

BELL PEPPERS

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SIZE

One size - the pepper is 8cm wide x 10cm tall (including the stalk)

YARN

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

 **Red:** shade "Signal Red"

 **Green:** shade "Grass"

Tension 6 sts x 8 rows per 2.5cm square

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 per pepper

Two 9mm toy safety eyes per pepper

To make the **green pepper** follow the pattern using emerald green yarn instead of red.

KEY

k	Knit
kfb	Knit into the front and back increase
k2tog	Knit two stitches together decrease
p	Purl
p2tog	Purl two stitches together decrease
RS	Right side
ssk	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.
st(s)	Stitch(es)
WS	Wrong side

NOTES

CASTING ON

Use the cable cast and leave a 40cm yarn tail for making up.

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 the stitches together.

SEAMING

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

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.

STOCKINETTE

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

KNITTING PATTERN

PEPPER

Make 1.

Cast on 10 sts in red yarn on straight 2.75mm needles.

Start at the bottom.

Row 1 (RS): Knit.

Row 2 (WS): Purl.

Row 3: K1, [kfb] 8 times, k1. (18 sts)

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: K1, [kfb, k1, kfb, p1] 4 times, k1. (26 sts)

Row 6: P1, [k1, p5] 4 times, p1.

Row 7: K1, [kfb, k1, kfb, k1, kfb, p1] 4 times, k1. (38 sts)

Row 8: P1, [k1, p8] 4 times, p1.

Row 9: K1, [kfb, k1, kfb, k2, kfb, k1, kfb, p1] 4 times, k1. (54 sts)

Row 10: P1, [k1, p12] 4 times, p1.

Row 11: K1, [k12, p1] 4 times, k1.

Rows 12 to 21: Repeat rows 10 and 11 five more times.

Row 22: Repeat row 10.

Row 23: K1, [k3, kfb, k4, kfb, k3, p1] 4 times, k1. (62 sts)

Row 24: P1, [k1, p14] 4 times, p1.

Row 25: K1, [k14, p1] 4 times, k1.

Rows 26 to 35: Repeat rows 24 and 25 five more times. On row 28 mark the 22nd and 27th stitches as a guide for inserting the eyes.

Row 36: Repeat row 24.

Row 37: K1, [ssk, k2, ssk, k2, k2tog, k2, k2tog, p1] 4 times, k1. (46 sts)

Row 38: P1, [k1, p10] 4 times, p1.

Row 39: K1, [ssk, k1, ssk, k2tog, k1, k2tog, p1] 4 times, k1. (30 sts)

Row 40: P1, [k1, p6] 4 times, p1.

Row 41: K1, [k2tog] 14 times, k1. (16 sts)

Row 42: Purl.

Row 43: [K2tog] 8 times. (8 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

STALK

Make 1

Cast on 8 sts in green yarn on straight 2.75mm needles.

Rows 1 to 6: Starting on a RS knit row work 6 rows in stockinette.

Row 7: K1, [kfb, k2] 2 times, k1. (10 sts)

Rows 8 and 9: Purl.

Row 10: [P2tog] 5 times. (5 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

MAKING UP

Insert the toy safety eyes on the pepper and remove the stitch markers. Using the cast off tail, sew the side edges of the pepper together, adding stuffing as you sew, and gather the cast on sts together at the bottom to finish.

Using your cast on tail, sew up through the centre of the pepper and out at the top, and bring back down through the centre of the pepper and out at the bottom. Pull the yarn to make an indentation at the top of the pepper, and secure the yarn by sewing over a knitted stitch on the bottom several times. Bury your yarn tails inside the pepper.

For the stalk sew the side edges together and sew the cast on edge onto the top of the pepper.



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