



RING THE BELLS

Cast on a seasonal Advent calendar made up of bright bells and get your celebrations off to the perfect start. By **Monica Fuyertes**



EASY TO KNIT

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic, 100g/280m), oddments of each:
 - Yarn A** Ladybird (0698), 12g
 - Yarn B** Bright Lemon (0819), 10g
 - Yarn C** Azure (0824), 8g
 - Yarn D** Cupid (0944), 10g
 - Yarn E** Pink (0992), 8g
 - Yarn F** White (0961), 12g
 - Yarn G** Iced Pink (0958), 27g
 - Yarn H** Lime (0882), 8g
- ☐ A pair of 3mm knitting needles
- ☐ 24 gold jump rings, 6mm diameter
- ☐ A piece of cardboard or plastic sheet, 24x24cm
- ☐ Yellow satin ribbon, 110x10mm wide
- ☐ Pink satin ribbon, 70x10mm wide
- ☐ Green satin ribbon, 40x10mm wide
- ☐ White satin ribbon, 30x5mm wide
- ☐ 6 green glass baubles, 20mm diameter
- ☐ 24 snap fasteners, 7mm
- ☐ A piece of white felt, approx 10x2cm
- ☐ 24 small wooden hearts with holes, for adding numbers

TENSION

13 sts x 18 rows to measure 6x6cm (2½x2¼in) over st st using 3mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Ring diameter 23cm (9in)

Large Bells 5cm (2in) tall

Small Bells 3.5cm (1½in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

See www.gathered.how

WHERE TO BUY

- ☐ For yarn stockists contact Sirdar on 01924 231682 <https://sirdar.com>

OR YOU COULD TRY...

- ☐ **The Knitting Network** 01795 570303 or www.theknittingnetwork.co.uk
- ☐ **Love Crafts** 01409 404010 or www.lovecrafts.com

ADVENT CALENDAR
LARGE BELLS (MAKE 6)

Note Make 2 using Yarn A and 1 each using Yarns B, C, D and F.

Cast on 13 sts using 3mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) K13.

Row 2 (WS) P4, K9.

Rep these two rows until a total of 36 rows have been worked.

Cast off leaving a long tail of yarn for sewing up.

Thread yarn through the end stitches at the row ends of the garter st section and draw up tightly. Fasten off securely.

MAKING UP

1 Sew the cast-on and cast-off edges of your Large Bells together using mattress stitch. The st st section will curl naturally; use mattress st on the 'wrong' side of the st st section so that the visible seam is neat.

2 Fasten all the ends securely on the WS of the bell and trim (no need to sew in as they won't be seen on the inside of the bell) and turn right side out.

3 Referring to the photograph, place a green bauble into each bell and sew into place.

4 Add one half of a snap fastener to the bell.

5 Cut yellow, pink and green ribbon into approx 8cm lengths and tie into bows. Attach a gold jump ring to the top of each bell and tie a ribbon bow to it.

"Aren't these bright bells gorgeous and fun? They're so easy to knit and you could pop a small chocolate or sweet into each bell for a well-deserved Christmas treat!"

SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR



LITTLE BELLS (MAKE 18)

Note Make 2 each using Yarns A, C and D and 3 each using Yarns B, E, F and H.

Cast on 10 sts using 3mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) K10.

Row 2 (WS) P4, K6.

Rep these two rows until a total of 28 rows have been worked.

Cast off leaving a long tail of yarn for sewing up.

Thread yarn through the end stitches of the row ends of the garter st section and draw up tightly. Fasten off securely.

MAKING UP

1 Sew the cast-on and cast-off edges of your Little Bells together using mattress stitch. The st st section will curl naturally; use

mattress st on the 'wrong' side of the st st section so that the visible seam is neat.

2 Fasten all ends securely on the WS of the bell and trim (no need to sew in as they won't be seen on the inside of the bell) and turn right side out.

3 Referring to the photograph add one half of a snap fastener to the bell and attach a gold jump ring to the top of each bell.

CONSTRUCTING THE WREATH

1 Draw two concentric circles onto the card or plastic: the outer one measuring 23cm in diameter and the inner one 21cm, making sure that there is a uniform margin of 2cm all round.

2 Cut the 2cm ring out and cover by wrapping Yarn G all round, ensuring that the plastic or cardboard is fully covered.

3 Referring to the photograph, attach the other halves of the snap fastener to the wreath ring, carefully spacing them.

4 Attach a white ribbon loop to the top of the wreath for hanging.

5 Write the numbers 1 to 24 onto the wooden hearts, then sew the hearts onto the bells in a random order with sewing thread. 🍷



Gold jump rings are used to top the bell and for threading a decorative ribbon through. Snap fasteners are then added to the back of each bell



Add the bells to your wreath with snap fasteners so you can remove them as the days pass