

Poppy

4 ply, no 3.25mm (no 10) or D Knit, 3.75mm (no 9) needles

Petals (make 4)

Using A, cast on 7 sts.

1st row (RS) K.

2nd row Kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. 9 sts.

3rd row As 2nd row. 11 sts.

4th row As 2nd row. 13 sts.

5th-8th rows K.

9th row Ssk twice, k to last 4 sts, k2tog twice. 9 sts.

10th-12th rows K.

13th row As 9th row. 5 sts.

14th-16th rows K.

17th row K1, sk2po, k1. 3 sts.

18th row K. Bind off.

Centre

Using B, cast on 16 sts. Bind off.

Finishing

Sew petals together in pairs, then position one pair over the other in a cross formation and secure. Coil centre into a tight spiral and sew base to the centre. Using C, work a ring of straight stitches radiating from the flower centre, then work French knots around the outer edge of the stitched ring. Maintain the petals in a cup shape with a small stitch behind pairs of petals.

Stitch Explanation: Sk2po - Slip 2 stitches as if to knit together, knit 1, pass slipped stitches over

k = knit

k2tog = knit 2 together

kfb = knit in front and back of stitch

st(s) = stitch(es)

ssk = slip, slip, knit



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