

SUNFLOWER Knitting Instructions

To knit this cheery sunflower you will need:

- Approx 20gms yellow DK weight yarn (our DK merino in sunshine yellow is perfect!)
- Approx 5gms natural dark brown DK weight yarn for the centre.
- 3.5mm knitting needles
- Filling for the flower centre
- Sewing needle

Finished measurements are approximately 13 x 13cm.

STEP 1 Large Petals

Using *sunshine* colour yarn cast on 12sts

Row 1: Knit (K) all stitches (sts) through the back of the loop (tbl)

Row 2: K 10 sts, turn work.

Row 3: K to end of row

Row 4: Knit

Row 5: Cast off 10 sts and K last stitch

Row 6: K2,

Row 7: Turn work and cast on 10 sts.

Repeat rows 1-7 until you have made 14 petals. (do not knit row 6 & 7 on the last petal)

Cast off the last two sts

Stitch together the base of the first and last petal to make a ring.

STEP 2 Small Petals

Cast on 9 sts

Row 1: K all sts tbl

Row 2: K 7 sts, turn work.

Row 3: K to end of row.

Row 4: Knit

Row 5: Cast off 7 sts and k last stitch

Row 6: K2

Row 7: Turn work and cast on 7 sts.

Repeat rows 1-7 until you have made 10 petals. (do not knit row 6 & 7 on the last petal)

Cast off the last two sts

Stitch together the base of the first and last petal to make a ring.



STEP 3 Flower Centre

The flower centre is worked in moss stitch to give a lovely textured effect.

Using brown yarn, and leaving a tail of approx 10cm, cast on 8 sts

Row 1: K1, knit through the front and the back of the stitch (kfb) x2, p1, k1, kfb x 2, p1 (12sts)

Row 2: P1, k1, kfb x 2, (p1, k1) x 2, kfb x 2, p1, k1 (16)

Row 3: K1, p1, k1, kfb x 2, (p1, k1) x 3, kfb x 2, p1, k1, p1 (20)

Row 4: (P1, k1) repeat to end of row

Row 5: K1, p1, k1, p1, kfb x 2, (k1, p1) x 4, kfb x 2, k1, p1, k1, p1. (24)

Rows 6 - 11: Work 6 rows of moss stitch.

Row 12: P1, k1, p1, k1, knit 2 together (k2tog) x2, (p1, k1) x4, k2tog x2, p1, k1, p1, k1. (20)

Row 13: (K1, p1) repeat to end of row

Row 14: P1, k1, p1, (k2tog) x2, (k1, p1) x3, (k2tog) x2, k1, p1, k1

Row 15: K1, p1, (k2tog) x2, (k1, p1) x2, (k2tog) x2, k1, p1.

Row 16: P1, (k2tog) x2, k1, p1, (k2tog) x2, k1. (8)

Cast off by threading the end of the yarn through last 8 sts and leaving an end of approx 10cm.

STEP 4 Making Up

Gather up the top and bottom edges of flower centre.
Stitch up the back of the flower centre leaving a small gap in the middle.

Stuff the flower centre with filling and sew up the opening

Run a thread through the base of both rings of petals and gather up slightly.

Stitch the small petals in place first, then stitch on the larger petals. They should be curling, very slightly, backwards and the centre of the flower should be very slightly domed on the right side, and flat on the back.

You may wish to give your finished flower an occasional light steam to keep it looking as happy as a sunflower.

Now congratulate yourself and show all your friends!

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