

NuttyIrishmanKnits



## PLAYtime Petit FOURS

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We have afternoon tea a lot at our home. And Annabelle always invites all her friends... Piggy-Piggy, Clarabelle the stuffed dog, Grace the cheerleader bear, and a few more tried and true buddies. Walking by Annie's room during "tea" one day I thought it might be fun to have "cakes" at her table. And with Valentine's Day not far away, why not share a few Petit Fours with her school friends as well? These little cakes can be knit in any color and patterns of color you can dream up. And packaged in a candy box with a grosgrain ribbon they are sure to make any tea-time complete!

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## Materials Checklist:

set of 5 US 3 DPN's

DK weight cotton yarn in Main Color, Icing Color, and colors for Mint Leaves & Bobble or Flower. (less than 25g of each)

Polyester Filling

Tapestry Needle

## Pattern Abbreviations:

**KFBL:** knit through front and back of loop

**SSK:** slip one stitch, slip second stitch to right needle, knit both stitches together through the back of loops

**K2tog:** knit two stitches together

**PSSO:** pass slipped-stitch over

## *To begin wrapper:*

Starting 15" from yarn end, CO 8 stitches. Knit 1 round dividing stitches on 2 needles and knitting with the third.

Round 2: Increase each stitch using KFBL (16 sts.)

Round 3: Knit.

Round 4: Increase each stitch using KFBL (32 sts.)

Round 5: Knit.

Round 6: Increase each stitch using KFBL (64 sts.)

Round 7: Knit.

Round 8: Purl.

Round 9: Purl, dividing stitches on 4 needles. (16 sts. on each)

## *Wrapper Ribbing:*

Rounds 10-14: k1, p1 to end of round.

Round 15: BO all stitches. Break yarn and weave in end. ***DO NOT weave in CO yarn, keeping on RS of wrapper.***

## *Petit Four Icing:*

Using the Icing Color and with right side facing you, pick up 64 stitches from the Bound Off edge of wrapper. (To keep the "braid" visible, pick up from the inside edge (third ridge from front). Pick up these stitches, dividing them after every 16<sup>th</sup> stitch, on 4 needles. Knit with the 5<sup>th</sup>.

Round 1-4: Knit. ***Stop here and on wrong side, weave in the Icing Color yarn strand used to begin the Icing section of Petit Four.***

Continue knitting Round 5: K2tog, K12, SSK, 4 times. Keep stitches evenly divided on 4 needles. (Each set of stitches on each needle will now begin and end with a decrease.)

Round 6: K2tog, K10, SSK; repeat 4 times.  
Round 7: K2tog, K8, SSK; repeat 4 times.  
Round 8: K2tog, K6, SSK; repeat 4 times.  
Round 9: K2tog, k4, SSK; repeat 4 times.  
Round 10: K2tog, K2, SSK; repeat 4 times.  
Round 11: K2tog, SSK; repeat 4 times. 8 stitches remain. Break yarn and thread through 8 stitches. **DO NOT pull to tighten.**

Using polyester filling, stuff Petit Four until desired firmness, making sure to maintain the square shape. Tighten remaining 8 stitches and draw tapestry needle and yarn down through the center of Petit Four and knotting off at center of wrapper bottom. Thread needle with wrapper cast on yarn and weave through wrapper cast on stitches, pulling to tighten. Draw yarn from bottom of Petit Four through center of Icing Top and use to secure Mint Leaves & Raspberry or Flower. Cut remaining yarn and tuck into poly filling.

### *Petit Four Mint Leaves & Raspberry*

Mint Leaves:

Cast on 2 stitches.  
Row 1: KFBL twice (4 stitches)  
Row 2: Knit.  
Row 3: KFBL, k2, KFBL (6 stitches)  
Row 4: Knit.  
Row 5: SSK, k2, k2tog  
Row 6: Knit.  
Row 7: SSK, k2tog  
Row 8: Knit.  
Row 9: KFBL twice (4 stitches)  
Row 10: Knit.  
Row 11: KFBL, k2, KFBL (6 stitches)  
Row 12: Knit.  
Row 13: SSK, k2, k2tog  
Row 14: Knit.  
Row 15: SSK, k2tog  
Row 16: BO stitches. Weave in all ends.

Raspberry Bobble:

Cast on 2 stitches.  
Row 1: Slip 1, k1, p1, k1, p1, k1, p1, k1 into second stitch. (8 stitches)  
Row 2: p6, p2tog (7 stitches)  
Row 3: Knit.  
Row 4: Purl.  
Row 5: k1, k2tog, k2tog, k2tog (4 stitches)

Row 6: p2tog twice

Row 7: BO 2 remaining stitches. Using one end of yarn, weave through ends of bobble and tighten to form raspberry. Use end to attach to mint leaves. Weave in all ends.

### **Petit Four Flower**

With petal color, cast on 7 stitches.

Row 1: Slip 1 st., k5, turn.

Row 2: k5, turn.

Row 3: k5, turn.

Row 4: k5, turn.

Row 5: k5, turn.

Row 6: k6.

Row 7: k2tog, 3 times, turn.

Row 8: k3tog, PSSO. 1 stitch remains. CO 6 stitches using backward loop cast on, and repeat from beginning for desired number of petals. Weave yarn end through ends of petals to tighten. Weave in all ends and using thumb and forefinger, curl petals up or down. Using either French knot or embroidery, sew center of flower with contrasting color.