STRAWBERRY

YARN + NOTIONS

Needles:

• A pair of 3.75mm straight knitting needles (US 5)

• Two 3.5mm DPNs (US 4) to make the stalk

Notions:

• A small amount of toy filling

• A darning or tapestry needle to sew the knitted pieces together

• A metal split ring/keyring

• Approximately fifteen 6mm diameter white buttons to decorate, sewing needle and thread

Yarn:

All DK weight yarns, and less than 15g in each colour:

Pink: For the berry

Green: For the leaves and stalk

I recommend Hayfield Bonus DK yarn. The yarn used was sold in skeins weighing 100g, and one skein in each colour will be more than sufficient to knit your strawberry.

NOTES

Finished size: The strawberry is 6cm tall (not including the stalk).

Work flat: All pieces are knitted flat (back and forth) on a pair of straight knitting needles apart from the stalk which is i-cord knitted on two DPNs.

Tension: The tension is approximately 22 sts x 28 rows for a 10cm x 10cm square in stockinette stitch on 3.75mm needles. Don't worry too much about tension for this pattern.

Casting on: Unless otherwise specified, I prefer to use the long tail cast on for all pieces.

Sewing seams: Use mattress stitch to sew the seams.

ABBREVIATIONS

DK Double knitting or light worsted weight yarn

DPNs Double pointed needles

k Knit

k2tog *Decrease:* knit two stitches together.

kfb *Increase:* knit twice into the stitch. Knit into the front of the next stitch on the left-hand needle, but do not slip off the needle. Then take the right-hand needle and knit into the back of the stitch, then remove the loop from the left-hand needle.

p Purl

Pull through to cast off
Cut the yarn leaving at least a 30cm tail. Thread the tail onto a darning needle and sew through the remaining sts on the knitting needle. Pull the sts off the knitting needle on to the yarn, gather together tightly and secure the yarn.

rep Repeat

st(s) Stitch(es)

WS Wrong side

[…] Repeat the sequence between the square brackets by the number indicated.

(.. sts) The number in round brackets at the end of the instruction indicates the number of stitches after working the row.

KNITTING PATTERNS

Strawberry

Make 1. Cast on 9 sts in pink on straight 3.75mm needles.

Row 1: p (9 sts, WS)

Row 2: [kfb x 8], k1 (17 sts)

Row 3: p (17 sts)

Row 4: [k1, kfb] x 8, k1 (25 sts)

Row 5: p (25 sts)

Row 6: [k2, kfb] x 8, k1 (33 sts)

Row 7: p (33 sts)

Row 8: k (33 sts)

Rows 9 to 10: rep rows 7 and 8 (33 sts)

Row 11: p (33 sts)

Row 12: [k9, k2tog] x 3 (30 sts)

Row 13: p (30 sts)

Row 14: [k8, k2tog] x 3 (27 sts)

Row 15: p (27 sts)

Row 16: [k7, k2tog] x 3 (24 sts)

Row 17: p (24 sts)

Row 18: [k6, k2tog] x 3 (21 sts)

Row 19: p (21 sts)

Row 20: [k5, k2tog] x 3 (18 sts)

Row 21: p (18 sts)

Row 22: [k4, k2tog] x 3 (15 sts)

Row 23: p (15 sts)

Row 24: [k2tog] x 7, k1 (8 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

Making up: Sew the side edges together, adding stuffing as you sew. Finish by gathering the cast on sts together at the top of the berry.

Strawberry Leaves

Make 1. Cast on 12 sts in green on straight 3.75mm needles, using the cable cast on.

Step 1: Cast off 10 sts. You will have one st on the left needle, and one st on the right needle (2 sts).

Step 2: Slip the st on the right-hand needle onto the left-hand needle purl-wise (without knitting or purling the stitch) (2 sts)

Step 3: Using the knitted cast on, cast on 10 sts (12 sts)

Step 4: rep steps 1 to 3 four times (12 sts)

Cast off all sts.

Making up: Form into a star shape and sew together the side edges in the middle.

Strawberry Stalk

Make 1. Cast on 4 sts in green on a 3.5mm DPN. Using two DPNs knit an i-cord 9cm long.

Pull through to cast off.

Making up: Loop one end around the split ring/keyring and sew the loop in place.

Finishing: Sew the stalk on top of the leaves in the middle, and sew this onto the top of the berry. Decorate the berry by sewing tiny white buttons around the outside.

Stalk

Leaves