

# CUCUMBER

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## YARN

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

 **Green:** shade "Bottle Green"

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 cucumber is 22cm long

Botanically **cucumbers** are a fruit, but they are usually considered a vegetable in cooking.

## 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.

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## KNITTING PATTERN

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### CUCUMBER

Make 1.

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

Start at the top.

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

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

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

**Row 4:** P2, [k1, p3] 5 times.

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

**Row 6:** P2, [k1, p4] 5 times.

**Row 7:** K1, [kfb, k2, p1, k1] 5 times, k1. (32 sts)

**Row 8:** P2, [k1, p5] 5 times.

**Row 9:** [K5, p1] 5 times, k2.

**Rows 10 to 79:** Repeat rows 8 and 9 thirty-five more times. On rows 40 and 48 mark the 15<sup>th</sup> stitch as a guide for inserting the eyes.

**Row 80:** P2, [k1, p5] 5 times.

**Row 81:** K1, [k2tog, k2, p1, k1] 5 times, k1. (27 sts)

**Row 82:** P2, [k1, p4] 5 times.

**Row 83:** K1, [k2tog, k1, p1, k1] 5 times, k1. (22 sts)

**Row 84:** P2, [k1, p3] 5 times.

**Row 85:** K1, [k2tog] 10 times, k1. (12 sts)

**Row 86:** Purl.

**Row 87:** [K2tog] 6 times. (6 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

### MAKING UP

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

Sew the side edges together, adding stuffing as you sew, and gather the cast on sts together to finish.