

# AVOCADO

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## YARN

Sirdar, Hayfield Bonus DK, 100% Acrylic, DK weight yarn (double knitting or light worsted weight); less than 25g in each colour



**Dark Green:** shade "Orchard"



**Light Green:** shade "Lime"



**Brown:** shade "Chocolate"

Tension 6 sts x 8 rows per 2.5cm square

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## NEEDLES & NOTIONS

A pair of straight 2.75mm (US 2) knitting needles; minimum length 20cm

A tapestry needle for seaming

A few handfuls of toy filling

Pins for making up

Two 6mm toy safety eyes

## SIZE

One size - 8.5cm tall x 6cm wide

## KEY

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<b>k</b>	Knit
<b>kfb</b>	Knit into the front and back increase
<b>k2tog</b>	Knit two stitches together decrease
<b>p</b>	Purl
<b>RS</b>	Right side
<b>ssk</b>	Slip the next stitch knit-wise, then slip the next stitch purl-wise, then knit through the front of the two slipped sts to decrease.
<b>st(s)</b>	Stitch(es)
<b>WS</b>	Wrong side

## NOTES

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### CASTING ON

Use the cable cast on (unless otherwise specified) and leave a 30cm yarn tail for seaming.

### PULL THROUGH TO CAST OFF

Break the yarn leaving a 30cm tail, thread the tail onto a tapestry needle and thread through the stitches on the knitting needle, pulling them off the needle and onto the yarn, and pull tight to gather together.

### SEAMING

Use your cast on/off tails for seaming in mattress stitch. A one stitch seam allowance has been included in the pattern.

### STOCKINETTE

Also known as stocking stitch; knit RS rows and purl WS rows.

### MARKING STITCHES

Use stitch markers or thread a piece of waste yarn through the stitch to be marked as a guide for inserting the eyes when making up.

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### AVOCADO FACE

Make 2.

Cast on 6 sts in light green yarn on straight 2.75mm needles.

Each face is a pear shape with a hole in the centre. Start at the bottom edge.



**Row 1 (RS):** Knit.

**Row 2 (WS):** Purl.

**Row 3:** K1, kfb, k2, kfb, k1. (8 sts)

**Row 4:** Purl.

**Row 5:** K1, kfb, k4, kfb, k1. (10 sts)

**Row 6:** Purl.

**Row 7:** K1, kfb, k6, kfb, k1. (12 sts)

**Row 8:** Purl.

**Row 9:** K1, kfb, k4, [k1, lift the 2<sup>nd</sup> stitch on the right hand needle over the 1<sup>st</sup> stitch on the right hand needle] 2 times, k2, kfb, k1. (12 sts)

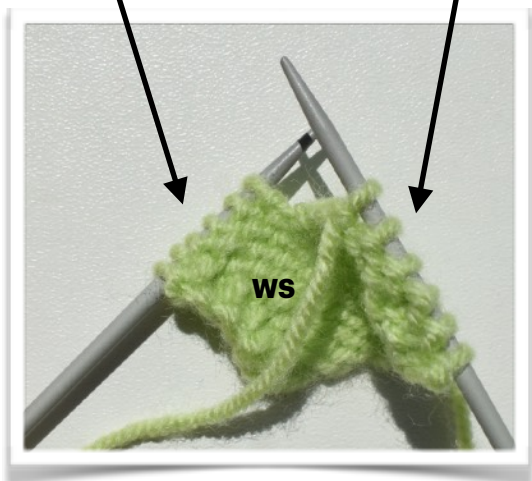
You should now have 2 sets of 6 sts on your needle with 2 cast off sts at the centre.



**Row 10:** P6. Do not work the last 6 sts, just leave them on the knitting needle to work later.

*Do not work the last 6 sts on row 10*

*I have purled the first 6 sts on row 10*

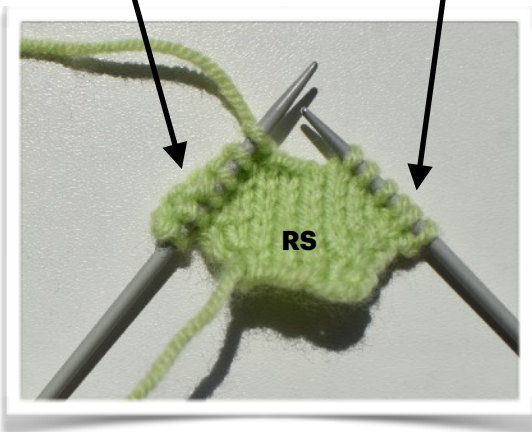


Turn the work so the RS is facing you.

Work the right side of the hole on the 6 sts on the knitting needle in your left hand with the working yarn. Ignore the other 6 sts for rows 11 to 24.

*Work these sts on rows 11 to 24*

*Ignore these 6 sts and do not work them on rows 11 to 24*



**Row 11:** K1, ssk, k1, kfb, k1. (6 sts)

**Row 12:** P6. Turn the work so the RS is facing you.

**Row 13:** K1, ssk, k1, kfb, k1. (6 sts)

**Row 14:** P6. Turn the work so the RS is facing you.

**Row 15:** K1, ssk, k3. (5 sts)

**Row 16:** P5. Turn the work so the RS is facing you.

**Row 17:** K5.

**Row 18:** P5. Turn the work so the RS is facing you.

**Row 19:** K1, kfb, k3. (6 sts)

**Row 20:** P6. Turn the work so the RS is facing you.

**Row 21:** K1, kfb, k4. (7 sts)

**Row 22:** P7. Turn the work so the RS is facing you.

**Row 23:** K1, kfb, k2, k2tog, k1. (7 sts)

**Row 24:** P7, cast on 2 sts using the cable cast on. (9 sts)

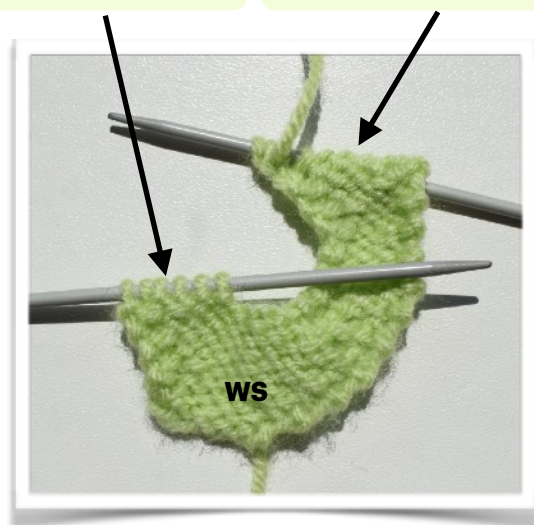
Break the working yarn.

Now work the held 6 sts for the left side of the hole. Start with the WS of the work facing you.

**Row 1:** Rejoin the light green yarn and p6. Ignore the other 9 sts for rows 1 to 15, just leave them on the knitting needle to work later.

*Work these sts on rows 1 to 15*

*Ignore these 9 sts and do not work them on rows 1 to 15*



**Row 2:** K1, kfb, k1, k2tog, k1. Turn the work so the WS is facing you. (6 sts)

**Row 3:** P6.

**Row 4:** K1, kfb, k1, k2tog, k1. Turn the work so the WS is facing you. (6 sts)

**Row 5:** P6.

**Row 6:** K3, k2tog, k1. Turn the work so the WS is facing you. (5 sts)

**Row 7:** P5.

**Row 8:** K5. Turn the work so the WS is facing you.

**Row 9:** P5.

**Row 10:** K3, kfb, k1. Turn the work so the WS is facing you. (6 sts)

**Row 11:** P6.

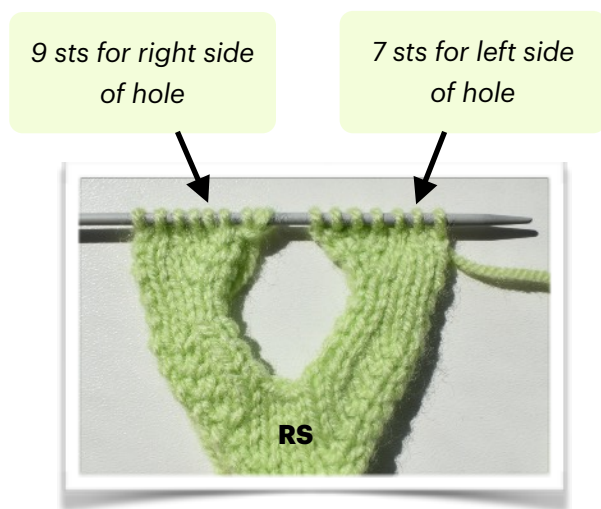
**Row 12:** K4, kfb, k1. Turn the work so the WS is facing you. (7 sts)

**Row 13:** P7.

**Row 14:** K1, ssk, k2, kfb, k1. Turn the work so the WS is facing you. (7 sts)

**Row 15:** P7.

You should now have 16 sts on your knitting needle, 7 sts for the left side nearest the tip, and then the 9 sts for the right side.



Now work across all 16 sts on row 16 to join the sides together at the top of the hole.

**Row 16 (RS):** K1, ssk, k10, k2tog, k1. (14 sts)

**Rows 17 to 21:** Starting on a WS purl row work 5 rows in stockinette. On row 20 mark the 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> stitches as a guide for inserting the eyes on one of the faces.

**Row 22:** K1, ssk, k8, k2tog, k1. (12 sts)

**Row 23:** Purl.

**Row 24:** K1, ssk, k6, k2tog, k1. (10 sts)

**Row 25:** Purl.

**Row 26:** K1, ssk, k4, k2tog, k1. (8 sts)

**Row 27:** Purl.

**Row 28:** K1, ssk, k2, k2tog, k1. (6 sts)

**Row 29:** Purl.

Cast off all sts.

## AVOCADO SHELL

Make 2.

Cast on 6 sts in dark green yarn on straight 2.75mm needles.

Start at the bottom edge.

**Row 1 (WS):** Knit.

**Row 2 (RS):** Knit.

**Row 3:** K1, [kfb] 4 times, k1. (10 sts)

**Row 4:** Knit.

**Row 5:** K1, [kfb, k1] 4 times, k1. (14 sts)

**Rows 6 and 7:** Knit.

**Row 8:** K1, [k2, kfb] 4 times, k1. (18 sts)

**Rows 9 and 10:** Knit.

**Row 11:** K1, [kfb, k3] 4 times, k1. (22 sts)

**Rows 12 and 13:** Knit.

**Row 14:** K1, [k4, kfb] 4 times, k1. (26 sts)

**Rows 15 to 27:** Knit.

**Row 28:** K1, [k4, k2tog] 4 times, k1. (22 sts)

**Row 29:** Knit.

**Row 30:** K1, [k3, k2tog] 4 times, k1. (18 sts)

**Rows 31 to 32:** Knit.

**Row 33:** k5, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k5. (16 sts)

**Rows 34 to 38:** Knit.

**Row 39:** k4, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k4. (14 sts)

**Rows 40 to 42:** Knit.

**Row 43:** K1, [k2tog, k1] 4 times, k1. (10 sts)

**Rows 44 and 45:** Knit.

**Row 46:** K1, [k2tog] 4 times, k1. (6 sts)

**Row 47:** Knit.

Cast off all sts.

### AVOCADO STONE & HOLLOW

Make 2 (make 1 in brown yarn for the stone and make 1 in light green yarn for the hollow).

Cast on 31 sts on straight 2.75mm needles using the long tail cast on.

Start at the outer edge.

**Rows 1 to 3:** Starting on a WS purl row work 3 rows in stockinette.

**Row 4:** K1, [k2tog, k8] 3 times. (28 sts)

**Row 5:** Purl.

**Row 6:** K1, [k2tog, k1] 9 times. (19 sts)

**Row 7:** Purl.

**Row 8:** K1, [k2tog] 9 times. (10 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

### MAKING UP

For the avocado pieces I recommend blocking or giving them a quick blast of steam from a steam iron before making up to make seaming easier and neater.

For each stone/hollow piece, sew the side edges together to make a small half sphere shape. Pin the cast on edges of each stone/hollow piece onto the edges of the hole in the avocado face and sew together. Insert the toy eyes on the face with the brown stone and remove the stitch markers.

Place the shell and face pieces together matching both cast off edges at the top and cast on edges at the bottom. Pin together, and then sew together the face and shell down the side edges. To seam the stockinette face to the garter stitch shell, thread your dark green yarn tail onto a tapestry needle, insert the needle down under the bar between the first two V shaped stitches on the stockinette piece, then on the garter stitch piece go under a garter stitch bump. Continue in this manner, but every 3rd or 4th garter stitch bump go under 2 bars on the stockinette piece. After every few stitches, gently pull up the yarn to create an invisible seam.

Poke toy filling inside the avocado through the opening at the cast on/off ends. For the half with the stone you can fully stuff the avocado, but for the other half leave the centre below the hole free from filling to make the hollow.

Finally, using a length of dark green yarn catch the back of the hollow onto the shell to keep in position.

