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Lovely Knitting Patterns

Florence

Materials:
There are four choices of yarn for the strawberries.
Oddments of Rowan yarn in:

- Cotton glace in shade 741 'poppy', and 812 'ivy'
- 4ply cotton shade 132 'bloom' and 135 'fennel'
- 4ply soft shade 374 'honk' and 367 'leafy'
- Cashcotton 4 ply shades 920 'red hot' and shade 914 'watermelon'.

Pair 3.25mm needles
Pair 3mm needles
You can also knit the strawberries in red or green DK yarn using 4mm needles, for a bigger strawberry!

Big Strawberry
Using red in your chosen yarn and 3.25mm needles (4mm if using DK), cast on 3sts.
Row 1: kfb, kfb, k1 (5sts)
Row 2: (p1, k1) twice, p1
Row 3: (kfb) to end (10sts)
Row 4: (p1, k1) to end.
Row 5: (k1, p1) to end.
Row 6: as row 4
Row 7: as row 5
Row 8: as row 3 (20sts)
Row 9: as row 4
Row 10: as row 5
Row 11: as row 3 (40 sts)
Row 12: as row 4
Row 13: as row 5
Row 14: as row 4
Row 15: as row 5
Row 16: (k2tog, p2tog, k2tog, p1, k1) repeat to end.
Row 17: k1, (p1, k1, p1, sl 1, k1, psso) to last 4 sts, (p1, k1) twice (21 sts)
Row 18: (k1, p1) to last st, k1
Row 19: (k2tog, p2tog, k1, p1) repeat to last 3 sts, k2tog, p1.
Cut yarn leaving a long thread for sewing up, and thread yarn through remaining stitches, draw up and fasten off. Sew side seam up using flat stitch or mattress stitch, leaving an opening for stuffing. Stuff and then sew up opening.

Green top:
Using green in your chosen yarn and 3mm needles, cast on 6 sts
Cast off 5 sts
Turn and cast on 8 sts, cast off 8 sts
Turn and cast on 4 sts, cast off 4 sts
Turn and cast on 3 sts, cast off 3 sts
Turn and cast on 6 sts, cast off 6 sts
Turn and cast on 9 sts, cast off 9 sts
Turn and cast on 5 sts, cast off 5 sts
Fasten off remaining st.
Join first leaf to last leaf to make a circle. There will be a hole in the centre. To close the hole, oversew around the circle and pull tight.
Make the centre spikey bit:
Pick up and knit a st in the centre of the top by inserting needle into a loop from both sides of the top and knit together to make one st. Cast on 5 sts. Then cast off and fasten off. Join cast on and cast off edges by over-sewing and pull tight to make a firm spike. Fasten off.
Sew the top onto the strawberry.
If you wish, you can embellish the strawberry by sewing tiny stitches all over using thin golden thread.

Abbreviations:
k2tog=knit 2 sts together
psso=pass slipped stitch over
Kfb=knit into the front and back of stitch (thus making one extra stitch)

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Tea cosy

Cast on 40sts using 4mm needles and cream Pima cotton yarn. Work 12 rows in stocking stitch. Then work from the chart A for 8 rows, placing 11sts 6 stitches in from edge of right hand side of knitting, and knitting surrounding stitches in cream stocking stitch.

Shape top

Row 1: (k4, skpo) three times, (kspo, k4) three times

Row 2, 4 and 6, purl

Row 3: k4, (skpo, k3) twice, skpo, k2, (kspo, k4) three times

Row 5: k4, (skpo, k2) twice, skpo, kspo, (k2, kspo) twice, k4

Work four rows in stocking stitch in cream.

Cast off, knitting 2sts together at beginning and end of row.

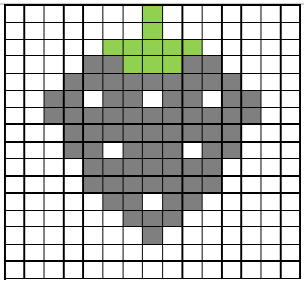
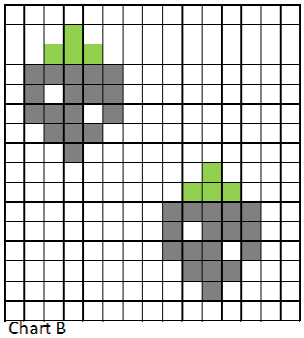


Chart A



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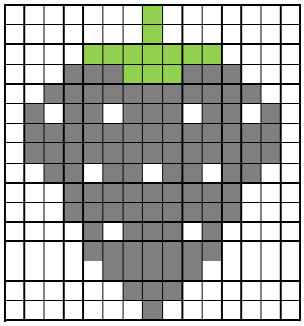

Chart C

Abbreviations:
k2tog=knit 2 sts together
Kspo=knit one, slip back onto left hand needle, pass the next stitch from left hand needle over, slip back onto right hand needle
skpo=slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over

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