

# F2

# Pencil



This design can actually be a bit too realistic – you're knitting, you need to make a note, you pick up a pencil and bother! it's not a real one. Repeat process for every single pencil you've knitted that day. It gets old.

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### You will need:

yarn scraps (black, colour and beige) • thin wooden dowelling (eg barbecue skewer)  
2 x double ended knitting needles (2.75mm) • tapestry needle • scissors

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### Pattern:

Before you begin trim one of the dowel rods to between 6 and 16 cm in length. Smooth ends and remove any splinters. This will be the core of the pencil.

- Cast on 5 sts in black.
- I-cord 8 rows.
- Change to main pencil colour.
- I-cord until knitting is the same length as the wooden dowel.
- Insert the wooden dowel inside the i-cord.
- Change to beige yarn.
- I-cord 4 rows.
- k2tog, k1, k2tog (3)
- Thread yarn through remaining sts and pull tight.

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### Making Up:

Sew in any loose ends (the pencil will have less lumps and bumps in it if you leave the colour change ends on the outside of the i-cord and sew them in now). Use the coloured yarn to sew one cross stitch at the end of the pencil to be the lead.

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### Notes:

#### Abbreviations

**(number)**  
**k number**  
**k2tog**

Gives the total number of stitches you should have on needle by the end of the row.  
Knit this number of stitches.  
Knit 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!

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