

# R4

# Blossom



This pattern describes how to make blossom flowers and buds. It is an extra to the twig pattern which is available separately. The green bits in the picture are embroidered lichen/moss.

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### You will need:

a knitted twig • two shades of double knit yarn (1 light, 1 dark) • toy stuffing  
4 x double ended knitting needles (3mm) • tapestry needle • scissors

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### Pattern (Flower):

Cast on 3 stitches in the dark shade of yarn. I-cord 7 rows.

Take the yarn around the back of the knitting again as for i-cord, work as follows:

Row 8: kfb, kfb, k1 (5)

Reverse direction as though you intend to work the next row in the flat (this will flip the purl and knit sides of the fabric). Switch to the lighter coloured yarn.

Row 9: kfb x 5 (10)

Separate these stitches onto three needles and join into the round and continue as follows:

Round 10: [sl1, kfb] x 5 (15)

Round 11: [k1, kfb, k1] x 5 (20)

Round 12: [sl1, kfb, kfb, k1] x 5 (30)

Round 13: [sl1, k1, kfb, kfb, k2] x 5 (40)

Cast off all stitches slipping the first of every eight stitches rather than knitting it. The slipped stitches will be getting tight at this point but that's good because it will help shape the flower.

### Pattern (Bud):

Cast on 3 stitches in the dark shade of yarn. I-cord 4 rows.

Separate these three stitches onto three needles and work in the round.

Round 5: kfb, kfb, k1 (5)

Switch to pale yarn.

Round 6: kfb x 5 (10)

Round 7: [kfb, k1] x 5 (15)

Round 8: k –

Round 9: [k1, k2tog] x 5 (10)

Round 10: k –

Fill loosely with a very small amount of toy stuffing. Thread yarn through remaining stitches and pull tight.

## Making Up:

Lose three of the loose ends of yarn by threading them down the i-cord stem and trimming. Use the forth end to sew the flower/bud to a twig. Some blossoming trees have flowers spread out along the twigs. Some have the flowers bunched tightly together in groups. It's up to you which you think looks better.

The moss lichen is composed of tightly clustered French knots done in two very similar shades of green.

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## Notes:

### Abbreviations

<b>[ ] x number (number)</b>	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.
<b>k –</b>	Knit every stitch to the end of the row.
<b>k number</b>	Knit this number of stitches
<b>kfb</b>	Knit into the front and then the back of a single stitch (+1 stitch).
<b>k2tog</b>	Knit the next two stitches together (-1 stitch).
<b>sl1</b>	Slip the next stitch purl wise.
<b>sts</b>	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!