



Go off with a bang with this piece of explosive knitting! It is a simple pattern, starting with the bomb itself. This is knitted in the round from the top down, with paired increases, a straight section and then paired decreases. The bomb-top is knitted in a similar way but as a flat disk, then sewn in place. The fuse and sparks are worked in I-cord and then sewn together.

Finished size:

5"/13cm diameter

Yarn:

The pattern is written for a worsted/aran weight yarn, but gauge is not important – you could use any size yarn. The important thing is to use needles a size smaller than normal. This means the stuffing won't show through.

Worsted weight yarn in black (60yds/50m), white (6yds/6m), yellow (4yds/4m), orange (4yds/4m) and red (4yds/4m).

I used Lamb's Pride Worsted in M-05 Onyx, M-10 Cream, M-155 Lemon Drop, M-110 Orange You Glad and M-107 Red Hot Passion.

Other materials:

4.5mm/UK/US Size 7 dpns

Stitch marker

Yarn needle
Stuffing

Gauge:

20 sts and 26 rows to 4"/10cm in stocking st on 4.5mm/Size 7 needles

Abbreviations:

BO – bind off
CO – cast on
dpn/s – double pointed needle/s
k – knit
kfb – knit into the front and then
the back of that stitch
k2tog – knit two sts together
PM – place marker
pssso – pass slipped st over
rep – repeat
rnd/s – round/s
sl 1 – slip one stitch as if to knit
st/s – stitch/es



Notes:

I-cord is worked by casting on 2 or 3 sts onto a dpn. These are knitted, but instead of transferring the needle back to your left hand, slide all the sts to the other end of the needle, pass this needle to your left hand, bring the yarn around the back of the work (the side away from you) and knit the sts again. Keep the tension tight. Repeat this to form the I-cord.

Directions:

Bomb:

Start with the tube at the top.
Using black, CO 24 sts and place on 3 dpns.
PM at beg of rnd and join to work in round as follows:
Rnds 1-11: k all sts.
Rnd 12: *k1, kfb twice, k1, rep from *. (36 sts)
Rnd 13: k all sts.
Rnd 14: *k2, kfb twice, k2, rep from *. (48 sts)
Rnds 15-16: k all sts.
Rnd 17: *k3, kfb twice, k3, rep from *. (60 sts)
Rnds 18-20: k all sts.
Rnd 21: *k4, kfb twice, k4, rep from *. (72 sts)
Rnd 22-44: k all sts.
Rnd 45: *k4, k2tog, sl1, k1, pssso, k4, rep from *. (60 sts)
Rnds 46-48: k all sts.
Rnd 49: *k3, k2tog, sl1, k1, pssso, k3, rep from *. (48 sts)
Rnd 50-51: k all sts.
Place some stuffing in the bomb.
Rnd 52: *k2, k2tog, sl1, k1, pssso, k2, rep from *. (36 sts)
Rnd 53: k all sts.
Place more stuffing in.
Rnd 54: *k1, k2tog, sl1, k1, pssso, k1, rep from *. (24 sts)

Rnd 55: *k2tog, sl1, k1, psso, rep from *. (12 sts)

Place the last bit of stuffing in, then cut a 12"/30cm tail of yarn and thread it through the remaining sts. Pull tight to close up, then fasten off.

Bomb-top:

Using black, CO 6 sts and place on 3 dpns.

PM at beg of rnd and join to work in round as follows:

Rnd 1: kfb every st. (12 sts)

Rnd 2: *k1, kfb, rep from *. (18 sts)

Rnd 3: *k2, kfb, rep from *. (24 sts)

BO all sts.

Fuse:

Using white, CO 3 sts and work these in I-cord for 4"/10cm.

BO all sts.

Sparks:

Short Sparks (3):

Make one each in red, yellow, orange.

CO 2 sts.

Work in I-cord until spark is 3.5"/9cm long.

BO.

Long Sparks (2):

Make one each in yellow and orange.

CO 2 sts.

Work in I-cord until spark is 5.5"/14cm long.

BO.



Finishing:

Weave in all tails.

Soak sparks, fuse and bomb-top for at least half an hour in warm water, then gently squeeze in a towel. Pin sparks out straight to dry. Pin fuse in a gentle curve, and pin bomb-top flat.



When dry, stuff bomb if needed through the tube and sew bomb-top into place - inside the tube, about halfway down. Sew fuse into the centre of the bomb-top. Fold sparks in half and sew through all of them into the top of the fuse.

If you like, you can sew a ring around the bottom of the neck of the bomb to make it more tube shaped and less flared. Weave in any remaining ends and off you go! Time for some explosions!