

# RAINBOW BRIGHT

Add some funkiness to this year's festivities with these cheery designs. By **Sarah Dennis**.

GO FOR A RAINBOW-TUED CHRISTMAS!



As they're worked in simple stocking stitch, it won't take long to knit a set of these vibrant little decorations



# THE COLLECTION



## YOU WILL NEED

- Stylecraft, Special DK (100% acrylic, 100g/295m)
    - Yarn A** Turquoise (1068)
    - Yarn B** Fiesta (1257)
    - Yarn C** Lipstick (1246)
    - Yarn D** Citron (1263)
    - Yarn E** Bright Green (1259)
    - Yarn F** Jaffa (1256)
  - A set of 4 3mm double-pointed needles (DPNs)
  - A pair of 3mm needles
  - Stitch holder (optional)
  - Stuffing
- For yarn stockists contact  
Stylecraft 01484 848435  
[www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk](http://www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk)

## TENSION

Yarn used knits as DK to this tension: 24 sts and 32 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3mm needles

## ABBREVIATIONS

See [www.gathered.how](http://www.gathered.how)

**W**hat better way to please a colour lover than by knitting all three of these gorgeously vivid decorations? They're lovely traditional Christmas shapes but with a modern twist! The heart and the circle are created with some simple increases and decreases, while the star is knitted in the round using three DPNs.



## **K** HANGING LOOP (MAKE 1 FOR EACH DECORATION)

**Cast on** 50 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn C.

**Cast off.**

## STAR DECORATION STAR POINT (MAKE 10)

**Cast on** 2 sts using 3mm DPNs and Yarn C.

**Row 1** Knit.

**Row 2** Purl.

**Row 3** (Kfb) twice. [4 sts]

**Row 4** Purl.

Break Yarn C and join in Yarn F.

**Row 5** Kfb, K2, kfb. [6 sts]

**Row 6** Purl.

**Row 7** Kfb, K4, kfb. [8 sts]

**Row 8** Purl.

Break Yarn F and join in Yarn D.

**Row 9** Kfb, K6, kfb. [10 sts]

**Row 10** Purl.

**Row 11** Kfb, K8, kfb. [12 sts]

**Row 12** Purl.

Break Yarn D and join in Yarn E.

**Row 13** Kfb, K10, kfb. [14 sts]

**Row 14** Purl.

Break yarn and leave sts on waste yarn or a st holder.

Do not break yarn after working 5th point of star.

Work 9 more points the same.

## STAR BODY (MAKE 2)

\*\*Work in rounds from this point.

**Round 1** K across sts held on spare needle for 5 points. [70 sts]

Distribute these sts evenly across 3 DPNs.

**Round 2** \*K2tog, K5; rep from \* to end of round. [60 sts]

Break Yarn E and join in Yarn A.

**Round 3** Knit.

**Round 4** \*K2tog, K4; rep from \* to end of round. [50 sts]

**Round 5** Knit.

**Round 6** \*K2tog, K3; rep from \* to end of round. [40 sts]

Break Yarn A and join in Yarn B.

**Round 7** Knit.

**Round 8** \*K2tog, K2; rep from \* to end of round. [30 sts]

**Round 9** Knit.

**Round 10** \*K2tog, K1; rep from \* to end of round. [20 sts]

Break Yarn B and join in Yarn C.

**Round 11** Knit.

**Round 12** \*K2tog; rep from \* to end of round. [10 sts]

**Round 13** Knit.

**Round 14** \*K2tog; rep from \* to end of round. [5 sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem sts.

Work from \*\* to complete second side of star.

## TO MAKE UP

Place the wrong sides of the star together and join side seams, stuffing lightly before closing completely. Attach hanging loop.

## CIRCULAR DECORATION

### CIRCLE (MAKE 2)

**Cast on** 9 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn D.

**Row 1** Knit.

**Row 2** Kfb, P to last st, kfb. [11 sts]

**Row 3** Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [13 sts]

**Row 4** Kfb, P to last st, kfb. [15 sts]

Break Yarn D and join in Yarn F.

**Row 5** Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [17 sts]

**Row 6** Kfb, P to last st, kfb. [19 sts]

**Row 7** Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [21 sts]

**Row 8** Purl.

Break Yarn F and join in Yarn C.

**Row 9** Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [23 sts]

**Row 10** Purl.

**Row 11** Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [25 sts]

**Row 12** Purl.

Break Yarn C and join in Yarn B.

**Row 13** Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [27 sts]

**Row 14** Purl.

**Row 15** Knit.

**Row 16** Purl.

Break Yarn B and join in Yarn A.

**Row 17** Knit.

**Row 18** Purl.

**Row 19** Knit.

**Row 20** Purl.

Break Yarn A and join in Yarn E.

**Row 21** Knit.

**Tip** You can either break off the yarn after each colour change, leaving a long tail that can be woven in after you've finished, or if the colour is going to be used again you can carry the unused yarn up the side of your knitting instead, so it's ready to use.

**Row 22** Purl.

**Row 23** Knit.

**Row 24** Purl.

Break Yarn E and join in Yarn D.

**Row 25** K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog.  
[25 sts]

**Row 26** Purl.

**Row 27** K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog.  
[23 sts]

**Row 28** Purl.

Break Yarn D and join in Yarn F.

**Row 29** K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog.  
[21 sts]

**Row 30** Purl.

**Row 31** K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog.  
[19 sts]

**Row 32** P2tog, P to last 2 sts, p2tog.  
[17 sts]

Break Yarn F and join in Yarn C.

**Row 33** K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog.

**Row 34** P2tog, P to last 2 sts, p2tog.

**Row 35** K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog.

**Row 36** P2tog, P to last 2 sts, p2tog.  
[9 sts]

**Cast off.**

Make another piece the same.

#### TO MAKE UP

Place the wrong sides together and join side seams, stuffing lightly before closing completely. Attach hanging loop.

#### HEART DECORATION

##### HEART (MAKE 2)

**Cast on** 2 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn C.

**Row 1** Knit.

**Row 2** Purl.

**Row 3** Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [4 sts]

**Row 4** Purl.

Break Yarn C and join in Yarn B.

**Row 5** Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [6 sts]

**Row 6** Purl.

**Row 7** Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [8 sts]

**Row 8** Purl.

Break Yarn B and join in Yarn A.

**Row 9** Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [10 sts]

**Row 10** Kfb, P to last st, kfb. [12 sts]

**Row 11** Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [14 sts]

**Row 12** Kfb, P to last st, kfb. [16 sts]

Break Yarn A and join in Yarn E.

**Row 13** Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [18 sts]

**Row 14** Kfb, P to last st, kfb. [20 sts]

**Row 15** Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [22 sts]

**Row 16** Kfb, P to last st, kfb. [24 sts]

Break Yarn E and join in Yarn D.

**Row 17** Kfb, K to last st, kfb. [26 sts]

**Row 18** Kfb, P to last st, kfb. [28 sts]

**Row 19** Knit.

**Row 20** Purl.

Break Yarn D and join in Yarn F.

**Row 21** Knit.

**Row 22** Purl.

**Row 23** Knit.

**Row 24** Purl.

Break Yarn F and join in Yarn C.

**Row 25** Knit.

**Row 26** Purl.

**Row 27** Knit.

**Row 28** P13, cast off 2 sts purlwise,  
P to end.

Break Yarn C and join in Yarn B.

**Row 29** K13, turn and leave rem sts on  
spare needle. [13 sts]

Complete right-hand side of heart as  
follows:

**Row 30** Purl.

**\*\*Row 31** K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog.  
[11 sts]

**Row 32** Purl.

Break Yarn B and join in Yarn A.

**Row 33** K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog.  
[9 sts]

**Row 34** P2tog, P to last 2 sts, p2tog.  
[7 sts]

**Row 35** K2tog, K to last 2 sts, k2tog.  
[5 sts]

**Row 36** P2tog, P to last 2 sts, p2tog.  
[3 sts]

**Cast off.**

Rejoin Yarn B to 13 sts left on spare  
needle.

**Next row** Knit.

**Next row** Purl.

Work from \*\* to complete left-hand  
side of heart.

Make another piece the same.

#### TO MAKE UP

Place the wrong sides together and join side seams, stuffing lightly before closing completely. Attach hanging loop. 🧶



Change the order of the rainbow stripes to give the baubles your own twist.



Don't rush the sewing up – it'll make it easier to keep the circle edges smooth.



Gently stuff your decorations, making sure the shapes aren't distorted.