

# Leaf (knitting)



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This project can be done in any yarn in any weight.

To make large and thick leaves, use aran or chunky weight yarn.

To make smaller, more delicate leaves, use a 4-ply or DK weight yarn. Change the needle size accordingly.

## Tools

- 4.5mm, Bamboo Knitting Needles **Takumi**<sup>®</sup> Double Pointed (20 cm) (Art No. 3840)
- Gold Eye Chenille Needle (No. 18) (Art No. 234/18)
- Scissors

## Materials

- A small amount of yarn of your choice  
About yarn used for samples
- Aran weight, 100g per 150m, 100% Acrylic
- Chunky weight, 100g per 130m, 55% Nylon, 45% Acrylic

## Instructions:

Cast on 3 sts and work 5 rows in i-cord.

Row 1 (RS): K1, (yf, k1) twice. 5 sts

Row 2 and every WS row: Purl.

Row 3: K2, yf, k1, yf, k2. 7 sts

Row 5: K3, yf, k1, yf, k3. 9 sts

Row 7: K4, yf, k1, yf, k4. 11 sts

Row 9: K5, yf, k1, yf, k5. 13 sts

Row 11: Skpo, k9, k2tog. 11 sts

Row 13: Skpo, k7, k2tog. 9 sts

Row 15: Skpo, k5, k2tog. 7 sts

Row 17: Skpo, k3, k2tog. 5 sts

Row 19: Skpo, k1, k2tog. 3 sts

Row 20: P2tog, p1. 2 sts

Row 21: Skpo and fasten off.

To finish: Weave in yarn ends.

With a protective cloth placed over the motif, gently press flat with a steam iron.

\*To make a bigger leaf, simply keep increasing two stitches on both sides of the centre stitch until leaf reaches desired width, then work decreases at each edge until 1 stitch remains.

## Special technique: i-cord

Using double-pointed needles cast on

the required number of stitches. Do not turn.

Slide stitches to the opposite end of the needle, then knit stitches again taking the yarn firmly across the back of work. Repeat to desired length.

## Abbreviations:

RS: right side

WS: wrong side

St st: stocking stitch

St(s): stitch(es)

K: knit

P: purl

Yf: yarn forward

K2tog: knit two together

Kfb: k one through the front then  
through the back (same stitch)

Skpo: slip1 stitch, k1, pass slipped stitch over

# Leaf (knitting)

## <Ladybird>

### Tools

- Takumi® 2.75mm

Bamboo Knitting Needles Takumi, Single pointed 23cm (Art No. 3704) or Double Pointed 20cm (Art No. 3834)

- Gold Eye Chenille Needle (No. 18) (Art No. 234/18)
- Scissors

### Materials

- [A] A small amount of red 4-ply
- [B] A small amount of black 4-ply
- A small amount of stuffing

### Instructions:

#### Body

With yarn A, cast on 5 sts.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2: (Kfb) in each st to end. 10 sts

Rows 4-5: Starting with a p row, work 2 rows in St st.

Row 6: Knit (for edge).

Rows 7-9: Starting with a p row, work 3 rows in St st.

Break yarn, thread through sts, pull tightly to fasten off.

#### Head

With yarn B, cast on 4 sts.

Break yarn, thread through sts, pull tightly and fasten off.

Stitch side ends together to make it into a tiny bobble.

#### To make up

With fastened-off end, seam body and stuff.

Attach head. With yarn B, French knot the dots and embroider centre line.

# Leaf (knitting)

## <Rose>

### Tools

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- Gold Eye Chenille Needle (No. 18) (Art No. 234/18)
- Scissors

### Materials

- [A] A small amount of red 4-ply
- [B] A small amount of yellow-green 4-ply

## Instructions:

### Petal

With yarn A, cast on 40 sts.

Rows 1-6: Starting with a k (RS) row, work 6 rows in St st.

Row 7: Cast off 8 sts, k to end. 32 sts

Row 8: Purl.

Row 9: Cast off 8 sts, k to end. 24 sts

Row 10: Purl.

Row 11: Cast off 8 sts, k to end. 16 sts

Row 12: Purl.

Row 13: Cast off 8 sts, k to end. 8 sts

Row 14: Purl.

Cast off.

### Sepal

With yarn B, cast on 15 sts.

Rows 1-3: Starting with a p (WS) row, work 3 rows in St st.

Row 4: (K1, k2tog) to end. 10 sts

Break yarn, draw through sts, pull tightly and fasten off.

### Small leaves : make two

Using aran weight yarn and 4.5mm DPNs, work as for basic leaf to row 5 (9 sts), then purl 1 row. Work as for basic leaf from row 15 to end.

### To make up

Roll petal from the short end to shape flower and secure centre with a few stitches.

With fastened-off yarn end, seam sepal to cast-on edge, encase base of the flower and stitch them together. Attach leaves to flower.