

Figgy Pudding Knitted Novelties



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Materials:

4.5mm and 3.75mm knitting needles

See individual patterns for colours and quantities of DK yarn required

Additional small amounts of green and red DK for holly

Stitch markers (or small lengths contrast yarn)

Below left - tinsel yarn or similar, a type of eyelash yarn.

Below right - using a glitter yarn in brown or black will create the impression of shiny dried fruit.



Abbreviations:

() work instructions between brackets as many times as given

alt alternate

B&T bind and tie, feed yarn through stitches left on needle, pull tight to tie off leaving yarn length for sewing up

CO cast on

DK double knit

K knit

K2tog knit two stitches together

K3tog knit three stitches together

M1 make one, insert right hand needle under horizontal bar between stitches, place on left hand needle and knit into the back of the stitch

P purl

R row

SS stocking stitch created by alternating rows of knit and purl

st stitch

yon yarn over needle

Tension:

There is no specified tension as no particular branded DK yarn is mentioned. All yarns work up differently; some are thicker and some thinner than others. If you are a tight knitter you can go up a size, if you are a loose knitter go down a size (depending on the thickness of the DK yarns you decide to you).

Mattress stitch:

I prefer to sew up with mattress stitch which creates an almost invisible seam. Lay pieces side by side, right sides facing up. Thread yarn through the horizontal bars between stitches on opposite edges, alternating back and forth, using every bar or every other bar at 1-2cm intervals each time, pull the yarn to close up.

**Single holly leaf:**

Using one strand of green DK yarn and 3.75mm needles CO 16sts

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: Purl

Row 3: K1, (yon, K2tog) to last stitch, K1

Row 4: Purl

Row 5: Knit

Cast off knit wise

Fold in half lengthways (purl/wrong side inside). Sew cast on and cast off edges together to form a picot edge for the holly spines. Fold to form a leaf shape. Sew along the centre joining together.



To make a cluster sew two or more single leaves together sewing into the centre to secure. Add French knots centrally with red DK yarn, knitted berries as given below, or use red beads instead.

To work a French knot:

Bring your needle up through the back where you want the knot to be. Wrap yarn twice, or more to make a bigger berry, around needle and go back down holding yarn firmly but not too tight. Pull the yarn through slowly giving a small tug at the end to round off and neaten.

Knitted berries:

Using one strand of red DK yarn and 3.75mm needles CO 8sts

Rows 1-2: Knit

B&T through all stitches. Thread the 'cast on' yarn through the cast on edge. Pull both lengths of yarn tight so it curls into a berry shape. Knot to secure.

**All in one holly leaf cluster:**

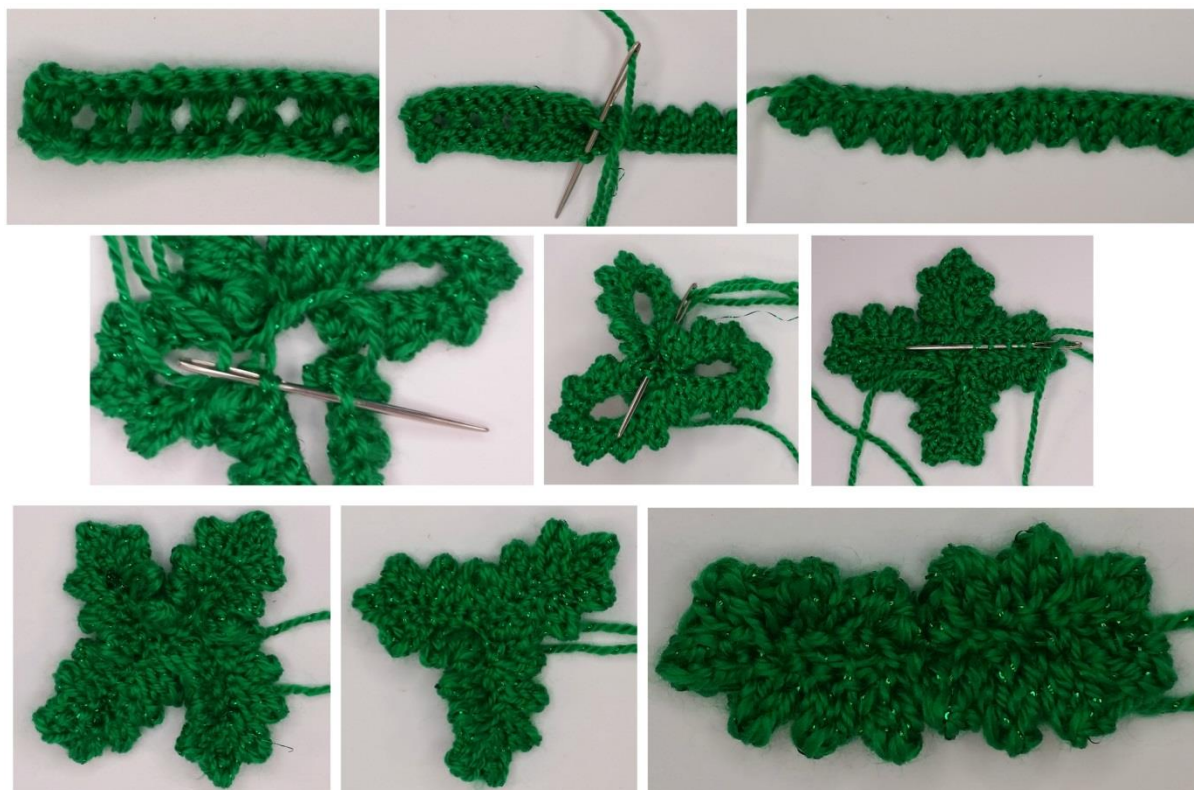
To make a four leaf cluster CO on 60sts, for a three leaf cluster CO 44sts, for a two leaf cluster CO 30sts

Using one strand of green DK yarn and 3.75mm needles CO number of stitches required

Row 1: Knit**Row 2: Purl****Row 3: K1, (yon, K2tog) to the last stitch, K1****Row 4: Purl****Row 5: Knit**

Cast off knit wise

Fold in half lengthways (purl/wrong side inside). Sew cast on and cast off edges together to form a picot edge for the holly spines (seven picots per leaf). Join the leaves at the 1st and 7th picots on each leaf into a cluster. Continue sewing together the 'open' centre of each leaf through the 'purl' stitches. When you reach the leaf tip thread the yarn to the back and run yarn through the ridge back to the centre point.



Tea Cosy

(to fit a traditional 2 cup 450ml teapot)

20g brown and 20g black DK yarn

10g white DK yarn and 10g white tinsel yarn (or use double strand of white DK yarn)

Small amounts of green and red DK yarn

Make two

Using one strand of brown and one strand of black DK yarn and 4.5mm needles CO 27sts

Rows 1-2: Knit

Rows 3-28: Starting with a knit row work 26 rows SS (or until work measures 11cm in length) adding a stitch marker to both end stitches on row 28 (the width at this point will be approximately 15-17cm depending on the thickness of yarns used)

Shape top (change to one strand of white DK yarn and one strand of white tinsel yarn):

Row 1: K2, K2tog, K5, K2tog, K5, K2tog, K5, K2tog, K2 (23sts)

Row 2 and every alt row to R10: Purl

Row 3: K2, K2tog, K4, K2tog, K3, K2tog, K4, K2tog, K2 (19sts)

Row 5: K2, K2tog, K2, K2tog, K3, K2tog, K2, K2tog, K2 (15sts)

Row 7: K1, K2tog, K1, K2tog, K3, K2tog, K1, K2tog, K1 (11sts)

Row 9: K1, K2tog, K1, K3tog, K1, K2tog, K1 (7sts)

Cast off.

Sew the top between both stitch markers and place on the teapot. It should now rest just above the spout and handle. Sew bottom sides together for 3-4 rows. Make holly leaf clusters as given above and add to the top.

Washing/drying instructions:

It is best to hand wash your tea cosy. Machine washing may make it lose its crispness and shape. Give it a gentle hand wash in room temperature water letting it soak a little to remove any tea stains. Rinse until water runs clear. Gently squeeze out excess water, press flat between towels and leave to dry, or place on the teapot to dry.

Additional base:

Knit the base to adapt the tea cosy into a paper weight, door stop or knitted 'novel-tea', fully sewing up both sides. Takes approximately 10g DK yarn used double stranded.

Using two strands of DK yarn and 4.5mm needles CO 54sts

Rows 1-2: Knit

Row 3: (K2tog, K4) x9 (45sts)

Row 4 and every alt row to R14: Purl

Row 5: (K2tog, K3) x9 (36sts)

Row 7: (K2tog, K2) x 9 (27sts)

Row 9: (K2tog, K1) x 9 (18sts)

Row 11: (K2tog) x 9 (9sts)

Row 13: (K2tog) x4, K1

Row 15: K2tog, K3tog

B&T. Sew side seams together to create a circular shape. Fill with toy stuffing. Add a well-sealed bag of uncooked rice, aquarium gravel or similar if making into a paper weight or door stop. Attach the base by sewing through the garter stitch rows of the base and bottom of 'tea cosy' as shown below.



400g Christmas Pudding Cover

20g brown and 20g black DK yarn

10g white DK yarn and 10g white tinsel yarn (or use double strand of white DK yarn)

Small amounts of green and red DK yarn

Using one strand of brown and one strand of black DK yarn and 4.5mm needles CO 58sts

Rows 1-2: Knit

Rows 3-30: Starting with a purl row work 28 rows SS

Change to one strand of white DK yarn and one strand of white tinsel yarn

Rows 31-32: Knit

Row 33: K3, (K2tog, K5) x7, K2tog, K4 (50sts)

Row 34: Knit

Row 35: K3, (K2tog, K4) x7, K2tog, K3 (42sts)

Row 36: Knit
Row 37: K2, (K2tog, K3) x7, K2tog, K3 (34sts)
Row 38: Knit
Row 39: K2, (K2tog, K2) x7, K2tog, K2 (26sts)
Row 40: K2, (K2tog, K1) x7, K2tog, K1 (18sts)
Row 41: (K2tog) x9 (9sts)
Row 42: (K2tog) x4, K1 (5sts)

B&T

Sew side seam. Make holly leaf clusters as given above and add to the top.

100g Christmas Pudding Cover

10g brown and 10g black DK yarn

5g white DK yarn and 10g white tinsel yarn (or use double strand of white DK yarn)

Small amounts of green and red DK yarn

Using one strand of brown and one strand of black DK yarn and 4.5mm needles CO 34sts

Rows 1-2: Knit

Row 3: K1, (M1, K4) x8, M1, K1 (43sts)

Rows 4-16: Starting with a purl row work 13 rows SS

Change to one strand of white DK yarn and one strand of white tinsel yarn

Rows 17-18: Knit

Row 19: (K3, K2tog) x8, K3 (35sts)

Row 20: Knit

Row 21: K2, (K2tog, K3) x6, K2tog, K1 (28sts)

Row 22: Knit

Row 23: K1, (K2tog, K2) x6, K2tog, K1 (21sts)

Row 24: Knit

Row 25: (K2tog) x10, K1 (11sts)

Row 26: Knit

Row 27: (K2tog) x5, K1 (6sts)

Row 28: Knit

B&T

Sew side seam. Make holly leaf clusters as given above and add to the top.

Chocolate Orange Cover

5g brown and 5g black DK yarn

5g white DK yarn and 5g white tinsel yarn (or use double strand of white DK yarn)

Small amounts of green and red DK yarn

Using one strand of brown and one strand of black DK yarn and 4.5mm needles CO 30sts

Rows 1-2: Knit

Row 3: K1, (M1, K4) x7, M1, K1 (38sts)

Rows 4-12: Starting with a purl row work 9 rows SS

Change to one strand of white DK yarn and one strand of white tinsel yarn

Rows 13-14: Knit

Row 15: (K3, K2tog) x7, K3 (31sts)

Row 16: Knit

Row 17: K2, (K2tog, K3) x5, K2tog, K2 (25sts)

Row 18: Knit

Row 19: (K2, K2tog) x6, K1 (19sts)

Row 20: Knit

Row 21: (K2tog) x9, K1 (10sts)

Row 22: (K2tog) x5

B&T

Sew side seam. Make holly leaf clusters as given above and add to the top.

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