

## ***Christmas decorations – Bells***



### **BELLS (MAKE 2 PIECES)**

With 3mm needles cast on 9 sts with Walnut dk for base edge and cont in st st.

**1st inc row** Inc into every st to end. [18 sts]

**Next row** Purl.

**2nd inc row** K1, (inc 1, K1) eight times, K1. [26 sts]

**Next row** Purl.

Change to Sunflower and K 3 rows for fold line.

P 3 rows.

**1st dec row** K2, (k2tog, K1) to end. [18 sts] •

St st 8 rows.

**2nd dec row** (P2tog) to end. [9 sts]

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

### **CLAPPERS (MAKE 2 PIECES)**

**Cast on** 5 sts with Sunflower for top edge and st st 2 rows.

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through sts on needle, draw up tightly and fasten off.

### **HANGING LOOPS (make 2 pieces)**

**Cast on** 6 sts with Sunflower.

Cast off

### **BOW (MAKE 1 PIECE)**

**Cast on** 50 sts with Emerald and K 1 row.

**Cast off** Knitwise.

### **TO MAKE UP**

Work a gathering thread through every stitch along base edge of each bell, draw up tightly and fasten off, then join side edges, stopping just above fold line. Glue a 1½in (3.5cm) diameter card circle inside base, then join seam down from gathered top edge, leaving a half in (12mm) space open. Stuff bell firmly, then join remainder of seam. Join clapper seam, stuff with a little matching yarn, then sew top edge to base of bell. Join ends of hanging loop and sew to top of bell. Tie bow piece into a bow, then sew a bell to each side of knot.