



# Christmas Tree



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## YARN



- ✦ Each tree uses a few grammes of DK weight yarn (double knitting or light worsted weight) in each shade: green for the tree and red for the base. I used Hayfield Bonus DK, a 100% acrylic yarn.

## NEEDLES & NOTIONS

- ✦ A pair of 3.5mm (US 4) single pointed needles, minimum length 20cm
- ✦ A darning or tapestry needle for seaming
- ✦ A handful of toy filling or cotton wool balls to stuff
- ✦ Colourful beads or buttons for decoration, plus cotton thread and sewing needle to sew on



## NOTES

- ✦ **Introduction:** This little Christmas tree is knitted in stockinette in two pieces (the green top and red base), seamed and stuffed, and the bead decorations are sewn on after making up. Instead of using beads you could decorate with embroidery or buttons. To convert the tree to a hanging decoration, thread some yarn or ribbon through the top to make a hanging loop.
- ✦ **Work flat:** This is knitted flat (back and forth) on a pair of straight single pointed knitting needles, not in the round.
- ✦ **Casting on:** Use the long tail cast on for this pattern.
- ✦ **One size:** The finished tree is approximately 10cm tall.
- ✦ **Tension:** 24 sts x 30 rows for a 10cm x 10cm square in stockinette stitch on 3.5mm needles. Don't worry about tension for this pattern, it is not critical.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

<b>k</b>	Knit
<b>k2tog</b>	Knit two stitches together (decrease by 1)
<b>kfb</b>	Knit into the front and back (increase by 1)
<b>RS</b>	Right side
<b>st(s)</b>	Stitch(es)
<b>WS</b>	Wrong side

## KNITTING PATTERN

### TREE TOP

Make 1. Cast on 8 sts in green yarn on 3.5mm needles. Start at the bottom.

**Row 1 (WS):** Purl.

**Row 2 (RS):** [Kfb] 8 times. (16 sts)

**Row 3:** Purl.

**Row 4:** [Kfb, k1] 8 times. (24 sts)

**Row 5:** Purl.

**Row 6:** [Kfb, k2] 8 times. (32 sts)

**Row 7:** Purl.

**Row 8:** [Kfb, k3] 8 times. (40 sts)

**Rows 9, 10 and 11:** Purl.

**Row 12:** [K2tog, k8] 4 times. (36 sts)

**Row 13 and all following WS rows:** Purl.

**Row 14:** Knit.

**Row 16:** [K2tog, k4] 6 times. (30 sts)

**Row 18:** Knit.

**Row 20:** [K2tog, k3] 6 times. (24 sts)

**Row 22:** Knit.

**Row 24:** [K2tog, k2] 6 times. (18 sts)

**Row 26:** Knit.

**Row 28:** [K2tog, k1] 6 times. (12 sts)

**Row 30:** Knit.

**Row 32:** [K2tog] 6 times. (6 sts)

**Row 34:** Knit.

**Row 36:** [K2tog] 3 times. (3 sts)

Cut the yarn leaving at least a 30cm tail, thread the tail onto a darning needle and sew through the 3 sts on the knitting needle, pulling the sts off the knitting needle onto the yarn. Gather the sts together tightly and secure the yarn.

### TREE BASE

Make 1. Cast on 8 sts in red yarn on 3.5mm needles. Start at the bottom.

**Row 1 (WS):** Purl.

**Row 2 (RS):** [Kfb] 8 times. (16 sts)

**Row 3:** Purl.

**Row 4:** [Kfb, k1] 8 times. (24 sts)

**Rows 5, 6 and 7:** Purl.

**Row 8:** Knit.

**Row 9:** Purl.

**Row 10:** K2, [kfb, k5] 3 times, kfb, k3. (28 sts)

**Row 11:** Purl.

**Row 12:** Knit.

**Row 13:** Purl.

Cast off all sts.

## MAKING UP

**Tree Top:** Starting at the cast off end at the top of the tree, sew the side edges together in mattress stitch, adding stuffing as you sew (as in photo below). Gather the cast on sts together at the bottom.



**Tree Base:** Gather together the cast on stitches, and use mattress stitch to sew the side edges together. Stuff the base.



**Finishing:** Sew the cast off edge of the red base onto the bottom of the green tree, catching a stitch on the cast off edge to a stitch on the tree all the way round. Sew on beads to decorate the finished tree.