

CRACKER knitted & reusable

Materials

DK yarn: Small amounts of white, red or any other suitable Christmas colours.

Large eye sewing needle

Pair of 4mm knitting needles (old size UK 8)

Cardboard tube (a toilet roll middle fits well)

Gifts, sweets, joke etc to fill cracker

Two 30cm lengths of thin ribbon for tying cracker ends

Abbreviations

K = knit

P = purl

St st = stocking stitch

sts = stitches

K2tog = decrease by working 2 stitches together

KFB = increase by working into front and back of same stitch

Yf = yarn forward

Instructions

Starting with white cast on 26 sts.

Work 6 rows st st.

Next row (picot fold-line): *Yf, k2tog, repeat from * to end.

Work 11 rows st st.

Next row (decrease): *K2, k2tog, rep from * to last two sts, K2 (20 sts)

Purl one row.

Next row (eyelet): *Yf, k2tog, rep from * to end (20 sts)

Purl one row.

Next row (increase): *K2, KFB, rep from * to last two sts, K2 (26 sts)

Work 3 rows st st.

Next row (increase): *K3, KFB, rep from * to last two sts, K2 (32 sts)

Purl one row.

The instructions given below match the photo included.

The following 26 pattern rows can be changed to any pattern of your choice.

Using red, work 4 rows st st.

Using white, work 4 rows st st.

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Next row: *k1 white, k1 red, rep from * to end.

Next row: *p1 white, p1 red, rep from * to end.

Using red, work 4 rows st st.

Using white, work 4 rows st st.

Using red, work 4 rows st st.

Next row (decrease): Using white *K3, k2tog, rep from * to last two sts, K2 (26 sts)

Work 3 rows st st.

Next row (decrease): *K2, k2tog, rep from * to last two sts, K2 (20 sts)

Purl one row.

Next row (eyelet): *Yf, k2tog, rep from * to end (20 sts)

Purl one row.

Next row (increase): *K2, KFB, rep from * to last two sts, K2 (26 sts)

Work 11 rows st st.

Next row (picot fold-line): *Yf, k2tog, repeat from * to end.

Work 5 rows st st.

Cast off loosely.

Making Up:

Join the two side edges of the cracker in your preferred sewing stitch: mattress stitch or back stitch work well.

On wrong side, sew picot edge down at fold on each end.

Push the cardboard tube into the middle of the cracker.

Thread one length of ribbon through the eyelet holes at one end.

Fill the cracker with your chosen gifts, sweets, jokes etc.

Thread the second length of ribbon through the eyelet holes at the other end.



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