

# BUSES

Knitted square using intarsia

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## Materials

*Yarns:*

- Adriafile Genziana, shade Black (01)
- Concept by Katia Merino 100%, shade White (01)
- Concept by Katia Merino Baby, shade Pearl Light Grey (55)
- Ella Rae Cashmerino Sport, shade Saffron (24)
- Rowan Felted Tweed, shade Granite (191)

*Knitting needles:* 1 pair 3.5mm

**Tension** 26 stitches & 36 rows using Saffron on 3.5mm needles

**Finished size** 18 x 18cm / 7 x 7 inches

## Project notes

1. If you haven't knitted intarsia before, visit [this tutorial](#) from Debbie Abrahams or surf YouTube.
2. Before you start knitting, prepare 5 well-loaded bobbins, 2 with Saffron and one each with White, Pearl Light Grey and Granite. You may need to reload as you knit.
3. I recommend that you also load several bobbins with shorter lengths of Black. You could use long loose strands of Black instead. However, there are often several lines of Black in play at once and single strands can tangle more easily than well-managed bobbins.

4. The colour blocks make this look like an easy piece of intarsia. However, the pattern is asymmetrical, with black lines travelling in two directions as well as a diagonal stripe. Several actions can help ease the complexity:
- Weave in loose ends as soon you can.
  - Don't let the bobbins unravel. Park each one before you move on to the next, using the notch in the bobbin. Be disciplined.
5. Keep very good tension when swapping from one colour to the other. The stark colours show up every loose stitch (you can see that in places in my knitted square).
6. The finished square in the photo has been blocked twice: (1) wrong side up, as usual with stocking stitch, (2) right side up, with a focus on ensuring the lines are straight. It could be re-done as many times as needed to get them crisp and perpendicular. As the yarns are not all the same weight, some colour blocks need to be eased in or stretched to enable the straight lines.



The real Dulwich Road buses

Instructions

With 3.5mm needles, cast on 45 stitches in the following pattern, wrapping a new shade of yarn around the previous one:

20 stitches Granite, 1 stitch Black, 8 stitches Granite, 1 stitch Black, 15 stitches White. This is Row 1.

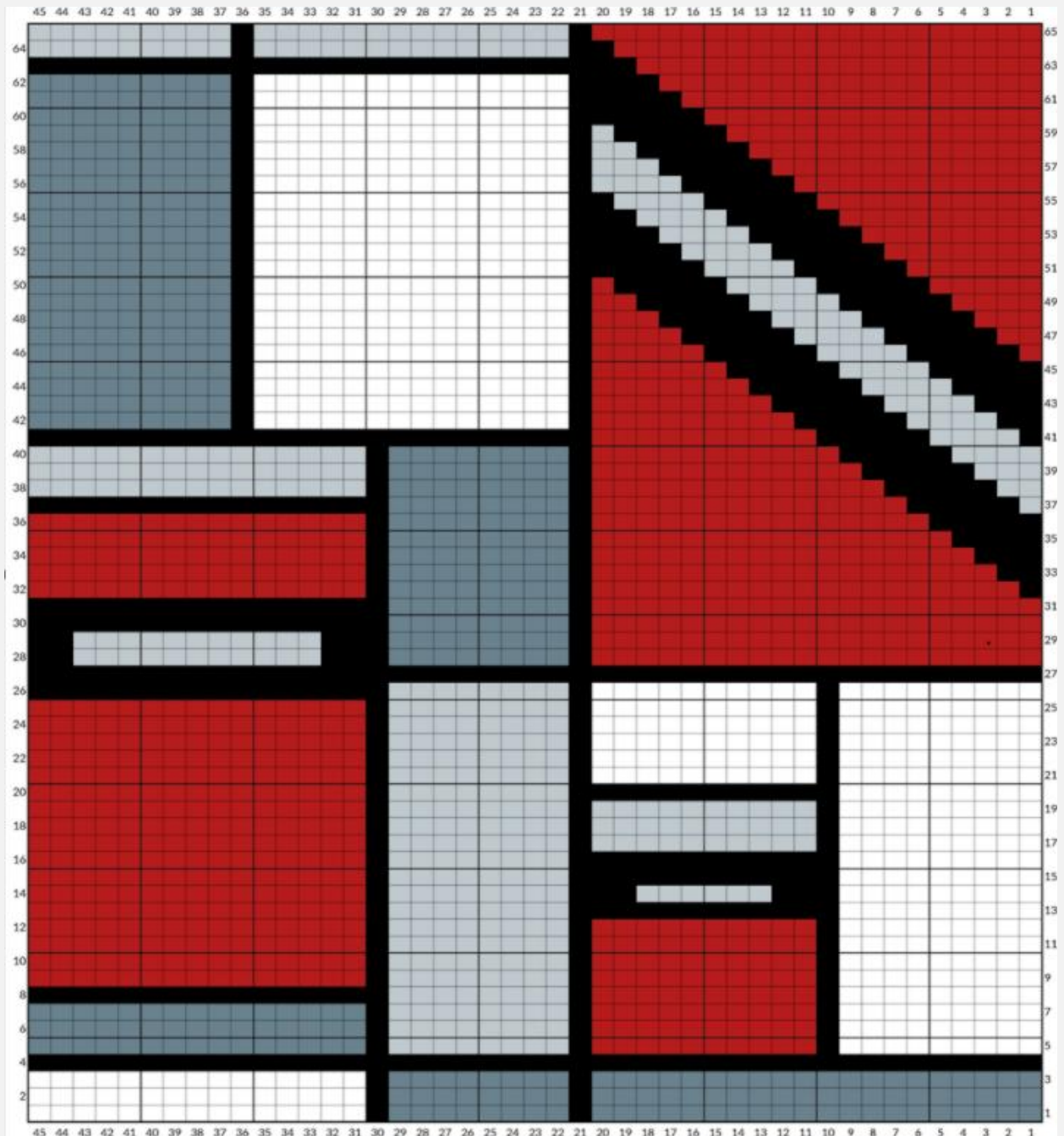
Row 1 The cast-on stitches are Row 1

Row 2-65 Follow the intarsia pattern on page 3.

Cast off purlwise, repeating the shade pattern for Row 65.

Chart key

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
|  | Pearl Grey |  | Saffron |
|  | Black      |  | White   |
|  | Granite    |                                                                                     |         |



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