



With Wimbledon starting this week it is officially time for strawberries and here are our very own ODDknit variety, guaranteed to be in season whenever you need them. This pattern is a bit unusual for us as it mixes different thicknesses of yarn in one pattern.

You will need:

red and white double knit • green 4ply • white cotton thread • toy stuffing • thin card
4 x double ended needles (2.75mm) • 2 x double ended needles (2mm) • tapestry needle • scissors

Pattern (Whole Strawberry):

Cast on 5 stitches in red double knit, on the 2.75mm needles. Divide them between three needles and join into the round (see *Notes* for abbreviations).

Round 1: p –
Round 2: [pfb] x 5 (10)
Rounds 3 - 5: p –
Round 6: [pfb, p1] x 5 (15)

Rounds 7 - 9: p –
Round 10: [pfb, p2] x 5 (20)
Rounds 11 - 15: p –
Round 16: [p2tog] x 10 (10)
Round 17: p –

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

Pattern (Sepals):

Cast on 5 stitches in green 4ply using 2mm knitting needles.

- Cast off 4 sts. (1)
- If your cast off method leaves the last stitch on the RH-needle, transfer it back to the LH-needle.
- Cast on 4 sts. (5)

Repeat the bullet points 9 times.

Cast off 5.

There should be 10 separate sepals when you finish. We're not actually sure that this is the correct number, but when we counted the green bits of some strawberries (research!) we found the average number was 10.

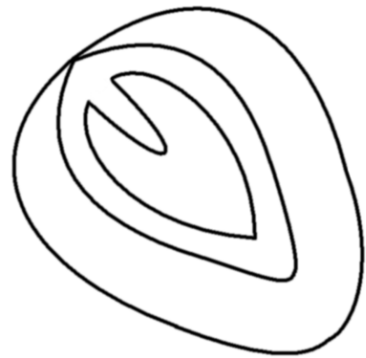
Pattern (Stem):

- Using green 4ply cast on 3 stitches on 2mm needles.
 - Work 6 rows i-cord.
- Cut yarn, thread through remaining stitches and pull tight.

Pattern (Half Strawberry):

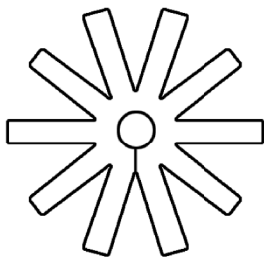
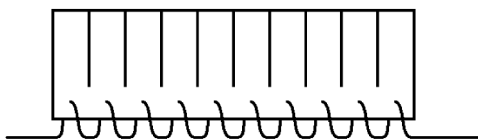
Cast on 5 stitches in red double knit, on the 2.75mm needles. Divide them between three needles and join into the round.

Round 1: p3, k2 (5)
Round 2: [pfb] x 2, p1, kfb, k1 (8)
Rounds 3 - 5: p5, k3
Round 6: [pfb, p1] x 2, pfb, [kfb] x 2, k1 (13)
Rounds 7 - 9: p8, k5
Round 10: p1, pfb, p3, pfb, p2, kfb, k2, kfb, k1 (17)
Rounds 11 - 15: p10, k7
Round 16: [p2tog] x 5, k1, [k2tog] x 3 (9)
Round 17: p5, k4



Cut yarn but leave the stitches on the needles. Go to half strawberry section of making up.

Making Up (Whole Strawberry):



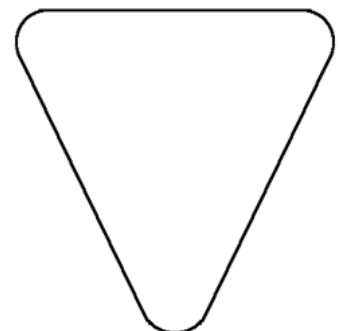
Sew in any loose ends of red to leave the strawberry ready for embroidery.

Thread green yarn through the loose stitches along the bottom edge of the sepals (see left). Pull tight to form a loop and then sew back and forth over the centre to close the hole. Attach the stem to the centre of the sepals and attach the whole thing to the top of the strawberry. Sew in any loose ends of green.

Use the white cotton thread to embroider small, vertical, evenly-spaced dashes all over the body of the strawberry.

Making Up (Half Strawberry):

Whenever you stuff a knitted shape it tends towards the round, so we are going to insert a piece of card to keep one side of the half strawberry flat. Draw an isosceles triangle on some thin card and round off the corners so the shape resembles the template opposite. Try to make it slightly smaller than the stocking stitch part of your knitting. Cut out the shape and fit it inside your knitting through the open end. Push a little stuffing behind the card to plump up the other side of the fruit. Thread the yarn through the remaining stitches and pull tight.



Using white yarn embroider the flat surface to resemble the inside of a strawberry. Sew in any remaining loose ends.

Use the white cotton thread to embroider small, vertical, evenly-spaced dashes all over the body of the strawberry.

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
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).
p –	Purl every stitch to the end of the row.
p number	Purl this number of stitches.
pfb	Purl into the front and then the back of a single stitch (+1 stitch).
p2tog	Purl the next two stitches together (-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!