

Christmas Bauble

KNITTING PATTERN



SIZES

The bauble measures approx 7-8 cm diameter depending on the amount of stuffing used.

YARN

1 pair of 3.75 mm needles (UK9 / US5)

Oddments (approx 6g per bauble) of any DK (Light Worsted) yarn - go wild with the colours to suit your Christmas theme.

Approx 12g of stuffing per ball. (Fire retardant)

Wool sewing needle

NOTE

This pattern is worked in **ROWS** on a pair of needles so is great for beginners, and those who don't like knitting 'in the round' - which some people find a bit fiddly.

TENSION

Tension is not critical. The knit work should be firm so that when stuffed the stuffing does not show through the knit fabric. Change to smaller needles if necessary to achieve this.

ABBREVIATIONS

K - knit

P - purl

St(s) - stitch(es)

RS - right side

WS - wrong side

K2tog - knit 2 together

M1 - make one stitch use the right hand needle to pick up the horizontal thread before the next st. Place this on the left needle and knit into the back of this stitch - this will prevent a hole forming.

Mm – millimetre

Cm – centimetre

MC - main colour

C - contrast colour

Alt - alternate

Cont - continue

Beg - beginning

Rem – remaining

TO MAKE THE BAUBLE

Cast on 8 sts in MC

1st row: (K1, Kfb) x 4 (12 sts)

2nd and all alt rows: purl

3rd row: (k2, m1, k1) x 4 (16 sts)

5th row: (k1, m1, k1) x 8 (24 sts)

7th row: (k1, m1, k2) x 8 (32 sts)

9th row: (k2, m1, k2) x 8 (40 sts)

11th row: (k2, m1, k3) x 8 (48 sts)



For The Plain Version

Work 5 rows st st starting and ending with a purl row.

For the Patterned Version

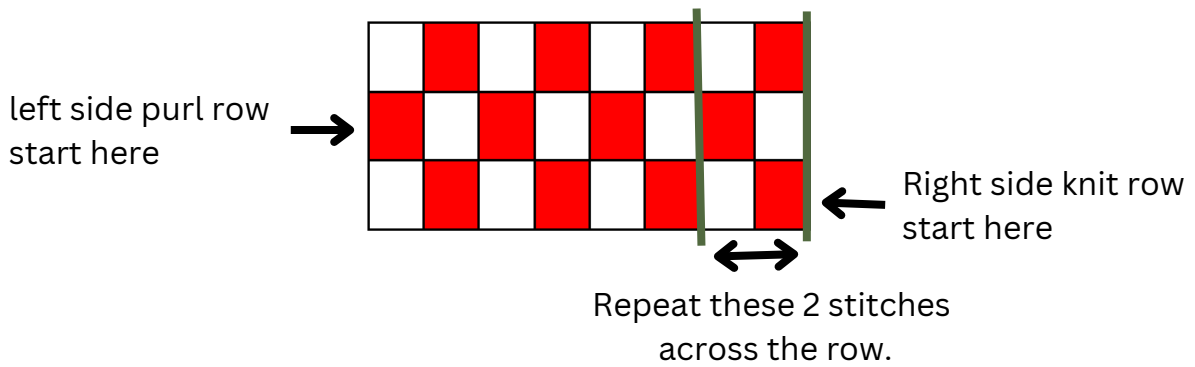
Next row: purl

Next row: follow the chart the first row being: (k1C, k1MC) x 24

Continue from chart (see page 3) for the next 2 rows – working the knit side from right to left of the chart and the purl side from left to right of the chart.

Next row: purl





All Versions

17th row: (k2, k2tog, k2) x 8 (40 sts)

19th row: (k1, k2tog, k2) x 8 (32 sts)

21st row: (k2tog, k2) x 8 (24 sts)

23rd row: k2tog (k2tog, k1) x 7, k1 (16 sts)

25th row: (k2tog, k2) x 4 (12 sts)

27th row: (k2tog, k1) x 4 (8 sts)



TO COMPLETE

Break yarn leaving a long end. Thread this end onto a wool sewing needle and thread through the rem 8 sts, (remove the needle) pull up tight and sew into place.

With right sides together seam the outer edges together to within 2 cm of cast on edge. Turn through and stuff. Continue to sew the seam (from the right side) and gather cast on sts to join at top of bauble.

With long end make a loop, sew in the end firmly so that the loop does not undo.



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