

Knitables

Easter Basket and Egg



Measurements

Basket height measures approximately 9cm (3.5in), width approximately 8cm (3.1in)

Easter egg length measures approximately 7cm (2.75in), width approximately 5cm (2in)

Equipment and Materials

One pair of 3.25mm knitting needles (UK10 / US3). One larger needle (size 4½ or 5mm) for making the flowers

One wool sewing needle and scissors

Good quality washable polyester toy filling

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Yarn

The yarns listed may be substituted for any DK yarn

Basket: **Yarn A** Debbie Bliss Rialto DK, Colour Banana (057)

Basket: **Yarn B** Debbie Bliss Rialto DK, Colour Ecru (002)

Basket and Easter egg: **Yarn C** Debbie Bliss Rialto DK, Colour Deep Rose (050)

Easter egg: **Yarn D** Debbie Bliss Rialto DK, Colour Basil (053)

Easter egg: **Yarn E** Debbie Bliss Rialto DK, Colour White (001)

Basket and Easter egg: **Yarn F** Debbie Bliss Rialto DK, Colour Vintage Pink (066)

Pattern Notes

Tension

25sts and 34 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st on 3.25mm needles.

When knitting toys personal knitting tension is not too much of a concern.

However, if your knitting tension is generally on the looser side then you may want to move down a needle size to prevent the stuffing from showing through.

Instructions in round brackets

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

Casting on/off

The cable cast on method is recommended. Cast off knit wise unless otherwise stated. When it states cast off *loosely* you may wish to cast off using a larger needle, for example a size 4½ or 5mm.

Casting off requires the use of an additional stitch. For example, if the pattern states cast off 10 sts, you will need to use 11 sts to do so. So please bear this in mind when counting stitches.

Working in stripes

When knitting different coloured stripes, carry yarns loosely up side of work.

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.

Abbreviations

K	Knit
P	Purl
st(s)	Stitch(es)
beg	Beginning
tog	Together
m1	Make one stitch by picking up the horizontal loop before next stitch and knitting into the back of it
Inc 1	Increase one by knitting into the front and back of the stitch
K2 tog	Knit two stitches together
SSK	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)
P2 tog	Purl two stitches together
SSP	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)
sl1	Slip 1 stitch (stitch is passed from the left needle to the right needle without being knitted, slip purl-wise)
pssso	Pass slip stitch over (pass the slipped stitch over the knit stitch and off the needle)
st-st	Stocking stitch (1 row knit, 1 row purl)
g-st	Garter stitch (every row knit)
moss	Moss stitch (K1, P1)
rib	Ribbing (vertical columns of knit and purl stitches, side by side, as in K1, P1)
yrn	Yarn round needle (take strand of yarn under and over tip of right hand needle to make a stitch, then continue as given in instructions)
yb	Yarn back (take yarn to the back before working the next stitch)
yfwd	Yarn forward (bring yarn to the front before working the next stitch)
B & T	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

Tutorials

For tips and advice on the various stitches and techniques used in this pattern, please refer to the video tutorials on www.knitable.com

Basket

Begin at base of basket and with yarn **A** cast on 10 sts

Row 1 (Inc 1, K3) 2 times, Inc 1, K1 (13 sts)

Row 2 Purl

Row 3 K1, (m1, K1) 11 times, K1 (24 sts)

Row 4 Purl

Row 5 K1, (K1, m1, K1) 11 times, K1 (35 sts)

Row 6 Purl

Row 7 Purl

Row 8 Knit

Row 9 In yarn **B** K1, * sl1 purl wise, K1, repeat from * to end

Row 10 K1, * yfwd, sl1 purl wise, yb, K1, repeat from * to end

Row 11 In yarn **A** K7, Inc 1, K19, Inc 1, K7 (37 sts)

Row 12 K8, Inc 1, K19, Inc 1, K8 (39 sts)

Row 13 In yarn **B** K1, * sl1 purl wise, K1, repeat from * to end

Row 14 K1, * yfwd, sl1 purl wise, yb, K1, repeat from * to end

Rows 15 - 16 In yarn **A** G-st 2 rows

Row 17 In yarn **B** K1, * sl1 purl wise, K1, repeat from * to end

Row 18 K1, * yfwd, sl1 purl wise, yb, K1, repeat from * to end

Row 19 In yarn **A** (K9, Inc 1) 3 times, K9 (42 sts)

Row 20 (K10, Inc 1) 3 times, K9 (45 sts)

Row 21 In yarn **B** K1, * sl1 purl wise, K1, repeat from * to end

Row 22 K1, * yfwd, sl1 purl wise, yb, K1, repeat from * to end

Rows 23 - 24 In yarn **A** G-st 2 rows

Row 25 In yarn **B** K1, * sl1 purl wise, K1, repeat from * to end

Row 26 K1, * yfwd, sl1 purl wise, yb, K1, repeat from * to end

Row 27 In yarn **A** K11, Inc 1, K21, Inc 1, K11 (47 sts)

Row 28 K12, Inc 1, K21, Inc 1, K12 (49 sts)

Row 29 In yarn **B** K1, * sl1 purl wise, K1, repeat from * to end

Row 30 K1, * yfwd, sl1 purl wise, yb, K1, repeat from * to end

Row 31 In yarn **A** Knit

Row 32 Using two strands of yarn **A** together (double yarn), Knit

Row 33 Using two strands of yarn **A** together (double yarn), Knit

Row 34 Using a single strand of yarn **A**, Knit

Row 35 Cast off *loosely*



Work a gathering thread through the cast on stitches at the base of the basket, pull up tightly and join the side edges of the basket. Weave in loose ends. For a firmer base you may wish to cut a circle of card, approximately 4cm in diameter, to place inside.

Handle

In yarn **A** cast on 44 sts

Rows 1 - 2 G-st 2 rows

Row 3 Cast off *loosely*

Position and sew on the handle

Flowers *(make two)*

In yarn **C** cast on 20 sts with a larger needle, for example a size 4½ or 5mm. If you don't have a larger needle then a 3.25mm needle will work fine, it will just result in a slightly smaller flower. Break the yarn and thread through the stitches on the needle, draw up tightly and fasten off. Using the cast on tail-end of the yarn, catch the rows ends together to make a flower shape. Using yarn **F** embroider a small circle for the centre of the flower. Sew the flowers onto the basket as illustrated.



To make the basket more ornate you may wish to knit many flowers in an array of colours!

Easter Egg

Begin at base of egg and with yarn **C** cast on 9 sts

Row 1 Inc 1, K3, Inc 1, K2, Inc 1, K1 (12 sts)

Row 2 Purl

Row 3 K1, (m1, K1) 11 times (23 sts)

Row 4 Purl

Row 5 K1, (m1, K2) 11 times (34 sts)

Row 6 Purl

Row 7 Knit

Row 8 In yarn **D** Purl

Row 9 K1, (K1, m1, K2) 11 times (45 sts)

Rows 10 - 20 Change to yarn **E** for pattern work, please see chart. Alternatively you may wish to design your own pattern over the next 11 rows or simply use a contrasting colour.

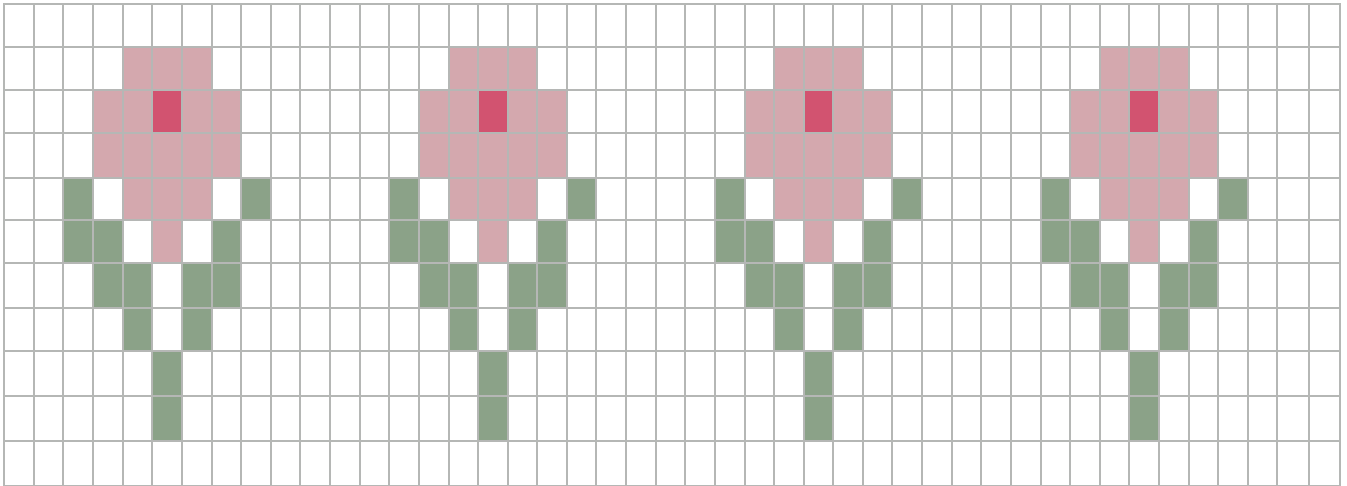


Chart for rows 10 - 20

Row 21 In yarn **D** K11, (K2tog, K9) 3 times, K1 (42 sts)

Row 22 Purl

Row 23 K1, (K1, K2tog, K1) 10 times, K1 (32 sts)

Row 24 Purl

Row 25 (K1, K2 tog) 10 times, K2 (22 sts)

Row 26 Purl

Row 27 Knit

Row 28 Purl

Row 29 (K2 tog) 11 times (11 sts)

Row 30 Purl B&T

Working down from the gathered top of the egg, join the side edges of the egg to where the patterned band begins (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 egg, leaving a gap of approximately 3cm. Stuff the egg firmly, moulding and shaping as you work. Close the remaining seam and place the egg inside the basket.

