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I have been creating knitting patterns for many years for my own benefit and finally decided to write them down for sale. I occasionally share free patterns on my website and have included some of these within the book for handy keeping.

I would say they're suitable for someone with intermediate skill, although a beginner may be able to do just as well with a little more time and patience.

Have fun creating these collectable characters for your family and friends.

You can find my creations online under the name One Creative Family or my website

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Safety guidelines

The items in these patterns are not suitable for babies and very young children due to possible choking hazards.

Knitting yarns

Double knitting in various colours, as stated in the instructions.

Abbreviations

P - Purl. P1 - Purl one. Pwise - Purl Wise.

K - Knit. K1 - Knit one. Kwise - Knit Wise

Sts - stitches,

K2 tog - Knit 2 Together. P2 tog - Purl 2 Together.

Inc 1 - Increase 1 stitch by knitting into front and back of the stitch.

Y.Fwd - Yarn forward around needle. St-st - Stocking Stitch (start with K row unless otherwise stated). G-st - Garter stitch, Slp1 - Slip one stitch to other needle without working it.

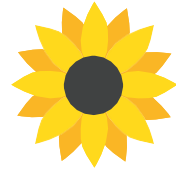
B+T tightly - Break off yarn leaving a long end and thread it through stitches left on knitting needle, pull together tightly then fasten off.

Additional instructions

For some of the detailing you will maybe need to be able to make a chain stitch.

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For This Project - You need.

Knitting yarns

Yellow

Brown

Green

Additional materials

Scrap Card

Brown felt

4 x 30cm barbecue skewers

Toy stuffing

Tools

No.10 Needles (UK size) or 3.25mm USA size

Wool needle.

Scissors.

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Petals (make 17) If you make your petals too close together you may need more petals.

With sunflower yellow

Cast on 4sts

P 1 row

Kw inc1 into every st - 8sts

St st 4 rows

P1, P2tog, P2, P2tog, P1 - 6 sts

St st 3 rows

P1, P2tog, P2tog, P1 - 4sts

St st 2 rows

K1, K2tog, K1

P3tog

Cut off yarn leaving a long tail to sew with, thread through remaining stitch and pull tight to fasten off.

To prepare petals for sewing to the center, over stitch neatly down one side so the thread ends at the base of the petal. Sew in and out along cast on edge and pull tight to gather base. Secure thread leaving enough to sew to flower center.

Flower center (Make two in brown and one in green)

Cast on 30 Sts

K1 row.

(K2, K2tog) to last 2 Sts - K2. 23 sts

K1 row.

(K1, K2 tog) to last 2 Sts - K2. 16 sts

K1 row.

(K2 tog) to end. 7 sts

B+T tightly.

With one of your brown ones find a circular object just smaller than the circle it creates when laid flat and draw around. Cut out.

Use this circle to cut out a brown piece of felt too.

Sew the side seams together on your knitted piece to make the circle shape complete.

You are going to sandwich one brown, then the card, then the felt and then another brown together and sew all around the outer edge to create your flower center. The brown felt will stop the card shining through on the front.

Keep the green one aside for now. **4**

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To make the sunflower head

With your center brown piece you are going to sew your first row of petals around the outer edge so that they sit side by side with a tiny gap. Then the second row just behind so they peek between the front row petals as shown.

Make sure your stitches are all on the back of the center brown piece.



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Once you have your two rows of petals secured around your sunflower, you are going to get your green piece.

Like the brown you are going to sew its side seams together to make a flat circular shape.

This will hide where the petals join on the back of the flower, so you want to lay it in the center. Tuck a ball of stuffing under the piece to give it some puffiness and carefully stitch the green piece on to tidy up your flower back.



The stem

With the same green, cast on 60sts

St st 5 rows

Cast off

This piece is used to wrap around the 4 BBQ skewers and sewn closed to conceal them. Make sure to close the top and bottom. I found first snipping off the sharp ends of the skewers was the best thing to do. If you can only find shorter skewers then cast on an appropriate amount of stitches to suit your skewer length.



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The stem is sewn to the center back of the green section of the flower head. I found it is best to sew it on along each side for around 2 cm, across the top and then secure some stitches where you have stopped sewing it to the head against the stem.



Leaf

With green cast on 6sts

P 1 row

Kw inc1 into every st - 12 sts

St st 4 rows

P1, P2tog, P6, P2tog, P1

St st 3 rows

P1, P2tog, P4, P2tog, P1

St st 2 rows

K1, K2tog, K2tog, K1

P4tog

Cut off yarn leaving a long tail to sew with, thread through remaining stitch and pull tight to fasten off.

To prepare leaf for sewing to the center, over stitch neatly down one side so the thread ends at the base of the leaf. Sew in and out along cast on edge and pull tight to gather base. Secure thread leaving enough to sew to stem. Attach leaf at desired position.

