

Knitables

Cupcake



Measurements

Cupcake height measures approximately 6cm (2.36in), width approximately 6cm (2.36in)

Equipment and Materials

One pair of 3.25mm knitting needles (UK10 / US3)

One wool sewing needle

19 beads (optional)

Scissors

Good quality washable polyester toy filling

Yarn

The yarns listed may be substituted for any DK yarn

Cupcake case, flower and cherry: **Yarn A** Debbie Bliss Rialto DK - Flower Cupcake: Colour White (001)

Cherry Cupcake: Colour Scarlet (012)

Cupcake sponge: **Yarn B** Debbie Bliss Rialto DK - Flower Cupcake: Colour Camel (067)

Cherry Cupcake: Colour Chocolate (005)

Cupcake icing: **Yarn C** Debbie Bliss Rialto DK - Flower Cupcake: Colour Rose (076)

Cherry Cupcake: Colour White (001)

Abbreviations

K	Knit
P	Purl
st(s)	Stitch(es)
m1	Make one stitch by picking up the horizontal loop before next stitch and knitting into the back of it
Inc 1	Increase one by knitting into the front and back of the stitch
K2 tog	Knit two stitches together
SSK	Slip, slip, knit (Decrease - slip the next stitch on the left needle knitwise, then slip the next stitch on the left needle purlwise. Take the left needle and knit through the front of the two slipped stitches on the right needle)
P2 tog	Purl two stitches together
SSP	Slip, slip, purl (Decrease - slip the next two stitches knitwise, one at a time, to right hand needle. Move these two stitches back to the left hand needle. Insert the right needle into these two stitches through their back loops and purl these two slipped stitches together)
sl1	Slip 1 stitch (stitch is passed from the left needle to the right needle without being knitted, slip purl-wise)
B & T	Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through remaining stitches on needle, draw up tightly and secure by threading yarn a second time through sts

Instructions in round brackets

These are to be repeated the number of times stated after the closing bracket.

Making up

To create a neat, invisible seam when joining pieces use a mattress stitch, with right side of work uppermost. When casting on leave a length of yarn that could be used to sew up the seam if required.

Toy Safety

Please ensure that attached pieces are sewn on very securely and seams are tightly finished off. Use only new, hygienic, washable stuffing that conforms to current safety standards.

Cupcake

If you would like to add beads to your cupcake thread 19 beads onto yarn **C**, allowing the beads to rest against the skein of the yarn until you need one.

Begin at base of cupcake and with yarn **A** cast on 9 sts

Row 1 K1, (Inc 1, K1) 4 times (13 sts)

Row 2 Purl

Row 3 K1, (m1, K1) 12 times (25 sts)

Row 4 Purl

Row 5 K1, (m1, K2) 12 times (37 sts)

Row 6 Purl

Row 7 Knit

Row 8 Knit through back of loops. This produces a twisted switch, which creates a decorative effect.

Row 9 (K1, P1) to end

Rows 10 - 15 Work a further 6 rows in rib (i.e. K1, P1)

Row 16 (P1, K1, m1, P1, K1) 9 times, P1 (46 sts)

Row 17 Using two strands of yarn **A** together, (K1, P1, K1, P2) 9 times, K1

Row 18 Break off one strand and continue with a single strand, Knit through back of loops

** When changing from double to single yarn, treat the two loops on each stitch on the previous row as one stitch when working the next row.*

Row 19 In yarn **B**, Knit

Row 20 Purl

Row 21 Slip 1 st purlwise, (in yarn **C**, K3, slip 2 sts) 9 times

Row 22 In yarn **C**, (P2, K3) 9 times, P1

Row 23 P3, (*place a bead, P10) 4 times, place a bead, P3

** Purl the stitch before the bead firmly, draw the bead up against the just completed stitch, then purl the next stitch firmly. Knitting firmly helps to hold the bead in place.*

Row 24 Knit

Row 25 P8, (place a bead, P10) 3 times, place a bead, P8

Row 26 Knit

Row 27 P2, (place a bead, P10) 4 times, place a bead, P4

Row 28 K1, (K2tog, K1) 15 times (31 sts)

Row 29 (P6, place a bead) 5 times, P1

Row 30 K1, (K2tog) 15 times (16 sts)

Row 31 Purl B&T



Work a gathering thread through the cast on stitches at the base, pull up tightly and join the seam from the bottom of the cupcake case to the top of the case. Then working down from the gathered top of the cupcake, join the seam, leaving an opening of approximately 1.5cm. Fill the cupcake with small amounts of stuffing at a time, then close the seam. The cupcake should be firm to the touch but avoid overstretching the stitches.

Flower

Begin at outside edge, with yarn **A** cast on 31 sts

Row 1 * K1, yrn, K5, of the 5 knitted sts on the right hand needle
slip the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th sts over 1st st, yrn, repeat from * to last stitch, K1 (21 sts)

Row 2 P1, (P3tog, P1) to end (11 sts)

Row 3 K1, (K2tog) to end (6 sts)

Row 4 Pass 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th sts over 1st B&T



Join the seams of the flower and decorate the centre of the flower by embroidering a circle using yarn **C**. You may need to press the flower lightly under a cloth. Place the flower on top of the cupcake and sew in place.

Cherry

With yarn **A** cast on 4 sts

Row 1 K1, Inc 1, K2 (5 sts)

Row 2 *Second and every following alternate row: Purl*

Row 3 K2, m1, K1, m1, K2 (7 sts)

Row 5 K2, m1, K3, m1, K2 (9 sts)

Row 7 K1, SSK, K3, K2tog, K1 (7 sts)

Row 9 K1, SSK, K1, K2tog, K1 (5 sts)

Row 11 K1, sl1, K2tog, pss0, K1 (3 sts) B&T

Make into a berry shape, inserting a small amount of stuffing. Stitch around the bottom of the cherry. Sew the cherry on top of the cupcake.

