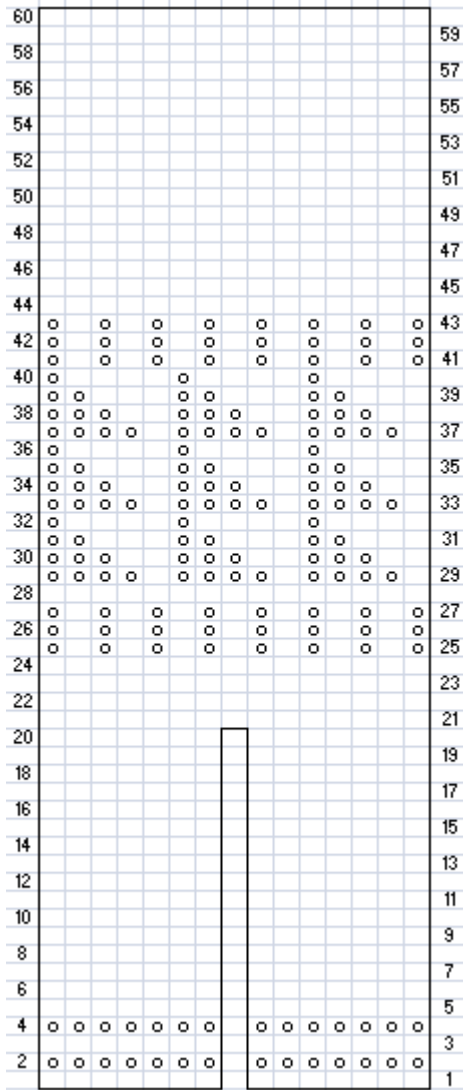

Chart for arms

Making up

Put the two body pieces together with wrong sides facing. Stitch the front and back of the legs together and stuff; stitch the sides of the body together up to the neck and stuff; run a thread through the inside of the rib stitches at the neck, and draw up slightly; stitch the sides of the head, then stitch across the corners to make the ears; stuff the head and finish stitching the top. Embroider eyes, nose and mouth. Fold each arm in half lengthways stitch across the end of the paw and up the side, stuff; stitch the top end, and stitch to the side of the body just below the neck.
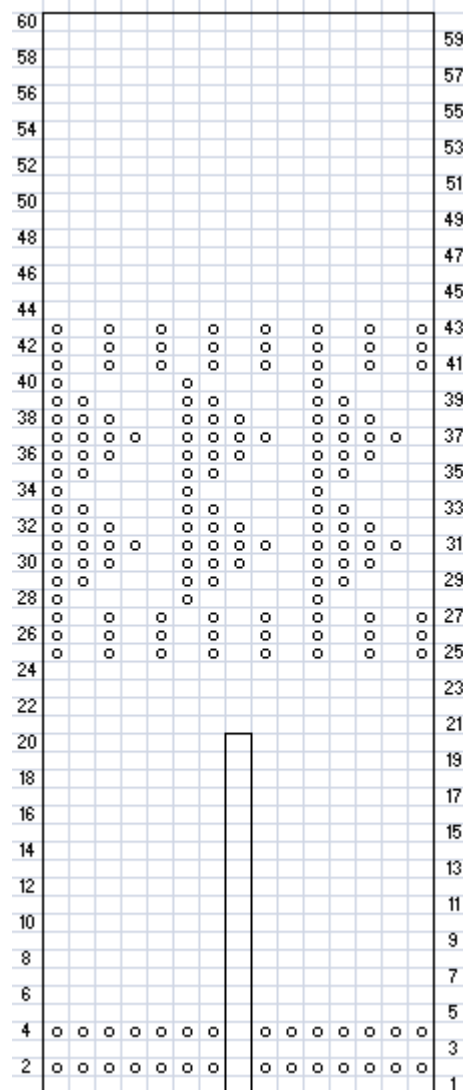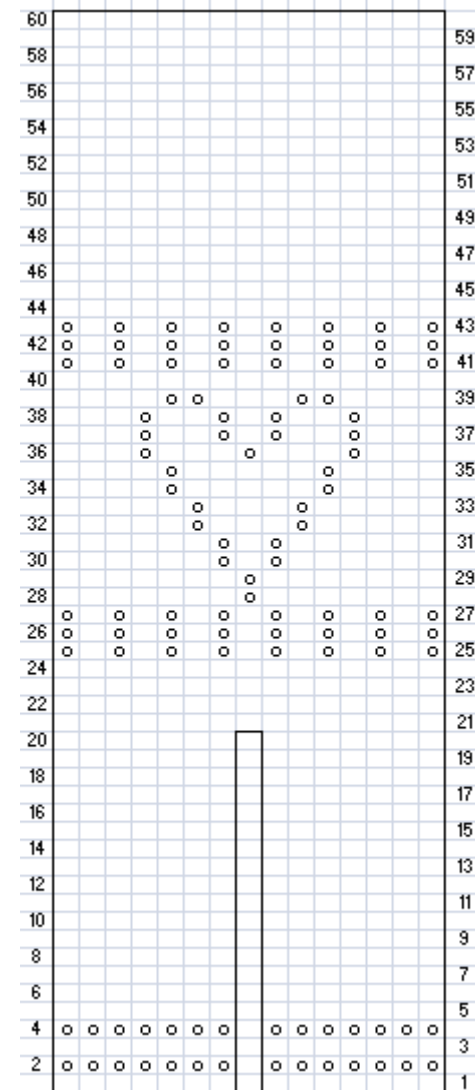
Two variations of the diamond pattern

Marriage lines

Moray Firth Gansey Project – Gansey Teddy

Scottish flag pattern

Caithness flags

Heart

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