

Cherries

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NEEDLES & NOTIONS

- A pair of 3.5mm (US 4) single pointed knitting needles, minimum length 20cm
- Two 3.5mm (US 4) DPNs, minimum length 10cm to knit the i-cord stalks
- A darning or tapestry needle for seaming
- A large handful of toy filling or cotton wool balls to stuff the cherry fruits
- *Optional:* A safety pin or brooch pin

YARN



- These cherries are knitted in DK weight yarn (double knitting, 8 ply, or light worsted weight), in a few grammes each of Red/Purple and Green.
- The red cherries above were knitted in **Sirdar Hayfield Bonus DK** in shades *Signal Red* and *Orchard*, and the purple cherries opposite were knitted in **Deramores Studio DK** in shades *Peony* and *Fir*. Both are 100% acrylic DK weight yarns.
- Any similar DK acrylic yarn is recommended.



NOTES

Introduction: Knit these cherries to make a sweet bag charm or keyring charm, add a brooch pin to wear as jewellery, or use as toy food for playtime.

Work flat: Knit the cherries and leaves flat (back and forth) on a pair of single pointed knitting needles, not in the round. The stalks are i-cord worked on two DPNs.

Casting on: Use the long tail cast on for this pattern.

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 onto the yarn, gather together tightly, and secure.

Stockinette stitch: Also known as stocking stitch, purl the WS rows and knit the RS rows.

Seaming: Use mattress stitch for seams.

One size: Approximately 8.5cm wide x 8.5cm high (including leaves and stalks).

Tension: 23 sts x 29 rows for a 10cm x 10cm square in stockinette stitch on 3.5mm needles. Don't worry about tension for this pattern, it is not critical.

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ABBREVIATIONS

DPNs Double pointed needles

k Knit

k2tog Knit two stitches together (decrease by 1)

kfb Knit into the front and back (increase by 1)

p Purl

p2tog Purl two stitches together (decrease by 1)

RS Right side

ssk Slip the next stitch on the left needle knit-wise, then slip the next stitch on the left needle purl-wise. Take the left needle and knit through the front of the 2 slipped sts on the right needle (decrease by 1)

st(s) Stitch(es)

St st Stockinette

tog Together

WS Wrong side

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CHERRY FRUITS

Make 2. Start at the top of the cherry. Cast on 6 sts in the fruit colour (Purple/Red) on 3.5mm single pointed needles.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2 (RS): [Kfb] 6 times. (12 sts)

Row 3: Purl.

Row 4: [Kfb, k1] 6 times. (18 sts)

Row 5: Purl.

Row 6: [Kfb, k2] 6 times. (24 sts)

Row 7: Purl.

Row 8: Knit.

Row 9: Purl.

Row 10: [K2tog, k2] 6 times. (18 sts)

Row 11: Purl.

Row 12: [K2tog] 9 times. (9 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

LEAF AND STALK

Make 2. Start at the tip of the leaf. Cast on 3 sts in Green on 3.5mm single pointed needles.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2 (RS): K1, kfb, k1. (4 sts)

Row 3: Purl.

Row 4: [Kfb] 4 times. (8 sts)

Row 5: Purl.

Row 6: K1, [kfb] 2 times, k2, [kfb] 2 times, k1.
(12 sts)

Row 7: Purl.

Row 8: K2, [kfb] 2 times, k4, [kfb] 2 times, k2.
(16 sts)

Rows 9 to 13: Starting on a WS purl row work 5 rows in St st.

Row 14: K2, k2tog, ssk, k4, k2tog, ssk, k2. (12 sts)

Row 15: Purl.

Row 16: K1, k2tog, ssk, k2, k2tog, ssk, k1. (8 sts)

Row 17: Purl.

Row 18: [K2tog] 4 times. (4 sts)

Row 19: P2tog, p2. (3 sts)

Transfer these 3 sts onto a 3.5mm DPN. With the RS facing you, use two DPNs to knit i-cord for the stalk for a length of 4cm.

Pull through to cast off.

MAKING UP

⇒ *NOTE:* Use mattress stitch for seaming.

Cherry Fruits: Sew the side edges tog, stuffing as you sew. Finish by gathering the cast on sts tog at the top of the cherry.

Leaf and Stalk: Sew the side edges of the leaf tog (note that the seam runs down the centre back of the leaf), and gather the cast on sts tog to finish.



Assembling the cherry: Place the two finished leaves side by side, seams facing downwards. Sew through the top of the stalks to attach the two leaf pieces tog.



Sew the i-cord stalk to the top of each cherry. To make a brooch pin, sew a safety pin on the back of the leaves.