

# City & Guilds Foundation Programme - Knitting

## CGF.M2.L06.T: Shape – Decreasing – Tasks



### Task one

Make the following sample using the slip slip knit ('ssk') and slip slip purl ('ssp') decreases.

Using a pair of 4mm (old UK size 8, USA size 6) needles, cast on 40 stitches.

Row 1: K2, ssk, k to end.

Row 2: P2, ssp, p to end.

Row 3: K.

Row 4: P.

Repeat rows 1-4 until there are 10 stitches in total.

Cast off.

Finish your sample by weaving in all ends, blocking and pressing.

### Task Two

Make the following sample using the knit 3 together ('k3tog') and purl 3 together ('p3tog') decreases.

Using a pair of 4mm (old UK size 8, USA size 6) needles, cast on 40 stitches.

Row 1: K2, k3tog, k to end.

Row 2: P2, p3tog, p to end.

Row 3: K.

Row 4: P.

Repeat rows 1-4 until there are 12 stitches in total.

Cast off.

Finish your sample by weaving in all ends, blocking and pressing.

### Task Three

Make the following sample, demonstrating the use of the double decrease ('sk2p').

Using a pair of 4mm (old UK size 8, USA size 6) needles, cast on 43 stitches.

Row 1: K20, sk2p, k to end.

Row 2: P.

Row 3: K.

Row 4: P.

Repeat rows 1-4 until there are 13 stitches in total.

Cast off.

### Task Four

Make the following sample, demonstrating the use of the central double decrease ('cdd')

Using a pair of 4mm (old UK size 8, USA size 6) needles, cast on 43 stitches.

Row 1: K20, sk2p, k to end.

Row 2: P.

Row 3: K.

Row 4: P.

Repeat rows 1-4 until there are 13 stitches in total.

Cast off.

Finish your sample by weaving in all ends, blocking and pressing. Compare the samples you have made and make notes on their appearance. How visible are the different decreases? Would they be decorative or inobtrusive? How might they be used?

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