

Parkinson's UK knitted tulip pattern

Information

Completed size 6" (15.25cm).

Materials needed

- DK yarn in **BLUE** for the petals
- DK yarn in **GREEN** for the stem and leaf
- DK yarn in **YELLOW** for the centre
- 1 Pair of 3.25mm straight knitting needles
- 1 Pair of 3.25mm double ended knitting needles
- Yarn needle
- Scissors



Abbreviations used (this pattern uses standard UK terms)

- **K:** Knit
- **P:** Purl
- **Inc:** Increase (knitting into front and back of stitch)
- **K2tog:** Knit 2 together
- **K3tog:** Knit 3 together
- **Sts:** Stitches

Petals (make 4)

Using straight knitting needles, cast on 4 Sts with **Blue yarn**.

Row 1: K.

Row 2: P.

Row 3: Inc 1 stitch into first stitch, K to last stitch, Inc 1 stitch into last stitch.

Row 4: P.

Row 5: Repeat row 3.

Row 6: Repeat row 4 (8 Sts).

Rows 7 to 14: repeat rows 1 and 2.

Row 15: K2tog, K 4 Sts, K last 2 Sts K2tog (6 Sts).

Row 16: P.

Row 17: K2tog, K 2 Sts, K last 2 Sts K2tog (4 Sts).

Row 18: P.

Row 19: Cast off the 4 remaining Sts.

Repeat this 3 more times to complete 4 petals.

Stem

Using double ended knitting needles, cast on 5 Sts with **Green yarn**.

Knitting each row, proceed as follows:

K 5 Sts.

Slide your Sts along to the right hand end of the needle and K the Sts again. (the yarn will be at the opposite end of the knitting, so will pull the knitting into a cord as you knit).

DO NOT turn needle to knit back the other way as you normally would. This is called an I-cord (if you need to look it up).

Continue knitting every row in this way until your stem is 3 ½" (9cm) long.

Change the yarn to the **yellow yarn** and K 1" (2.5cm).

Inc 1 stitch at either end of the next row.

K 3 more rows then cast off.

Leaf

Using straight knitting needles, cast on 3 Sts with **Green yarn**.

Row 1: K.

Row 2: P.

Row 3: K.

Row 4: P.

Row 5: P.

Row 6: Inc 1 stitch into first stitch, K to last stitch, Inc 1 stitch into last stitch.

Row 7: As row 5.

Row 8: As row 6 (7 Sts).

Row 9: P.

Row 10: K.

Row 11: P.

Row 12: K2tog, K 3, K 2 tog (5 Sts).

Row 13: P.

Row 14: K2tog, K1, K2 tog (3 Sts).

Row 15: P.

Row 16: K3tog and fasten off.

Making it up

Leaf

Ensuring the smooth side of the leaf is facing upwards, sew the leaf to the stem using the small tag at the base of the leaf.

Petals

With the wrong side of knitting facing, overlap one petal with another about 4 stitch width.

Secure on the wrong side up to the beginning of the decreasing at the top.

Repeat until you have 4 petals secured in a row.

Then, secure the first and last petal in the same way. You will now have a bowl shaped tulip flower.

Turn the flower inside out.

Insert the yellow end of the stem through the hole in the base of the tulip.

Position it so the yellow part is inside the flower and the green part is hanging below to create the stem.

Thread a length of blue yarn on the needle and run the thread through the bottoms of the petals to complete a circle.

With the point where the colour of the stem changed position at the bottom of the tulip, pull the thread up tight to trap the stem and secure.

Turn the tulip the right way out.

Secure and sew in all loose threads.