

PLUM TOMATOES

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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



Red: shade "Signal Red"



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 8mm toy safety eyes per tomato

SIZE

One size - each tomato is 5.5cm tall (not including the leaves and stalk)

Plum Tomatoes

are the "sauce tomatoes" that make the yummy sauces eaten with pasta

KEY

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

NOTES

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.

STOCKINETTE

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

BLOCKING

For the leaves and stalk pieces I recommend blocking or giving them a quick blast of steam from a steam iron before making up so that they lie flat.

KNITTING PATTERN

TOMATO

Make 1.

Cast on 9 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] 7 times, k1. (16 sts)

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: K1, [kfb, k1] 7 times, k1. (23 sts)

Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: K1, [kfb, k2] 7 times, k1. (30 sts)

Row 8: Purl.

Row 9: K1, [kfb, k6] 4 times, k1. (34 sts)

Rows 10 to 20: Starting on a WS purl row work 11 rows in stockinette. On row 15 mark the 15th and 20th stitches as a guide for inserting the eyes.

Row 21: K1, [k2tog, k2] 8 times, k1. (26 sts)

Row 22: Purl.

Row 23: K1, [k2tog, k1] 8 times, k1. (18 sts)

Row 24: Purl.

Row 25: [K2tog] 9 times. (9 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

LEAVES

Make 1.

Cast on 9 sts in green yarn on straight 2.75mm needles.

Row 1: K1, [k1, lift the 2nd stitch on the RH needle over the 1st stitch on the RH needle] 7 times, k1. (2 sts)

Row 2: K2, cast on 9 sts at the end of the row using the cable cast on. (11 sts)

Row 3: K1, [k1, lift the 2nd stitch on the RH needle over the 1st stitch on the RH needle] 9 times, k1. (2 sts)

Row 4: K2, cast on 7 sts at the end of the row using the cable cast on. (9 sts)

Rows 5 to 8: Repeat rows 1 to 4. (9 sts)

Rows 9 to 10: Repeat rows 1 to 2. (11 sts)

Cast off all sts.

STALK

Make 1.

Cast on 19 sts in green yarn on straight 2.75mm needles.

Cast off all sts to make a strip of knitting.

MAKING UP

Insert the toy safety eyes on the tomato and remove the stitch markers. Sew the side edges together, adding stuffing as you sew, and gather the cast on sts together at the bottom to finish.

For the leaves thread the cast on tail onto a tapestry needle and sew a running stitch along the straight side edge, pull the yarn to gather up the stitches at the centre of the leaves to make a six pointed star shape. Sew the centre of the leaves over the top of the tomato (the cast off end).

Sew the end of the stalk with the yarn tails over the centre top of the leaves.



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