

# Knitables

## Banana



### Measurements

Banana height measures approximately 10cm (3.9in), width approximately 7cm (2.75in)

### Equipment and Materials

One pair of 3.25mm knitting needles (UK10 / US3)

One wool sewing needle

Scissors

Good quality washable polyester toy filling

## Yarn

The yarns listed may be substituted for any DK yarn

Banana and banana skin lining: **Yarn A** Debbie Bliss Rialto DK, Colour Ecru (002)

Banana skin: **Yarn B** Debbie Bliss Rialto DK, Colour Banana (057)

Banana base : **Yarn C** Debbie Bliss Rialto DK, Colour Earth (037)

## Abbreviations

<b>K</b>	Knit
<b>P</b>	Purl
<b>st(s)</b>	Stitch(es)
<b>m1</b>	Make one stitch by picking up the horizontal loop before next stitch and knitting into the back of it
<b>Inc 1</b>	Increase one by knitting into the front and back of the stitch
<b>K2 tog</b>	Knit two stitches together
<b>SSK</b>	Slip, slip, knit (Decrease - slip the next stitch on the left needle knitwise, then slip the next stitch on the left needle purlwise. Take the left needle and knit through the front of the two slipped stitches on the right needle)
<b>P2 tog</b>	Purl two stitches together
<b>SSP</b>	Slip, slip, purl (Decrease - slip the next two stitches knitwise, one at a time, to right hand needle. Move these two stitches back to the left hand needle. Insert the right needle into these two stitches through their back loops and purl these two slipped stitches together)
<b>sl1</b>	Slip 1 stitch (stitch is passed from the left needle to the right needle without being knitted, slip purl-wise)
<b>yb</b>	Yarn back (take yarn to the back before working the next stitch)
<b>yf</b>	Yarn forward (bring yarn to the front before working the next stitch)
<b>B &amp; T</b>	Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through remaining stitches on needle, draw up tightly and secure by threading yarn a second time through sts

### Instructions in round brackets

These are to be repeated the number of times stated after the closing bracket.

### Making up

To create a neat, invisible seam when joining pieces use a mattress stitch, with right side of work uppermost. When casting on leave a length of yarn that could be used to sew up the seam if required.

### Toy Safety

Please ensure that attached pieces are sewn on very securely and seams are tightly finished off. Use only new, hygienic, washable stuffing that conforms to current safety standards.

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Begin at the base of the banana and with yarn **A** cast on 6 sts

**Row 1** (Inc 1, K1) 3 times (9 sts)

**Row 2** Purl

**Row 3** (K1, m1, K1, m1, K1) 3 times (15 sts)

**Row 4** Purl

**Row 5** (K1, m1, K2) 5 times (20 sts)

**Row 6** Purl

**Row 7** (K5, m1, K5) 2 times (22 sts)

**Rows 8 - 10** Beg with a Purl row, st-st 3 rows

**Row 11** K19, yf, sl1, yb, turn

**Row 12** P17, yb, sl1, yf, turn

**Row 13** K20

**Rows 14 - 18** Beg with a Purl row, st-st 5 rows

**Rows 19 - 26** Repeat rows 11 - 18

**Row 27** K19, yf, sl1, yb, turn

**Row 28** P17, yb, sl1, yf, turn

**Row 29** K20

**Rows 30 - 32** Beg with a Purl row, st-st 3 rows

**Row 33** K1, (K2, K2tog, K3) 3 times (19 sts)

**Row 34** Purl

**Row 35** K2, (K1, K2tog, K1) 4 times, K1 (15 sts)

**Row 36** Purl

**Row 37** (K1, K2tog) 5 times (10 sts)

**Row 38** Purl

**Row 39** K2tog to end (5sts)

B&T



Working down from the gathered top of the banana,

join the side edges to around 3cm of the way down. Then work a gathering

thread through the cast on stitches at the base, pull up tightly and join the side edges of the banana, leaving a gap of approximately 3cm. Push stuffing into both ends with tweezers or the tip of a pair of scissors. Close the remaining seam and mould the banana so that it curves.

## Banana Skin

Begin at the base of the banana and with yarn **C** cast on 6 sts

**Row 1** (Inc 1, K1) 3 times (9 sts)

**Row 2** Change to yarn **B**, Purl

**Row 3** (K1, m1, K1, m1, K1) 3 times (15 sts)

**Row 4** Purl

**Row 5** (K1, m1, K2) 5 times (20 sts)

**Row 6** Purl

**Row 7** (K2, m1, K3) 4 times (24 sts)

**Rows 8 - 10** Beg with a Purl row, st-st 3 rows

**Row 11** K21, yf, sl1, yb, turn

**Row 12** P19, yb, sl1, yf, turn

**Row 13** K22

**Rows 14 - 18** Beg with a Purl row, st-st 5 rows

\* **Row 19** *First Banana Peel* K4, m1, K4,  
turn and work on these **9 stitches only**

**Rows 20 - 34** Beg with a Purl row, st-st 15 rows

**Row 35** K4, K2tog, K3 (8 sts)

**Row 36** Purl

**Row 37** SSK, K4, K2tog (6 sts)

**Row 38** P2tog, P2, SSP (4 sts)

**Row 39** K1, K2tog, K1 (3 sts)

**Row 40** *Banana Skin Lining* In yarn **A** P1, P2tog (2 sts)

**Row 41** Inc 1, K1 (3 sts)

**Row 42** Inc 1, Inc 1, K1 (5 sts)

**Row 43** P2, Inc 1, P2 (6 sts)

**Row 44** K1, m1, K4, m1, K1 (8 sts)

**Rows 45 - 63** Beg with a Purl row, st-st 19 rows

**Row 64** Cast off

### *Second Banana Peel*

Re-join yarn **B** and repeat rows 19 - 64 \*

### *Third Banana Peel*

Re-join yarn **B** and repeat rows 19 - 64 \*

For each of the three peels, place the skin and the lining together, matching all the edges and slip-stitch the row-ends together. Then work a gathering thread through the cast on stitches at the base of the banana skin and pull up tightly. Join the side edges of the banana skin to where the 3 individual skin peels begin (row 19). Place the banana skin onto the banana and sew in place.

