


# COURGETTE

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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 "Bottle Green"

 **Light 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

Two 9mm toy safety eyes

## SIZE

One size - the courgette is 18cm tall



**Courgettes** are a summer squash, also known as **zucchini**.

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## 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>st(s)</b>	Stitch(es)
<b>WS</b>	Wrong side

## NOTES

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### CASTING ON

Use the cable cast and leave a 30cm 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.

## KNITTING PATTERN

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### COURGETTE

Make 1.

Cast on 12 sts in dark green yarn on straight 2.75mm needles.

Start at the bottom.

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

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

**Row 3:** K1, [kfb] 10 times, k1. (22 sts)

**Row 4:** P1, [k1, p3] 5 times, p1.

**Row 5:** K1, [kfb, kfb, k1, p1] 5 times, k1. (32 sts)

**Row 6:** P1, [k1, p5] 5 times, p1.

**Row 7:** K1, [kfb, k4, p1] 5 times, k1. (37 sts)

**Row 8:** P1, [k1, p6] 5 times, p1.

**Row 9:** K1, [kfb, k5, p1] 5 times, k1. (42 sts)

**Row 10:** P1, [k1, p7] 5 times, p1.

**Row 11:** K1, [k7, p1] 5 times, k1.

**Rows 12 to 31:** Repeat rows 10 and 11 ten more times. On row 23 mark the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> stitches as a guide for inserting the eyes.

**Row 32:** P1, [k1, p7] 5 times, p1.

**Row 33:** K1, [k3, k2tog, k2, p1] 5 times, k1. (37 sts)

**Row 34:** P1, [k1, p6] 5 times, p1.

**Row 35:** K1, [k6, p1] 5 times, k1.

**Row 36:** P1, [k1, p6] 5 times, p1.

**Rows 37 to 38:** Repeat rows 35 and 36.

**Row 39:** K1, [k2, k2tog, k2, p1] 5 times, k1. (32 sts)

**Row 40:** P1, [k1, p5] 5 times, p1.

**Row 41:** K1, [k5, p1] 5 times, k1.

**Rows 42 to 61:** Repeat rows 40 and 41 ten more times.

**Row 62:** P1, [k1, p5] 5 times, p1.

**Row 63:** K1, [k2, k2tog, k1, p1] 5 times, k1. (27 sts)

**Row 64:** P1, [k1, p4] 5 times, p1.

**Row 65:** K1, [k2tog, k2tog, p1] 5 times, k1. (17 sts)

Break the dark green working yarn and join light green.

**Row 66:** Purl.

**Row 67:** P1, [p2, k1] 5 times, p1.

**Row 68:** K1, [p1, k2] 5 times, k1.

**Row 69:** P1, [p2, k1] 5 times, p1.

**Rows 70 to 75:** Repeat rows 68 and 69 three more times.

**Row 76:** K1, [p1, k2tog] 5 times, k1. (12 sts)

**Row 77:** P1, [p1, k1] 5 times, p1.

**Row 78:** [K2tog] 6 times. (6 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

## MAKING UP

Insert the toy safety eyes on the courgette and remove the stitch markers.

Sew the side edges of the courgette together adding stuffing as you sew, and gather the cast on sts together at the bottom.

Cut a 30cm length of light green yarn and thread onto a tapestry needle, and sew a running stitch all the way around the first light green row of the stalk (row 62). Pull the yarn to gather the knitting together, knot firmly to secure, and bury the ends of the yarn inside the courgette.