

# Girdafi

An open-source yarn bombing pattern by Janis Lena Meißner.

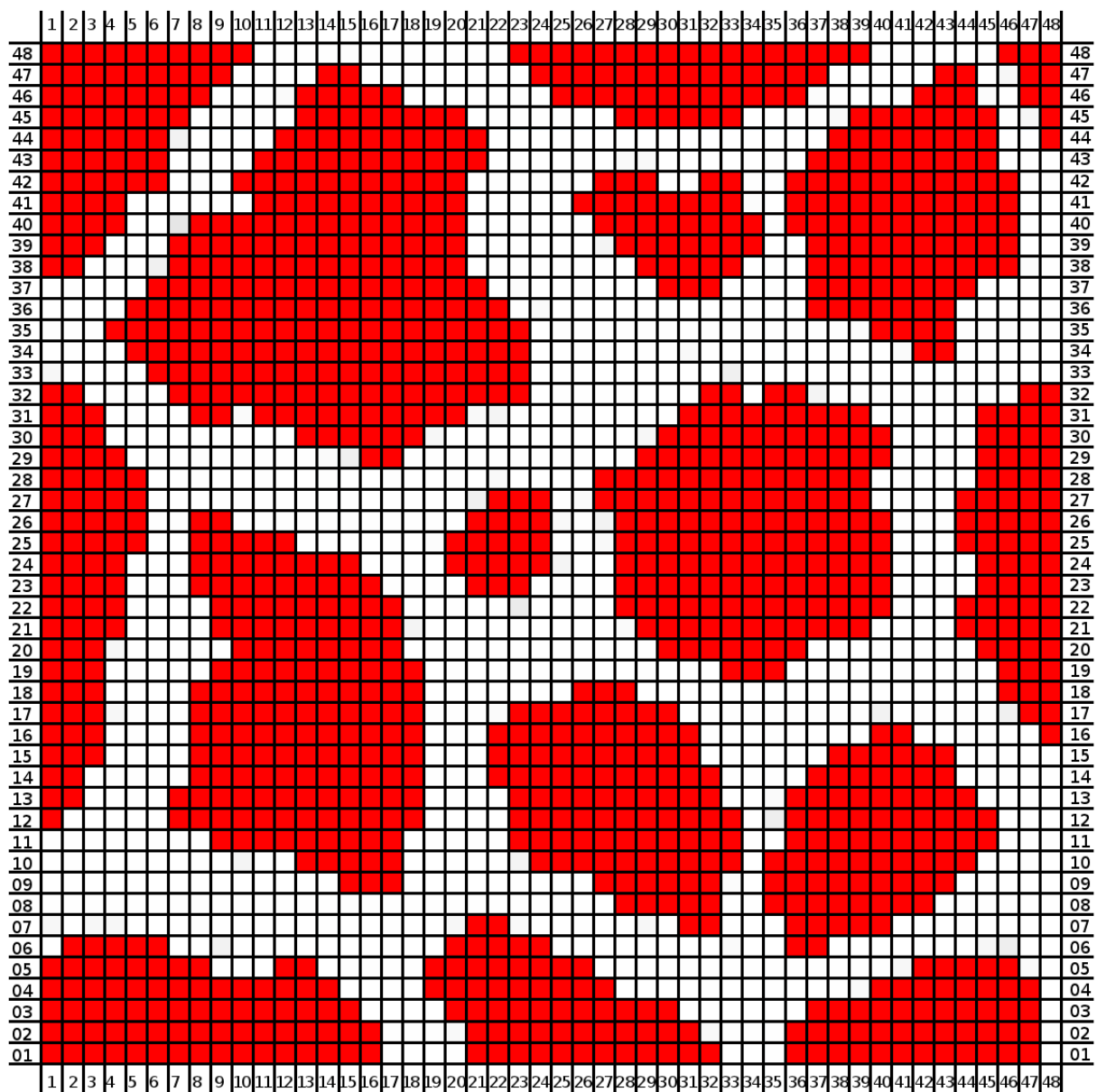
**Girdafi** is a plain knitted pattern with two colors, inspired by the fur of a giraffe but also resembling bloodstains. It is a knitted symbol of protest against Gaddafi and beyond that injustice in Africa or other problems that people in other parts of the world tend to ignore and keep silent on.

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## You need:

- red and white wool<sup>1</sup>
- a pair of knitting needles<sup>2</sup>
- zip ties and/or a sewing needle (depending on how you choose to attach the tag)

## Pattern:



1 All kinds of wool in these colors are suitable. It needn't be expensive material. Personally I even prefer to use cheap yarn (for example Steinbach Wolle Bambi, 20% wool, 80% acrylic) as the colors are shining longer out there on the street.

2 Choose needles you feel comfortable with and which are suitable for the wool you're using.

## In words:

Girdafi is done in plain knitting (one row knit, next row purl).

If you don't know how to knit with 2 colors, I recommend you to check out this tutorial:

<http://knittingincolor.blogspot.com/2008/01/im-not-sure-i-can-top-heart-stopping.html>

- **Cast on 48 stitches** in one color. I usually start with white, but do as you like!  
Knit a couple of rows in this color for a **border** (only knit, no purl), so the Girdafi doesn't roll up.
- Now the actual **pattern** starts! Knit as on the pattern picture above.  
Below I also wrote down the number of stitches so you don't need to count so much ;)  
shortcuts: w = white, r = red

1. knit:	1 w - 12 r - 3 w - 12 r - 4 w - 16 r	26. purl:	5 r - 2 w - 2 r - 11 w - 4 r - 3 w - 13 r - 3 w - 5 r
2. purl:	16 r - 4 w - 11 r - 4 w - 12 r - 1 w	27. knit:	5 r - 4 w - 13 r - 2 w - 3 r - 16 w - 5 r
3. knit:	1 w - 11 r - 6 w - 11 r - 4 w - 15 r	28. purl:	5 r - 21 w - 13 r - 5 w - 4 r
4. purl:	14 r - 4 w - 9 r - 12 w - 8 r - 1 w	29. knit:	4 r - 4 w - 12 r - 11 w - 2 r - 11 w - 4 r
5. knit:	2 w - 5 r - 15 w - 8 r - 5 w - 2 r - 3 w - 8 r	30. purl:	3 r - 9 w - 6 r - 11 w - 11 r - 4 w - 4 r
6. purl:	1 w - 5 r - 13 w - 5 r - 11 w - 2 r - 11 w	31. knit:	4 r - 5 w - 9 r - 10 w - 10 r - 1 w - 2 r - 4 w - 3 r
7. knit:	8 w - 5 r - 3 w - 2 r - 8 w - 2 r - 20 w	32. purl:	2 r - 4 w - 17 r - 8 w - 2 r - 1 w - 2 r - 10 w - 2 r
8. purl:	27 w - 5 r - 2 w - 8 r - 6 w	33. knit:	25 w - 18 r - 5 w
9. knit:	5 w - 9 r - 2 w - 6 r - 9 w - 3 r - 14 w	34. purl:	4 w - 19 r - 18 w - 2 r - 5 w
10. purl:	12 w - 5 r - 6 w - 10 r - 1 w - 10 r - 4 w	35. knit:	5 w - 4 r - 16 w - 20 r - 3 w
11. knit:	3 w - 10 r - 2 w - 11 r - 5 w - 9 r - 8 w	36. purl:	4 w - 18 r - 14 w - 7 r - 5 w
12. purl:	1 r - 5 w - 12 r - 4 w - 11 r - 2 w - 10 r - 3 w	37. knit:	4 w - 8 r - 4 w - 3 r - 8 w - 16 r - 5 w
13. knit:	4 w - 9 r - 3 w - 10 r - 4 w - 12 r - 4 w - 2 r	38. purl:	2 r - 4 w - 14 r - 8 w - 5 r - 3 w - 10 r - 2 w
14. purl:	2 r - 5 w - 11 r - 3 w - 11 r - 4 w - 7 r - 5 w	39. knit:	2 w - 10 r - 2 w - 7 r - 7 w - 14 r - 3 w - 3 r
15. knit:	5 w - 6 r - 6 w - 10 r - 3 w - 11 r - 4 w - 3 r	40. purl:	4 r - 3 w - 13 r - 6 w - 8 r - 1 w - 11 r - 2 w
16. purl:	3 r - 4 w - 11 r - 3 w - 10 r - 8 w - 2 r - 6 w - 1 r	41. knit:	2 w - 11 r - 2 w - 8 r - 5 w - 10 r - 6 w - 4 r
17. knit:	2 r - 16 w - 8 r - 4 w - 11 r - 4 w - 3 r	42. purl:	6 r - 3 w - 11 r - 6 w - 3 r - 2 w - 2 r - 2 w - 11 r - 2 w
18. purl:	3 r - 4 w - 11 r - 7 w - 3 r - 17 w - 3 r	43. knit:	3 w - 9 r - 15 w - 11 r - 4 w - 6 r
19. knit:	3 r - 10 w - 3 r - 14 w - 10 r - 5 w - 3 r	44. purl:	6 r - 5 w - 10 r - 16 w - 8 r - 2 w - 1 r
20. purl:	3 r - 6 w - 8 r - 12 w - 7 r - 8 w - 4 r	45. knit:	1 r - 2 w - 7 r - 5 w - 6 r - 7 w - 8 r - 5 w - 7 r
21. knit:	5 r - 4 w - 11 r - 11 w - 9 r - 4 w - 4 r	46. purl:	8 r - 4 w - 5 r - 7 w - 12 r - 5 w - 3 r - 2 w - 2 r
22. purl:	4 r - 4 w - 9 r - 10 w - 13 r - 3 w - 5 r	47. knit:	2 r - 2 w - 2 r - 5 w - 14 r - 8 w - 2 r - 4 w - 9 r
23. knit:	4 r - 4 w - 13 r - 4 w - 3 r - 4 w - 9 r - 3 w - 4 r	48. purl:	10 r - 12 w - 17 r - 6 w - 3 r
24. purl:	4 r - 3 w - 8 r - 4 w - 5 r - 3 w - 13 r - 4 w - 4 r		
25. knit:	5 r - 2 w - 5 r - 7 w - 5 r - 3 w - 13 r - 3 w - 5 r		

- Again, knit a couple of rows in your beginning color for a **border** and cast off.  
**You're done! Hooray!**

## Installation:

- Choose a **good place** for your Girdafi!  
For example a tree or a street light in front of a Lybian embassy or another Gaddafi-related place.
- Pull the Girdafi tightly around your target and **attach it with the zip ties or the yarn** you left over after knitting. The tighter the Girdafi is attached, the less likely it will slip down later.

## Enjoy your yarn bombing!

If you like to tell me about your Girdafi-session and send me some photos, I'll be more than glad to post it on the blog. Find more details and my contacts on <http://girdafi.blogspot.com>.