



The common starfish has five arms and can be colours ranging from dark orange to sun-bleached white.

You will need:

double knit in orange and cream • toy stuffing
4 x double ended needles (3mm) • tapestry needle • scissors

Pattern (Top):

Cast on 5 sts in the darker colour and join into the round (see *Notes* for abbreviations).

Round 1: kfb x 5 (10)
Round 2: [p1, kfb] x 5 (15)
Round 3: [k1, p1, kfb] x 5 (20)
Round 4: [p1, k1] x 10 (20)
Round 5: [kfb, p1, k1, pfb] x 5 (30)

The following rows are worked straight on the next six stitches.

Row 6: k1, p1, k3, pfb
Row 7: k1, [p1, k1] x 3
Row 8: k1, p1, k3, p1, k1

Repeat rows 7 & 8 three more times each.

Row 15: p2tog, k1, [p1, k1] x 2
Row 16: p2tog, k3, p1
Row 17: p1, [k1, p1] x 2
Row 18: p1, k3, p1

Repeat rows 17 & 18 one more time each.

Row 21: k2tog, p1, k1, p1
Row 22: k2tog, k3

Thread yarn through remaining stitches and pull tight. Work through rows 6 to 22 on the following six stitches until no stitches remain.

Pattern (Bottom):

Cast on 5 sts in paler colour and join into the round.

Round 1: pfb x 5 (10)
Round 2: [pfb, p1] x 5 (15)
Round 3: [k1, pfb, k1] x 5 (20)
Round 4: [k1, p2, k1] x 5 (20)
Round 5: [kfb, p1, pfb, k1] x 5 (30)

The following rows are worked straight on the next six stitches.

Row 6: k2, p2, k2
Row 7: p2, k2, p2

Repeat rows 6 & 7 three more times each.

Row 14: k2, p2tog, k2
Row 15: p2, k1, p2
Row 16: k2, p1, k2
Row 17: p2, k1, p2
Row 18: k2tog, p1, k2tog
Row 19: p3

Thread yarn through remaining stitches and pull tight. Work through rows 6 to 19 on the following six stitches until no stitches remain.

Making Up:

Use the yarn tails attached to each of the arms to sew the top of the starfish to the bottom. Tuck any remaining loose ends into the centre of the starfish shape. If necessary a little extra toy stuffing can be used to plump up the shape.

Notes:

Abbreviations

[] x number	Repeat the section in square brackets the required number of times.
(number)	Gives the total number of stitches you should have on needle by the end of the row.
k number	Knit this number of stitches
k2tog	Knit the next two stitches together (-1 stitch).
kfb	Knit into the front and then the back of a single stitch (+1 stitch).
p number	Purl this number of stitches.
p2tog	Purl the next two stitches together (-1 stitch).
pfb	Purl into the front and then the back of a single stitch (+1 stitch).
pfkb	Purl into the front and then knit into the back of a single stitch (+1 stitch).

Needle/Yarn Size

As with most ODDknit patterns the yarn and needle sizes in the "you will need" section are just a guide. Feel free to improvise with whatever needles and yarn you have lying around - that's half the fun!