

# Strickmich!



Pattern by Martina Behm  
*One for the Books*



**M**ake your planner special – with this hand knitted book cover! Using a fingering weight yarn this cover will not add too much bulk, it will protect your planner and add some useful pockets for notes and sticker sheets. Choose a pretty gradient yarn to showcase the unusual diagonal construction. 50 grams of yarn will be sufficient. If you like, you can add a Strickmich! fabric tag (available at [www.strickmich-shop.de](http://www.strickmich-shop.de)) and use it as a pen loop. Knit one for other books, too – it will fit if they are not too thick and have a hard cover.

## Pattern Notes

You start at the upper left corner and knit in the round as for a sock. Continue in rows back and forth until you reach the lower right corner, when you will work in rounds again. The pockets are created during the knitting by strategically placed increases and decreases – there is no seaming, everything is finished once you have worked the last stitches. The cover may look a little skewed, but this will disappear once it has been slipped onto the book. The shape helps the cover to stay in place and not come off on its own – much like a sock for the book!

## Materials & Tools

- 50 g colorful fingering yarn (approx. 420 m / 460 yds / 100 g), here: Schoppel Crazy Zauberbäll (75% wool, 25% polyamide), colorway Indisch Rosa
- 2 mm (US 1) circular needle, length 80 cm, 2 mm (US 1) DPNs (optional)
- 2 stitch markers

- tapestry needle
- Strickmich! fabric tag (optional)
- sewing needle and thread matching your yarn (optional)

## Gauge

27 stitches on 10 cm / 4 inches in stockinette stitch

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### Instructions

Using Judy's Magic Cast-On, cast on 6 stitches (3 on each needle tip). Then work in the round with Magic Loop on a long circular. Alternatively, use DPNs.

#### Setup Round:

Needle 1 – kfb, knit 1, kfb.

Needle 2 – kfb, knit 1, kfb, place marker.

10 stitches.

Continue with Part I.

#### Part I

**Round 1:** Needle 1 – knit. Needle 2 – knit, slm.

**Round 2:** Needle 1 – kfb, knit to last stitch, kfb.

Needle 2 – kfb, knit to last stitch, kfb, slm.

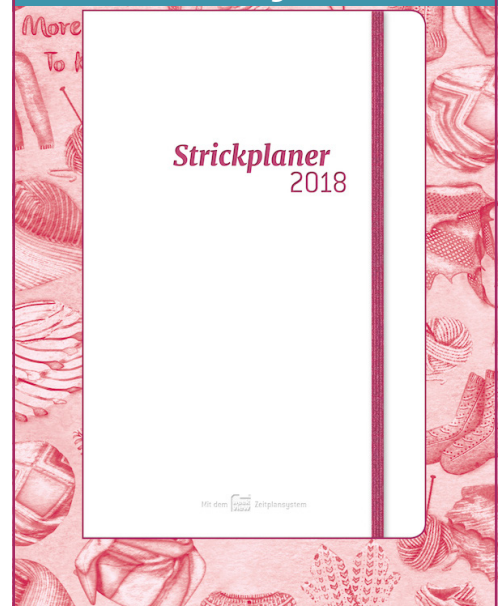
*Note: Every repeat of Rounds 1 and 2 adds 4 stitches.*

Work Rounds 1 and 2 ten times more. 54 stitches.

Remove marker. Turn work.

Continue with Part II.

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### Abbreviations

**kfb** knit once into front of loop, leave stitch on the left needle, knit once into back of loop, slip stitch off left needle.

**slm** slip marker.

**k2tog** knit 2 together.

**k3tog** knit 3 together.

**ssk** [slip 1 as if to knit] twice, insert left needle into both stitches from the front and knit them together.

**s2sk** slip 2 as if to k2tog, slip another 1, insert left needle into all 3 stitches and knit them together, center stitch is on top.

**sssk** [slip 1 as if to knit] three times, insert left needle into all three stitches from the front and knit them together.

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### Part II

From here on you will work back and forth in rows (i. e. not in the round anymore) and the work is turned after every row.

**Row 1:** Needle 1 – purl, place marker. Needle 2 – purl.

*Note: From here on all stitches can remain on one needle.*

**Row 2:** kfb, knit to 1 before marker, kfb, slm, kfb, knit to last 2 stitches, k2tog.

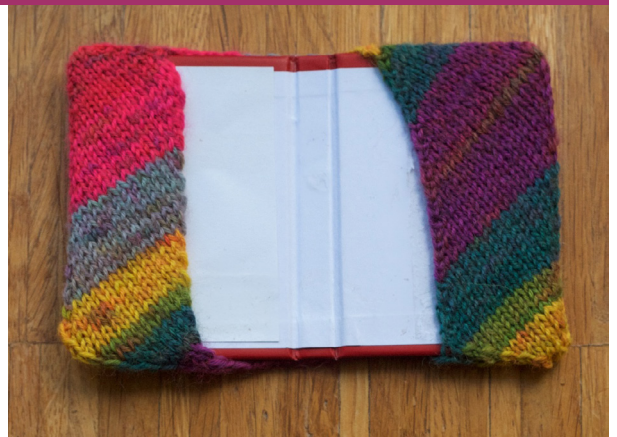
**Row 3:** purl.

*Note: Every repeat of Rows 3 and 4 adds 2 stitches.*

**Row 4:** kfb, knit to 1 before marker, kfb, slm, kfb, knit to last 2 stitches, k2tog.

Repeat Rows 3 and 4 until the pocket-shaped side reaches from the upper corner to the lower corner of the front cover when stretched (!).

Continue with Part III.



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### Part III

**Row 1:** purl to last stitch, kfb.

**Row 2:** kfb, place marker, kfb, knit to 2 before next marker, k2tog, slm, ssk, knit to last 2 stitches, k2tog.

**Row 3:** purl.

**Row 4:** kfb, kfb, slm, kfb, knit to 2 before next marker, k2tog, slm, ssk, knit to 2 last stitches, k2tog.

*Note: While working on Rows 1-4, the stitch count does not change.*

**Row 5:** purl.

**Row 6:** kfb, knit to 1 before marker, kfb, slm, kfb, knit to 2 before next marker, k2tog, slm, ssk, knit to last 2 stitches, k2tog.

*Note: While working Rows 5 and 6, the stitch count does not change.*

Repeat Rows 5 and 6 until only 3 stitches remain after the second marker.

*Note: The long side of the cover should now fit from the upper corner of the front cover to the upper corner of the back cover when stretched.*

Continue as follows:

**Row 7:** purl.

**Row 8:** kfb, knit to 1 before marker, kfb, slm, kfb, knit to 2 before next marker, k2tog, remove marker, ssk.

**Row 9:** purl.

**Row 10:** kfb, knit to 1 before marker, kfb, slm, kfb, knit to last 3 stitches, s2sk.

*Note: In Row 10, the stitch count is increased by 1.*

Continue with Part IV.

### Part IV

**Row 1:** purl.

**Row 2:** kfb, knit to 2 before marker, k2tog, slm, ssk, knit to 2 last stitches, k2tog.

**Row 3:** purl.

**Row 4:** kfb, knit to 2 before marker, k2tog, slm, ssk, knit to 3 last stitches, k3tog.

*Note: Every repeat of Rows 1-4 reduces the stitch count by 5.*

Repeat Rows 1-4 until the stitch number is the same on both sides of the marker (or differs by only 1 stitch).

Continue with Part V.



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### Part V

Join remaining stitches into the round – you will work in rounds from here on using the Magic Loop technique (or DPNs if you prefer).

Push the stitches on one side of the marker on to one needle tip to continue with Magic Loop. Remove the marker in the first round.

**Round 1:** Needle 1 – knit. Needle 2 – knit.

**Round 2:** Needle 1 – ssk, knit to 2 before end of needle, k2tog.

Needle 2 – ssk, knit to 2 before end of needle, k2tog.

*Note: Every repeat of Rounds 1 and 2 reduces the stitch number by 4.*

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until 6 stitches remain. Join them by grafting or do a 3-needle-bind-off from the wrong side.

### Finishing

Weave in ends. Carefully wash and block on a suitable surface, pinning out the book cover according to the book's measurements. Make sure all borders are straight and let dry.

With sewing needle and matching thread, sew the Strickmich! fabric tag invisibly to one of the long outside edges of the book cover.

Enjoy!

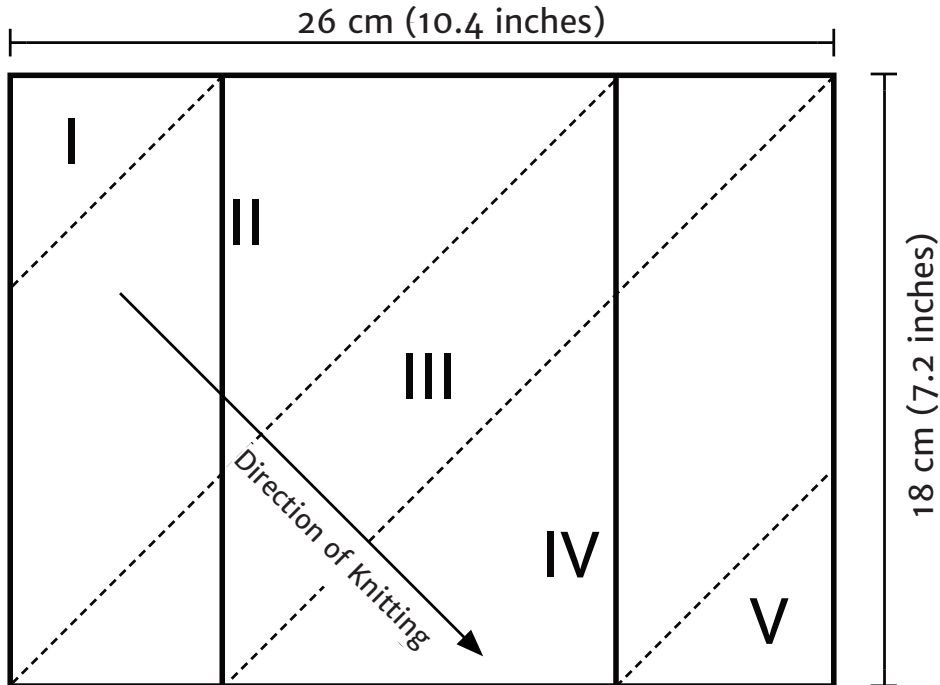


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