

CHRISTMAS PUDDING

What you'll need
 Small amounts of green and white double knit yarn
 3mm knitting needles
 Sewing needle
 Red sequins and green thread or yarn for embellishment
 Black cotton for hanging

Gauge and tension
 Double knit yarn and 3mm needles with this pattern – precise gauge and knitting tension aren't necessary. Reason for using a smaller needle size is to create a closer weave for knitting which helps the pudding to hold its shape firmly.

To make the pudding
 Using the brown yarn, cast on 7sts. Row.



M1, K to end.



Repeat last row until you have 14sts.



Until piece measures 3cm from beginning.



Change to white yarn and K2 rows. K2tog, K to end. Repeat last row until 7sts remain. Fasten off. Weave in all ends.



Finishing

6 Use red sequins and green thread or yarn to decorate your pudding with holly shapes.



7 Secure a piece of black cotton to make a loop for hanging.



CHRISTMAS TREE

What you'll need
 Small amounts of green or white double knit yarn
 3mm knitting needles
 Sequins or beads for embellishment
 Black cotton for hanging

Gauge and tension
 As given for Christmas Pudding.

To make the tree

1 Cast on 16sts. K1 row.



2 K2tog, K to end.



3 Repeat last row until 8sts remain.



4 Turn and cast on 4sts. Count 12sts. K1 row.



5 Turn and cast on 4sts. Count 16sts.



6 K1 row. K2tog, K to end. Repeat last row until 8sts remain.



7 Turn and cast on 4sts. Count 12sts. K1 row. Turn and cast on 4sts. Count 16sts. K1 row. K2tog, K to end. Repeat until 1st remains.

8 Fasten off. Weave in all ends.



Finishing

Block by spraying both sides with water, place on a tea towel and cover with another tea towel. Then cover with some heavy books and leave overnight. This will help your tree decoration to hold its shape.

9 Use the beads and sequins to decorate your tree and a piece of black cotton to make a loop for hanging. **WI**



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