

# star decoration



by passionate flower

This star is knit in the round from the points to the centre.

Stars can be hung as separate decorations, or joined together to form a garland.

Sizing:

Changing the yarn weight and needle size will alter the size of the finished star.

Choose needles that give you a firm fabric.

My versions:

*4ply/Sock yarn*

2.75mm needles, approx. 3 grams

10cm x 10cm

*8ply/DK yarn*

4mm needles, approx. 8 grams

14cm x 14cm

Materials:

Needles: circular needles (80cm in length) in your chosen size, for using the magic loop method. Can also be adapted to double pointed needles.



Abbreviations/Techniques:

k = knit

cdd: slip 2 stitches as if to knit 2 together, Knit 1, passed the slipped stitches over

## *Cast-on*

Using the long tail cast on

Cast on 105 stitches

Leave a 15cm tail to create a loop for hanging on the tree

## *Setup*

*Rows 1 & 2:* k all stitches

Join in the round being careful not to twist. For Magic Loop split so there are 43 stitches on the front needle and 62 on the back needle.

## *The Star*

*Round 1:* k9, cdd (k18, cdd) x 4, k9 (95 sts)

*Round 2:* k8 cdd (k16, cdd) x 4, k8 (85 sts)

*Round 3:* k7, cdd (k14, cdd) x4, k7 (75 sts)

*Round 4:* k6, cdd (k12, cdd) x4, k6 (65 sts)

*Round 5:* k5, cdd (k10, cdd) x4, k5 (55 sts)

*Round 6:* k4, cdd (k8, cdd) x4, k4 (45 sts)

*Round 7:* k3, cdd (k6, cdd) x 4, k3 (35 sts)

*Round 8:* k2, cdd (k4, cdd) x 4, k2 (25 sts)

*Round 9:* k1, cdd (k2, cdd) x 4, k1 (15 sts)

*Round 10:* cdd x 5 (5 sts)



Cut yarn, using tapestry needle thread tail through remaining 5 stitches twice. Weave in along back of cdd column.

Weave in the cast on tail to complete the star outer edge and then weave it up to a point of the star to create a loop for hanging.

## *Block & prepare for hanging*

Soak the star and then lay out on a blocking board. Pin out each point to create the star shape.

Once dry use a spray starch (I used Crisp Spray Starch). Spray both the front and back of the star – especially around the points. Use a hair dryer to set the starch.