

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.