

CHESTNUT MUSHROOMS

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YARN

Sirdar, Hayfield Bonus DK, 100% Acrylic, DK weight yarn (double knitting or light worsted weight); a few grammes in each colour



Light Brown: shade "Walnut"



Dark Brown: shade "Chocolate"



Cream: shade "Cream"

Tension 6 sts x 8 rows per 2.5cm square

SIZE

One size - each mushroom is 6cm tall

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

Two 6mm toy safety eyes per mushroom

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KEY

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

NOTES

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 or picking up stitches.

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.

KNITTING PATTERN

MUSHROOM

Make 1.

Cast on 10 sts in cream yarn on straight 2.75mm needles; use the cable cast on and leave a 30cm yarn tail for seaming.

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, k5] 2 times, kfb, k4. (21 sts)

Rows 6 to 10: Starting on a WS purl row work 5 rows in stockinette.

Row 11: K1, [k2tog, k3] 4 times. (17 sts)

Rows 12 to 14: Starting on a WS purl row work 3 rows in stockinette.

Row 15: K1, [k2tog, k2] 4 times. (13 sts)

Break the cream working yarn and join dark brown.

Row 16: Purl.

Row 17: K1, [kfb] 11 times, k1. (24 sts)

Row 18: Purl.

Row 19: K1, [kfb, k1] 11 times, k1. (35 sts)

Break the dark brown working yarn and join light brown.

Row 20: Purl.

Row 21: K1, [kfb, k2] 11 times, k1. (46 sts)

Rows 22 to 26: Starting on a WS purl row work 5 rows in stockinette. On row 22 mark the 20th and 25th stitches as a guide for inserting the eyes.

Row 27: K1, [k2tog, k2] 11 times, k1. (35 sts)

Row 28: Purl.

Row 29: K1, [k2tog, k1] 11 times, k1. (24 sts)

Row 30: Purl.

Row 31: [K2tog] 12 times. (12 sts)

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.

MAKING UP

Insert the toy safety eyes on the mushroom and remove the stitch markers. Sew the the side edges of the mushroom together, adding stuffing as you sew, and gather the cast on stitches together at the base. Define the cap by cutting a 20cm length of cream yarn and thread onto a tapestry needle. Sew a running stitch around the last cream row under the mushroom cap, pull the ends of the yarn to gather up the stitches, tie firmly in a double knot and bury the ends of yarn inside the stuffing.