

R3

Rose



This knitted rose is based around a central bud. Petals are built up in alternating sets of two and three, then a stem is added. The finished rose contains a length of wire in the stem, and is therefore not suitable as a toy for children.

You will need:

scraps of double knit • toy stuffing • covered wire • gummed tape
4 x double ended knitting needles (2.75mm) • tapestry needle • scissors
wire cutters • poking device

Pattern (Stem & Sepals):

Cast on 5sts in green

I-cord between 16 – 20cm to form the stem.

Separate the 5 sts onto three needles. Work the next steps in the round.

Round 1: kfb x 5 (10)

Round 2: k –

Round 3: [kfb, k1] x 5 (15)

Round 4: k –

Round 5: [kfb, k2] x 5 (20)

Round 6: k –

At this point the stem will separate into the sepals. Work the following in the flat, on the next 4sts.

Row 7: k2tog, k2

Row 8: p3

Row 9: k2tog, k1

Row 10: p2

Row 11: k2

Cut the yarn, thread through remaining stitches and pull tight.

Rejoin the yarn and repeat Rows 7-11 four more times until no stitches remain.

Pattern (Rosebud):

Cast on 5sts in red and join into the round.

Round 1: kfb x 5 (10)

Round 2: [kfb, k1] x 5 (15)

Round 3: k –

Round 4: [kfb, k2] x 5 (20)

Rounds 5: k – *

Rounds 6: k –

Rounds 7-20: k to the last 2sts, p2tog (6)

Poke a small amount of stuffing into the belly of the rosebud (not too much, the stuffing should not show from the open end).

Cast off remaining sts.

Pattern (Double Petal):

Work as Rosebud to *

Rounds 6: [kfb, k3] x 5 (25)

Rounds 7: k –

At this point the petals separate, the first petal is worked as follows:

Row 8: k12, turn (12)

** Row 9: p –

Row 10: kfb, k9, kfb, k1 (14)

Work 9 rows stocking stitch.

Row 20: k2tog, k10, k2togtbl (12)

Row 21: p –

Row 22: k2tog, k8, k2togtbl (10)

Row 23: p –

Row 24: k2tog, k6, k2togtbl (8)

Row 25: p2tog, p4, p2tog (6)

Cut the yarn, thread through remaining stitches. Pull each loop tight for a neat edge.***

Reattach yarn at start of remaining sts. K2tog, k11 and then continue from row 9 to make second petal.

Pattern (Triple Petal):

Work as Rosebud to *

At this point the petals separate. The first petal is worked as follows:

Row 6: kfb, k3, kfb, k1 (8)

Row 7: p –

Row 8: kfb, kfb, k3, kfb, kfb, k1 (12)

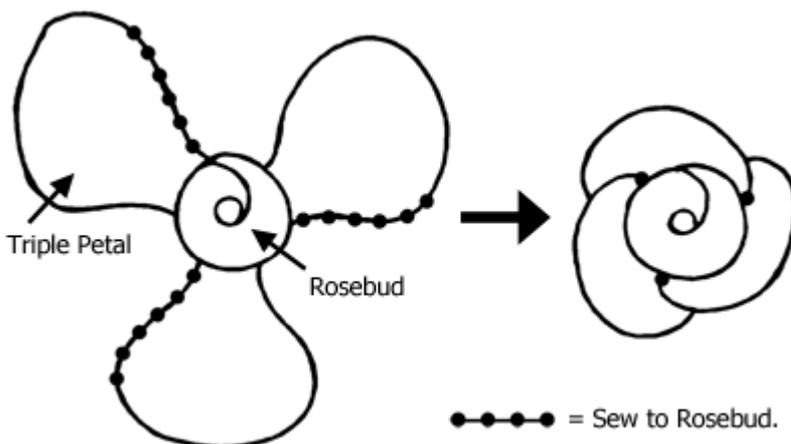
Work as Double Petal from ** to ***

Reattach yarn at start of remaining sts.

Begin the next petal by working k5, kfb, k1 then continue from row 7 of this pattern.

When there are three petals the pattern is complete.

Making Up:



Attach the base of the rosebud to the base of the triple petal with a couple of stitches. Shape the petals into a spiral by sewing approximately two thirds (from the base) of one side of each petal to the bud.

Sew around one third of the remaining side of each petal to the neighbouring petal.

Attach the base of the triple petal to the base of the double petal with a couple of stitches. Sew around one third (from the base) of each side of each petal to the triple petal. Sew in any remaining loose ends.

Cut a piece of wire the same length as the stem and cover each end with the gummed tape. Insert this into the i-cord stem. Attach the sepals to the rose at around their midpoint. Sew in any remaining yarn ends.

Variations:

Attach fewer sets of petals for a tighter rose bud, or use more sets of petals for an open rose. Always alternating a double petal with a triple petal as rose petals usually come in multiples of five.

Notes:

Abbreviations

[] x number (number)	Repeat the section in square brackets the required number of times. Gives the total number of stitches you should have on needle by the end of the row.
k number	Knit this number of stitches
k –	Knit every stitch to the end of the row.
kfb	Knit into the front and then the back of a single stitch (+1 stitch).
k2tog	Knit the next two stitches together (-1 stitch).
k2togtbl	Knit the next two stitches together through the back of the loop (-1 stitch).
p –	Purl every stitch to the end of the row.
p number	Purl this number of stitches.
sts	Stitches.

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!