



Free Knitting Pattern
Lion Brand® Vanna's Choice®
Bird Song Afghan
Pattern Number: L50178



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SKILL LEVEL: Easy + (Level 3)

SIZE: One Size

About 45 x 60 in. (114.5 x 152.5 cm)

CORRECTIONS: None as of Jul 11, 2016. To check for later updates, click [here](#).

MATERIALS

- 860-098 Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Yarn: **Vanna's Choice® (Article #860). 100% Premium Acrylic*
Fisherman
13 Balls
400, 401, 403: 92% Acrylic, 8% Rayon
- Lion Brand Double-Pointed Needles - Size 8
402: 96% Acrylic, 4% Rayon; package size:
Solids: 3.5 oz (100 g), 170 yards (156 m)
- Lion Brand Large-Eye Blunt Needles (Set of 6)
Prints, Tweeds, & Heathers: 3 ozs (85 g), 145 yards (133 meters)
- **Twists:** 2.5 oz (70 g), 121 yards (111 meters)
- Additional Materials
Circular knitting needle, size 9 (5.5 mm), 40 in. (101.5 cm) long



GAUGE:

16 sts + 22 rows = 4 in. (10 cm) in St st (knit on RS, purl on WS) with larger needle.

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

When you match the gauge in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will be sufficient. The needle or hook size called for in the pattern is based on what the designer used, but it is not unusual for gauge to vary from person to person. If it takes you fewer stitches and rows to make your swatch, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

[Making a Gauge Swatch](#)

STITCH EXPLANATION:

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Kfb (knit in front and back) Knit next st without removing it from left hand needle, then k through back of same st – 1 st increased.

Sk2p Slip 1 as if to knit, knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over – 2 sts decreased.

Ssk (slip, slip, knit) Slip next 2 sts as if to knit, one at a time, to right hand needle; insert left hand needle into fronts of these 2 sts and knit them together – 1 st decreased.

Yo (yarn over)

An increase that also creates a small decorative hole (eyelet) in the fabric, worked as follows:

1. Bring yarn to front, between the needles.

2. Take yarn to back, over the right hand needle. This creates the new st. You are now ready to proceed with the next st as instructed.

PATTERN STITCH

Stylized Flower Pattern (worked over a multiple of 15 sts)

Row 1 and All WS rows: Purl.

Row 2: K4, *k2tog, (k1, yo) twice, k1, ssk, k8; rep from * to last 11 sts, k2tog, (k1, yo) twice, k1, ssk, k4.

Row 4: K3, *k2tog, k1, yo, k3, yo, k1, ssk, k6; rep from * to last 12 sts, k2tog, k1, yo, k3, yo, k1, ssk, k3.

Row 6: K2, *k2tog, k1, yo, k5, yo, k1, ssk, k4; rep from * to last 13 sts, k2tog, k1, yo, k5, yo, k1, ssk, k2.

Row 8: K1, *k2tog, k1, yo, k7, yo, k1, ssk, k2; rep from * to last 14 sts, k2tog, k1, yo, k7, yo, k1, ssk, k1.

Rows 9-22: Repeat Rows 1-8, then rep Rows 1-6.

Row 24: K1, *k2tog, k1, yo, k2, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, k1, ssk, k2; rep from * to last 14 sts, k2tog, k1, yo, k2, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, k1, ssk, k1.

Row 26: K3, *yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, k3tog, yo, k6; rep from * to last 12 sts, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, k3tog, yo, k3.

Row 28: K4, *yo, ssk, k1, yo, k1, k3tog, yo, k8; rep from * to last 11 sts, yo, ssk, k1, yo, k1, k3tog, yo, k4.

Row 30: K5, *yo, ssk, k1, k2tog, yo, k10; rep from * to last 10 sts, yo, ssk, k1, k2tog, yo, k5.

Row 32: K6, *yo, sk2p, yo, k12; rep from * to last 9 sts, yo, sk2p, yo, k6.

Work Rows 1-32 for Stylized Flower Pattern.

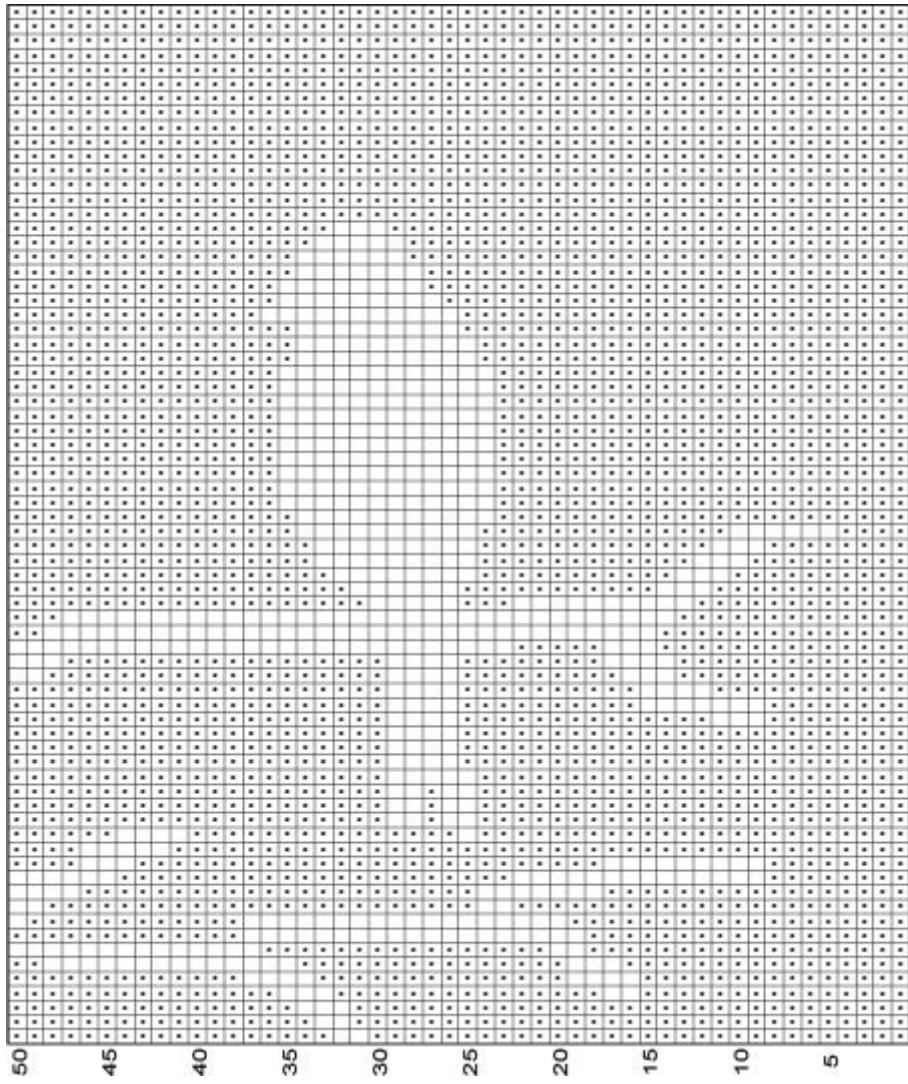
Stitch Key

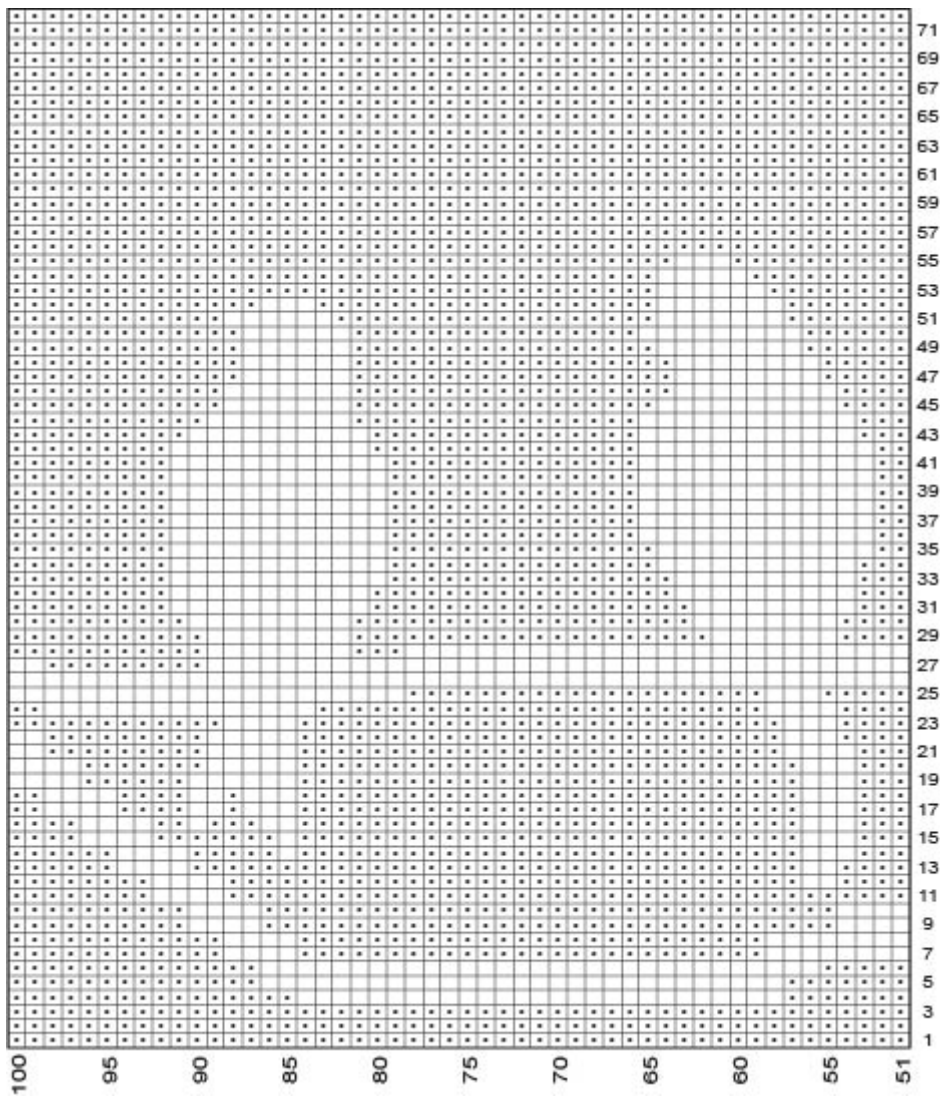
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NOTES:

1. Afghan is worked in one piece, beginning at lower edge.
2. Bird section is worked by following a chart.
3. When working from chart, read RS rows from right to left and WS rows from left to right.
4. Stitches for side borders are picked up along long sides of Afghan. Corners of borders are mitered.
5. Leaves and cords are worked separately then sewn to Afghan.
6. A circular needle is used to accommodate the large number of sts. Work back and forth on the circular needle as if working on straight needles.
7. End with a WS row means that the last row you work should be a WS row, and the next row that you are ready to work will be a RS row.
8. When you see "- 12 sts" in the instructions, this lets you know how many sts you will have at the end of that specific row.





AFGHAN

With larger needle, cast on 181 sts.

Working back and forth on circular needle, just as if working on straight needles.

Shape Lower Border

Dec Row (RS): K1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – you will have 179 sts at end of this row.

Working in Garter st (k every row), rep Dec Row every RS row 7 times more – 165 sts.

Knit 1 row.

Beginning with a RS (knit) row, work in St st (knit on RS, purl on WS) for 5 rows.

***Stylized Flower section**

Next Row (WS): Work Row 1 of Stylized Flower pattern.

Continue as established, working in Stylized Flower pattern until Row 32 of pattern has been completed.

Dividing section

Work in St st for 5 rows.

Work in Garter st for 14 rows.

Bird section

Note: Refer to Stitch Key when following diagrams.

Next Row (RS): Following Row 1 of charts, work Chart 1, 2 and 3 across row.

Continue to follow charts until Row 72 of charts has been completed.

Dividing section

Work in Garter st for 14 rows.

Work in St st for 5 rows.**

Rep from * to ** once more, then work Rows 1-32 of Stylized Flower pattern once more.

Work in St st for 5 rows.

Shape Top Border

Inc Row (RS): K1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 – 167 sts at the end of this row.

Working in Garter st, rep Inc Row every RS row 7 times more – 181 sts.

Knit 1 row.

Bind off.

Side Borders

Note: The side edges of the Afghan should measure about 56 in. (142 cm), not including the top and lower borders. You will be picking up sts evenly spaced along each of these edges. To do this, use pins to divide the edge into 4 sections, each about 14 in. (35.5 cm) long. Now, simply pick up and k51 sts within each of the 4 sections for a total of 204 sts.

From RS with larger needle, pick up and k204 sts evenly spaced along one long side edge of Afghan.

Inc Row (WS): K1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 – 206 sts.

Working in Garter st, rep Inc Row every WS row 7 times more – 220 sts.

Bind off.

Rep side border along opposite long side edge of Afghan.

Large Leaves (make 6)

With larger needle, cast on 5 sts.

Row 1 (RS): K2, yo, k1, yo, k2 – 7 sts at end of this row.

Row 2 and All WS Rows: Purl.

Row 3: K3, yo, k1, yo, k3 – 9 sts.

Row 5: K4, yo, k1, yo, k4 – 11 sts.

Row 7: Ssk, k7, k2tog – 9 sts.

Row 9: Ssk, k5, k2tog – 7 sts.

Row 11: Ssk, k3, k2tog – 5 sts.

Row 13: Ssk, k1, k2tog – 3 sts.

Row 15: Sk2p.

Fasten off last st.

Medium Leaves (make 18)

With larger needle, cast on 5 sts.

Row 1 (RS): K2, yo, k1, yo, k2 – 7 sts at end of this row.

Row 2 and All WS Rows: Purl.

Row 3: K3, yo, k1, yo, k3 – 9 sts.

Row 5: Ssk, k5, k2tog – 7 sts.

Row 7: Ssk, k3, k2tog – 5 sts.

Row 9: Ssk, k1, k2tog – 3 sts.

Row 11: Sk2p.

Fasten off last st.

Small Leaves (make 14)

With larger needle, cast on 5 sts.

Row 1 (RS): K2, yo, k1, yo, k2 – 7 sts at end of this row.

Row 2 and All WS Rows: Purl.

Row 3: Ssk, k3, k2tog – 5 sts.

Row 5: Ssk, k1, k2tog – 3 sts.

Row 7: Sk2p.

Fasten off last st.

Finishing

Sew shaped edges of borders together at sides.

Cords

General instructions to make a knit cord:

With 2 double pointed needles, cast on 5 sts. Knit the 5 sts. Do not turn work. *Slide sts to other end of needle and knit them, pulling yarn tightly across the back of the work, (do not turn work); rep from * until cord is desired length.

Bind off.

Long Cords (make 2)

Make cords about 37 in. (94 cm) long.

Following chart and photo, arrange one long cord over upper branch of one Bird section. Pull cord through to WS under birds and back to RS - so that the birds appear to be sitting on branch.

Sew cord in place.

Rep to sew second cord to second Bird section.

Medium Cords (make 2)

Make cords about 19 in. (48 cm) long.

Following chart and photo, arrange one medium cord over lower branch of one Bird section. Sew cord in place.

Rep to sew second cord to second Bird section.

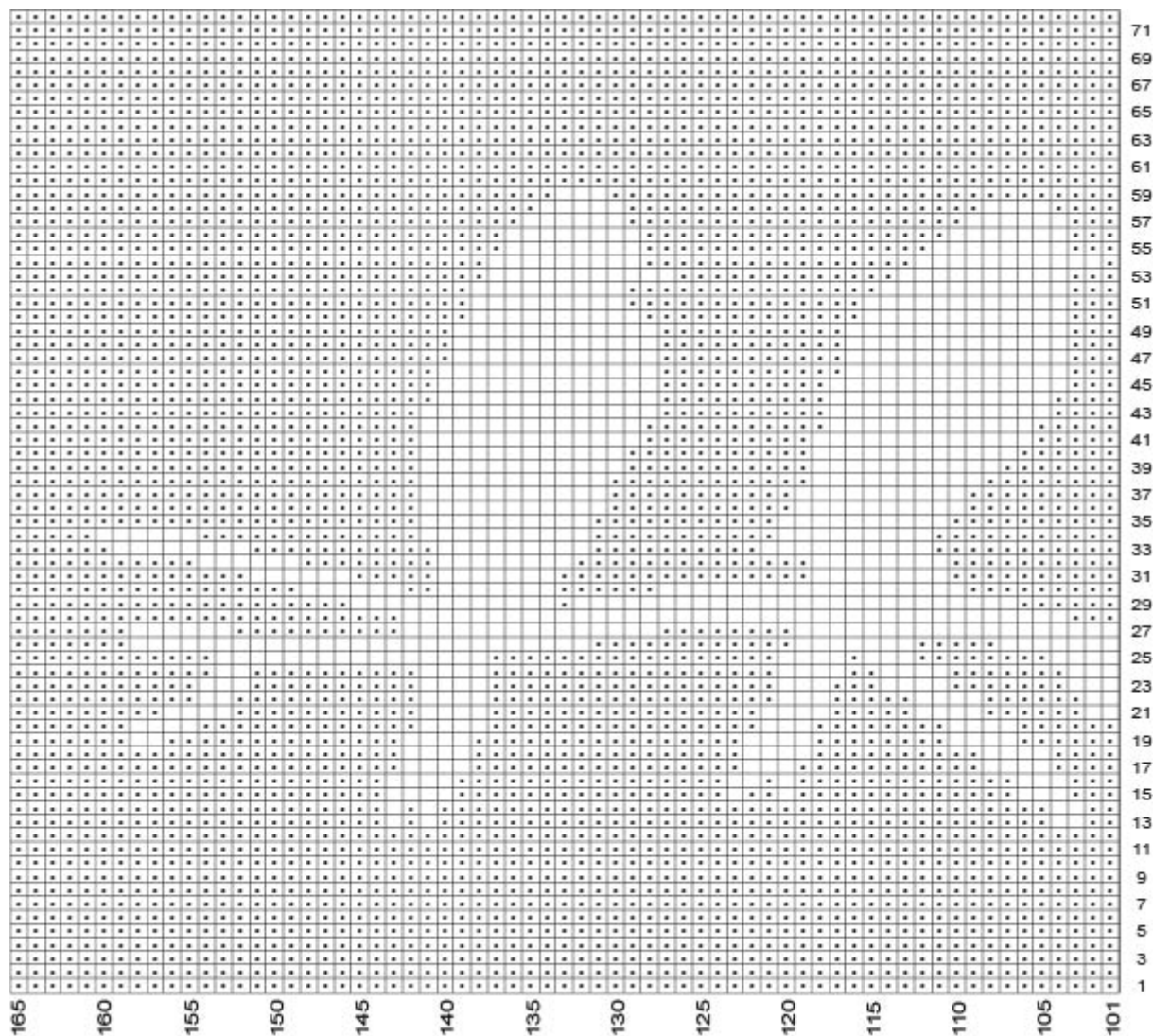
Short Cords (make 10)

Make 4 cords each about 3 1/2 in. (9 cm) long and 6 cords each about 2 1/2 in. (6.5 cm) long.

Following chart and photo, sew cords to branches as twigs.

Sew leaves as desired to twigs.

Weave in ends.



ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES

Click for explanation and illustration

<u>beg = begin(s)(ning)</u>	<u>dec = decreas(e)(s)(ing)</u>
<u>inc = increas(e)(s)(ing)</u>	<u>k = knit</u>
<u>k2tog = knit 2 together</u>	<u>k3tog = knit 3 together</u>
<u>p = purl</u>	<u>rep = repeat(s)(ing)</u>
<u>RS = right side</u>	<u>St st = Stockinette stitch</u>
<u>st(s) = stitch(es)</u>	<u>WS = wrong side</u>

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