

* CUSHION BY NICOLA VALIJI



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- Deramores Studio DK (100% acrylic, 100g/250m)
1 ball of each:
 - Yarn A** Blue Haze (70036)
 - Yarn B** Lavender (70008)
 - Yarn C** Light Pink (70034)
 - Yarn D** Vanilla (70068)
 - Yarn E** Peony (70003)
 - Yarn F** Lime (70069)
- A pair of 4mm needles
- Round cushion pad, 35cm diameter
- A small amount of toy stuffing

TENSION

22 sts and 28 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 4mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

To fit 35cm diameter round cushion pad

ABBREVIATIONS

w&t wrap and turn: with the RS facing, slip the next st purlwise on to the right hand needle, bring the yarn forward between the two needles, slip the st back to the left hand needle and take the yarn to the back between the two needles, turn.
For a full list see www.gathered.how

TOP TIP

When knitting individual elements to appliqué onto your project at a later date, always leave long tails when you cast on and off so you can use them when sewing items in place.

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For the perfect finish, when knitting your 3D flowers and leaves take it nice and slowly. Rushing could affect your tension, leaving you with loose stitches that'll create baggy holes in your blooms.

WHERE TO BUY

- Deramores
www.deramores.com



Pin your flowers and leaves in place neatly before you start attaching them



"This sweet little cushion is filled with lots of fun techniques, such as short rows to create a circle, adding 3D appliqué pieces to the surface and knitting a pretty edging!"

KATIE BEALE, PRODUCTION ASSISTANT



3D FLORAL CUSHION

Note All pieces are worked flat on straight knitting needles and seamed using mattress stitch. Cast on using the long tail cast-on method, there's a great tutorial here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXA3gBNiSiM>.

FRONT AND BACK (BOTH ALIKE)

Cast on 32 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 and all WS rows Purl.

Row 3 K30, w&t.

Row 5 K28, w&t.

Row 7 K26, w&t.

Row 9 K24, w&t.

Row 11 K22, w&t.

Row 13 K20, w&t.

Row 15 K18, w&t.

Row 17 K16, w&t.

Row 19 K14, w&t.

Row 21 K12, w&t.

Row 23 K10, w&t.

Row 25 K8, w&t.

Row 27 K6, w&t.

Row 29 K4, w&t.

Row 31 K2, w&t.

Row 32 Purl.

Rep Rows 1 to 32 seven more times (8 sections in total).

Cast off.

LEAVES (MAKE 3)

Cast on 3 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn F.

Row 1 K1, kfb, K1. [4 sts]

Rows 2, 4 and 6 Purl.

Row 3 K1, (kfb) twice, K1. [6 sts]

Row 5 K1, kfb, K2, kfb, K1. [8 sts]

Row 7 K1, kfb, K4, kfb, K1. [10 sts]

Row 8 to 12 Starting on a WS purl row work in st st.

Row 13 K1, ssk, K4, k2tog, K1. [8 sts]

Row 14 Purl.

Row 15 K1, ssk, K2, k2tog, K1. [6 sts]

Row 16 Purl.

Cast off.

FLOWER PETALS (MAKE 3)

One in each of Yarns B, C and E.

Cast on 6 sts using 4mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) **Cast off** 4 sts, sl rem st from RH needle to LH needle. [2 sts]

Row 2 **Cast on** 4 sts, knit to end. [6 sts]

Rep Rows 1 and 2 a further 21 times.

Next row Knit.

Cast off.

FLOWER CENTRE (MAKE 3)

Cast on 8 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn D.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 Kfb, K6, kfb. [10 sts]

Row 3 to 5 Starting on a WS purl row work in st st.

Row 6 K2tog, K6, k2tog. [8 sts]

Row 7 Purl.

Break yarn leaving a long tail and thread through rem sts.

Pull tight to fasten.

EDGING

Cast on 5 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn C.

Row 1 (RS) Sl 1, K4.

Row 2 Sl 1, K4.

Row 3 Sl 1, K1, (kfb) 3 times. [8 sts]

Row 4 **Cast off** 3 sts, knit to end. [5 sts]

Rep Rows 1 to 4 a further 69 times.

Cast off.

Knitting short rows for the cushion's front and back creates a wonderful spiral effect



MAKING UP

With right sides held together, seam the Back and Front together around the edge, leaving a gap large enough to insert the cushion pad. Turn right-side out and insert pad, close the gap using mattress stitch.

Use the long tail of the Flower Centre to gather the row ends and cast-on edge to form a circle, stuff and draw up tightly. Sew a Flower Petal piece around each Flower Centre. Arrange the flowers on the Front of the cushion and sew into place. Attach a Leaf next to each Flower using photo as a guide, adding a small amount of stuffing. Sew the Edging into place around Front/Back seam. 🧶

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STEP-BY-STEP KFB INCREASE 1 BY KNITTING INTO FRONT & BACK



1 Insert the tip of the right-hand needle into the front of the stitch and knit as normal, but don't drop it from the left-hand needle.



2 Then take the right-hand needle behind the left-hand one and insert the tip of the needle down through the back of the stitch on the left-hand needle.



3 Wrap the yarn around the tip of the right-hand needle to knit the stitch. Bring the needle through to make the stitch, keeping it on the right-hand needle.



4 Take the stitch off the left-hand needle. You will have increased one stitch by knitting twice into the original stitch, first at the front, then at the back.