

POPPY

SIZE

Approximately 6cm (2½in) wide

MATERIALS

- A small amount of 4-ply (fingering) yarn in red (A), yellow green (B) and black (C)

FRONT PETALS (MAKE 2)

With yarn A, cast on 6 sts.

Row 1 (WS): p to end.

Row 2: (kfb) to end (12 sts).

Rows 3–9: k to end.

Row 10: k1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 (10 sts).

Row 11: k to end.

Row 12: work as row 10 (8 sts).

Row 13: k to end.

Row 14: k2tog, k1, pass the first st over the second, cast off all sts to last 2 sts, k2tog, cast off the last st.

SMALL BACK PETAL

With yarn A, cast on 10 sts.

Row 1: k to end.

Row 2: k1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 (12 sts).

Row 3: k to end.

Row 4: k1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 (14 sts).

Rows 5–7: k to end.

Row 8: k1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 (12 sts).

Row 9: k to end.

Row 10: k1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 (10 sts).

Row 11: k2tog, k1, pass the first st over the second, cast off all sts to last 2 sts, k2tog, cast off the last st.

LARGE BACK PETAL

Work as for small back petal to row 5 (14 sts).

Row 6: k1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 (16 sts).

Rows 7–10: k to end.

Row 11: k1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, k2tog (14 sts).

Row 12: k to end.

Rows 13–16: repeat rows 11 and 12 twice more (10 sts).

Row 17: work as row 11 (8 sts).

Row 18: k2tog, k1, pass the first st over the second, cast off all sts to last 2 sts, k2tog, cast off the last st.

CENTRE

With yarn B, cast on 6 sts.

Row 1 (RS): p to end.

Row 2: (kfb) to end (12 sts).

Row 3: p to end.

Row 4: (k2tog) to end (6 sts).

Break yarn, thread through sts, pull tightly and fasten off.

MAKING UP

Sew the front petals together at the centre. Sew the back petals to the front petals. With the fastened-off yarn end of centre, sew the side seam to the cast-on edge, work a gathered stitch along the cast-on edge and draw tightly. Attach the centre to the flower. With yarn C, make French knots around the centre piece (see 'Making a French knot' on page 11).