

Heirloom Strawberry

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Materials

- US #4 (3.5mm) DPNs
- small amounts of worsted weight yarn in red and green
- small amount worsted weight yarn in contrasting color for seeds (optional)
- stuffing material

Strawberry

CO 9 stitches and divide evenly on 3 dpns.
Place marker and join to knit in the round.

Round 1: Knit

Round 2: *Kfb* repeat to end (18 sts)

Round 3: Knit

Round 4: *K3, kfb* repeat to end (24 sts)

Rounds 5 - 8: Knit

Round 9: *K4, k2tog* repeat to end (20 sts)

Round 10: Knit

Round 11: *K3, k2tog* repeat to end (16 sts)

Rounds 12 - 14: Knit

Round 15: *K2, k2tog* repeat to end (12 sts)

Round 16: Knit

Round 17: *K1, k2tog* repeat to end (8 sts)

Round 18: Knit

Round 19: *K2tog* repeat to end (4 sts)

Cut yarn and thread through remaining stitches to close. Stuff strawberry body through the top and close hole. Embroider seeds if desired, and weave in ends.

Leafy Top

With green yarn CO 6 stitches and join to knit in the round.

Round 1: Knit

Round 2: *Kfb* repeat to end (12 sts)

Round 3: Knit

Round 4: *Kfb* repeat to end (24 sts)

Round 5: Knit

The following round creates the leaf-tip shaping through decreasing and binding off certain stitches while leaving others live on the needles.

Round 6: BO the first stitch (k2, pass first stitch over), *k2tog, k1, BO 1 (pass the decreased stitch over)* repeat to one stitch from end of round, k1. (9 sts)

Cut your working yarn leaving a 12" tail. Keeping your live stitches on the dpns, place your top on the strawberry (See Figure A on page two).

Using a yarn needle, sew into your last stitch and remove it from the dpn and secure it to the upper side of the strawberry. Bring your needle up through the top of the strawberry to secure it, then bring your needle down into the side of the strawberry where you want your second stitch to attach (See Figure B on page two.)

Slip your needle into the next live stitch and attach it as you did the first live

*A note about gauge...
Don't sweat it! Just make sure your stitches are tight enough so the stuffing doesn't show through.*

stitch. Repeat until you have secured all live stitches to the strawberry.

Bring your needle up to the center of the strawberry top and use the remaining yarn to cinch together the first row from your co edge to form the stem. Weave in all ends.

Enjoy!

Abbreviations:

DPN: double pointed needle

CO: cast on

BO: bind off

kfb: knit through the front and back of a stitch

k2tog: knit two stitches together

sts: stitches



Figure A



Figure B