

Starfish

This is knitted in 10 pieces: 5 with a rib for the top, 5 in moss stitch for the bottom.

The knitting is easy; the sewing up is a little more fiddly.

Less than 25g of yarn is needed - the finished starfish is 12-14 cm across, depending on the yarn and needle size used.

Materials:

- Yarn, in main colour
 - small amount of contrasting colour
- PLEASE REFER TO THE PROJECT COLOUR PALETTE
- wadding

Kfb: increase by knitting in front and back of stitch

Pfb: increase by purling in front and back of stitch



Starfish top

Starfish bottom

Yarn	Needle size
3 ply	14
4 ply	13
Metallic	14

	FOR THE TOP - KNIT 5 Cast on 3 st		FOR THE BOTTOM - KNIT 5 Cast on 3 st
R 1	K1, P1, K1	R 1	K1, P1, K1
R 2	P1, K1, P1	R 2	K1, P1, K1
R 3	Kfb, P1, Kfb (5 st)	R 3	Pfb, P1, Kfb (5 st)
R 4	P2, K1, P2	R 4	(P1, K1) 2 times, P1
R 5	K2, P1, K2	R 5	(P1, K1) 2 times, P1
R 6	P2, K1, P2	R 6	(P1, K1) 2 times, P1
R 7	Kfb, K1, P1, K1, Kfb (7 st)	R 7	Kfb, K1, P1, K1, Pfb (7 st)
R 8	P3, K1, P3	R 8	(K1, P1) 3 times, K1
R 9	K3, P1, K3	R 9	(K1, P1) 3 times, K1
R10	P3, K1, P3	R10	(K1, P1) 3 times, K1
R11	Kfb, K2, P1, K2, Kfb (9 st)	R11	Pfb, P1, K1, P1, K1, P1, Kfb (9 st)
R12	P4, K1, P4	R12	(P1, K1) 4 times, P1
R13	K4, P1, K4	R13	(P1, K1) 4 times, P1
R14	P4, K1, P4	R14	(P1, K1) 4 times, P1
R15	Kfb, K3, P1, K3, Kfb (11 st)	R15	Kfb, (K1, P1) 3 times, K1, Pfb (11 st)
R16	P5, K1, P5	R16	(K1, P1) 5 times, K1
R17	K5, P1, K5	R17	(K1, P1) 5 times, K1

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R18	P5, K1, P5	R18	(K1, P1) 5 times, K1
R19	Kfb, K4, P1, K4, Kfb (13 st)	R19	Pfb, (P1, K1) 4 times, P1, Kfb (13 st)
R20	P6, K1, P6	R20	(P1, K1) 6 times, P1
R21	K6, P1, K6	R21	(P1, K1) 6 times, P1
R22	P6, K1, P6	R22	(P1, K1) 6 times, P1
R23	Kfb, K5, P1, K5, Kfb (15 st)	R23	Kfb, (K1, P1) 5 times, K1, Pfb (15 st)
R24	P7, K1, P7	R24	(K1, P1) 7 times, K1
R25	K2 tog, K5, P1, K5, K2 tog (13 st)	R25	P2 tog, (K1, P1) 5 times, K1, P2 tog (13 st)
R 26	P6, K1, P6	R26	(P1, K1) 6 times, P1
R27	K2 tog, K4, P1, K4, K2 tog (11 st)	R27	K2 tog, (P1, K1) 4 times, P1, K2 tog (11 st)
R28	P5, K1, P5	R28	(K1, P1) 5 times, K1
R29	K2 tog, K3, P1, K3, K2 tog (9 st)	R29	P2 tog, (K1, P1) 3 times, K1, P2 tog (9 st)
R30	P4, K1, P4	R30	(P1, K1) 4 times, P1
R31	K2 tog, K2, P1, K2, K2 tog (7 st)	R31	K2 tog, (P1, K1) 2 times, P1, K2 tog (7 st)
R32	P3, K1, P3	R32	(K1, P1) 3 times, K1
R33	K2 tog, K1, P1, K1, K2 tog (5 st)	R33	P2 tog, K1, P1, K1, P2 tog (5 st)
R34	P2, K1, P2	R34	(P1, K1) 2 times, P1
R35	K2 tog, P1, K2 tog (3 st)	R35	K2 tog, P1, K2 tog (3 st)
R36	P 3 tog and finish off **	R36	K3 tog and finish off **

Sewing Up

**These points are the centre of the starfish.

Arrange the 5 top pieces in a star shape, right sides upwards, with **these points in the centre. Sew the pieces to each other using **mattress stitch.***

Decorate the top of the starfish with French knots (see photo).

Repeat *** to *** with the five bottom pieces.

Put the wrong sides of the top and bottom together. Use **mattress stitch*** to sew the arms. With the edges touching, start at the inside of each arm and work round the tips. Stuff each arm as it is sewn. When sewing up the last arm, stuff gradually.

Using mattress stitch can be a bit tricky but it produces a neat finish

*Mattress stitch

RIGHT SIDES UPWARDS, SIDE BY SIDE, EDGES TOUCHING - Pick up stitches, alternatively, from near the edge on either side, using a running stitch, pulling the thread firmly as you sew.