

## *Christmas decorations – Cracker*

### **Materials**

50g dk yarn any colour

50g dk yarn in white

4mm needles

Piece of thin card 2 1/4 x 4 1/4 in (5.5x10.5cm)

**Cast on** 21 sts using 4mm needles and white yarn.

**Row 1** Knit.

**Row 2** Purl.

**Rows 3-8** Rep rows 1 and 2 a further 3 times

**Row 9** Switch to yarn in colour of choice (fasten off white yarn), K.

**Row 10** Purl.

**Row 11** Knit.

**Row 12** Purl.

**Rows 13-18** Rep rows 11 and 12 a further 3 times.

**Row 19** \*K2tog, Kl; rep from \* to end. [14 sts]

**Row 20** Purl.

**Row 21** \*K2 tog; rep from \* to end. [7 sts] )

**Row 22** Purl.

**Row 23** Knit

**Row 24** Inc 1 purlwise in every stitch. [14 sts]

**Row 25** Knit.

**Row 26** \*Inc 1, P1; rep from \* to end. [21 sts]

**Row 27** Knit.

**Row 28** Purl.

**Rows 29-40** Rep rows 27 and 28 a further 6 times.

**Row 41** \*K2 tog, Kl; rep from\* to end. [14 sts]

**Row 42** Purl.

**Row 43** \*K2tog; rep from \* to end.[7 sts]

**Row 44** Purl.

**Row 45** Knit.

**Row 46** Inc 1 Purlwise in every stitch [14sts]

**Row 47** Knit.

**Row 48** \*Inc 1, P1; rep from \* to end. [21 sts]

**Row 49** Knit

**Row 50** Purl.

**Rows 51-56** Rep rows 49 and 50 a further 4 times.

**Row 57** Switch to white yarn (fasten off other yarn). K.

**Row 58** Purl.

**Row 59** Knit.

**Row 60** Purl.

**Rows 61-64** Rep rows 59 and 60 a further 2 times.

**Cast off.**

### **To make up**

With the purl side facing outwards, fold the work in half lengthways and sew up the side seams of each of the white sections. Sew up the coloured side seams from the point at where the colour meets the white up to just before the sts begin to reduce. Turn work right side out. Roll up the cardboard from the 2 1/4 in (5.5cm) side so that the end result is a cylinder 2 1/4 in (5.5cm) long. Insert cylinder into the centre part of the cracker and then stitch up the remainder of the side seam. Fold the white sections into each end of the cracker and then stitch down in order to prevent them unfolding at a later date.

