

Simple Knit Flower

KNITTING PATTERN



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This pattern is written for the smaller flower. Changes for the larger flower are in parenthesis.

NOTE: This method can be difficult to master. You may have to attempt a few flowers to master the method. Instructions are first given for knitting with two needles. There are short instructions and then long instructions with more detail. There are bonus instructions at the bottom to knit the flower in a round. You may want to master the flower with two needles before attempting the round!

Yarn: Any type of worsted weight yarn.
Cotton/acrylic/wool.

Amount for flower: Small amount of yarn.

Knitting needles: 5 mm [8 US] dpn needles (can use a circular needle)
4 – 5mm (8 US) dpn needles if knitting in a round

Extra Materials: Tapestry needle to weave in ends
Tape measure or ruler
Button (optional)

Gauge: 18 st = 4"; 26 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch
Gauge is not very crucial in this pattern.

SHORT Directions:

Flower: Cast on 29 stitches. *Note:* If you want a contrasting edge, cast on with a second colour, and then change to your main colour on the first row. I have found that using the Two Needle Method or Knitting On method for casting on, does not curl as much as other methods. You will want to cast on loosely. If you are using the long tail cast on with this flower, there is a slightly different method for manipulating the flower.

Row 1: k across

Row 2: purl across

Continue in stockinette stitch until measures 1" (1.25") 2.5 cm (3 cm) or desired length.

Creating the Petals:

Row 1(RS): *sl 4 purl wise. Drop the next stitch. *See Figure A.* Unravel stitch to the bottom. *See Figure B.* Repeat from *across. Go back to start of RS row.

Row 2(RS): Pick up a stitch through bottom corner, k1, pass picked up stitch over knit stitch, k3, *knit through bottom of strip, k4. Repeat from * across until 4 stitches remain, k3, pick up a stitch through the bottom corner, knit last stitch. Pass picked up stitch over last knit stitch.

Row 3(WS): *p2tog repeat across. (15 stitches)

Cut long tail on yarn. Using a tapestry needle, thread needle through all stitches. Pull tight and tie in the back.

Puff out the petals to form the flower.

LONG Directions:

Cast on 29 stitches. *Note:* If you want a contrasting edge, cast on with a second colour, and then change to your main colour on the first row. I have found that using the Two Needle Method or Knitting On method for casting on, does not curl as much as other methods. You will want to cast on loosely. If you are using the long tail cast on with this flower, there is a slightly different method for manipulating the flower.

Knit in stockinette stitch until measures 1" (1.25") 2.5 cm (3.2 cm)

With RS facing, sl 4 purl wise onto right needle. Drop the next stitch. *See Figure A.* Let it unravel to the bottom. *See Figure B.*

*sl 4, drop 1 * til end of row. You will now have a strip that looks like *Figure C.*

Note: If you used long tail cast on, it will unravel as seen in *Figure C2.*



FIGURE A



FIGURE B



FIGURE C



FIGURE C2

Arcs:

To shape the arcs of the flowers, return to start of RS row. Insert right needle into bottom right hand corner of strip from RS to WS. See Figure D.

Note: The loop you make on your needle should not be tight! That will make your petal too tight! You may pick up the loop above the corner.

Knit through first stitch on left needle. Pass first stitch on right needle over second stitch. See Figure E. You will have 1 stitch on right needle. This will bring up the corner of the strip in an arc. See Figure F.

This will bring up your strip into an arc. See Figure I2. Another option for Long tail is to put the needle underneath all of the stitches. Knit under all of the stitches. You will not get the extra piece of yarn between the petals.



FIGURE G

FIGURE G2



FIGURE D

FIGURE E

FIGURE H

FIGURE H2



FIGURE F

FIGURE I

FIGURE I2

Note: To illustrate how to make the petals, I knit a pink strip and then changed to a contrasting white yarn. These are illustrated in Figure G, H and I.

Knit next 3 stitches. You are now at the place where you dropped a stitch. Make sure the stitch is unraveled all the way to the bottom. Using right needle, put needle through the bottom of your strip where your stitch unraveled. Right above yarn on bottom of strip.

See Figure G. Knit through. Make sure you do not knit this loop too loose. If it is loose, the petals will not form properly. See Figures H and I. This will bring up your strip into an arc. See Figure I.

Long tail:

If you used long tail cast on, bringing up the arcs is slightly different.

At the dropped stitch, put your needle right above the bottom yarn. See Figure G2.

Knit through. Make sure you do not knit this loop too loose. See Figures H2 and I2.

*k4, Knit through bottom of strip *. Repeat until there are 4 stitches remaining.

k3. With last stitch, you need to bring up left corner of your strip into an arc. Put needle through bottom corner of strip from RS to WS. See Figure J. *Note:* Do not make this loop too tight! (You may pick up the loop above the corner) Knit through remaining stitch on left needle and pass first stitch over newly knit stitch. Your corner will look like Figure K and the whole strip will look like Figure L.

Puff out each flower petal by putting a finger in petal on wrong side and pushing it out to puff it out. Each petal should be raised so the flower is 3D.



FIGURE J



FIGURE K

Cast on 30 stitches with CA with dpn needles. Divide stitches on 3 needles. Place 10 stitches per needle.

Note: If you want a contrasting edge, cast on with CB, and then change to CA on the first round.

Rnd 1: k across

Continue in round 1 until measures 1" (1.25") 2.5 cm (3 cm) or desired length.

Rnd 2: *sl 4 purl wise. Drop the next stitch. *See Figure A.* Let it unravel to the bottom. *See Figure B.* Repeat from * across.

Rnd 3: (CA) *k4, Knit through bottom of strip. Repeat from * across. See Notes below on dropped stitch.

Rnd 4: (CA or CB) *p2tog repeat across. (15 stitches)

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Dropped stitch:

Make sure the stitch is unraveled all the way to the bottom. Using right needle, put needle through the bottom of your strip where your stitch unraveled. Right above yarn on bottom of strip. *See Figure G.* Knit through. Make sure you do not knit this loop too loose. If it is loose, the petals will not form properly. *See Figures H and I.* This will bring up your strip into an arc. *See Figure I.*

Long tail:

If you used long tail cast on, bringing up the arcs is slightly different. At the dropped stitch, put your needle right above the bottom yarn. *See Figure G2.* Knit through. Make sure you do not knit this loop too loose. *See Figures H2 and I2.* This will bring up your strip into an arc. *See Figure I2.* Another option for Long tail, is to put the needle underneath all of the stitches. Knit under all of the stitches. You will not get the extra piece of yarn between the petals.

Cut long tail on yarn. Using a tapestry needle, thread needle through all stitches. Pull tight and tie in the back.

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FIGURE L

Decrease: WS: *p2tog repeat until 1 stitch left. p1.

Cut long tail on yarn. Using a tapestry needle, thread needle through all stitches. Pull tight. *See Figures M and N.*



FIGURE M



FIGURE N

Tie two petals together at the bottom where your flower comes together. *See Figure O.*

Weave the two petals together on the back side to form a complete flower. *See Figure P.* Weave in ends.



FIGURE O



FIGURE P

Knitting Flower in a Round:

Note: The method for this is the same as a strip. However, there is no seam. Refer to previous pictures as the method is the same, however flower is knit in a round.

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