

SPRING ONION

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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

 **Green:** shade "Grass"

 **Light Green:** shade "Lime"

 **White:** shade "White"

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

A stitch holder

Approximately 50cm of beige DK yarn for the roots

SIZE

One size - 20cm tall (not including roots)



Spring Onions look similar to scallions, but they have a bulbous white base.

KEY

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

NOTES

CASTING ON

Use the cable cast on unless otherwise specified and leave a 30cm yarn tail for seaming.

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 together.

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.

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Make 1.

Cast on 10 sts in white 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] 8 times, k1. (26 sts)

Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: K1, [kfb, k2] 8 times, k1. (34 sts)

Rows 8 to 12: Starting on a WS purl row work 5 rows in stockinette.

Row 13: K1, [k2tog, k6] 4 times, k1. (30 sts)

Row 14: Purl.

Row 15: K1, [k2tog, k2] 7 times, k1. (23 sts)

Row 16: Purl.

Row 17: K1, [k2tog, k1] 7 times, k1. (16 sts)

Row 18: Purl.

Row 19: K1, k2tog, k6, k2tog, k5. (14 sts)

Row 20: Purl.

Row 21: K4, k2tog, k5, k2tog, k1. (12 sts)

Row 22: Purl.

Break the white working yarn and join light green.

Rows 23 to 44: Starting on a RS knit row work 22 rows in stockinette.

Break the light green working yarn and join green.

Rows 45 to 48: Starting on a RS knit row work 4 rows in stockinette.

Row 49: [K1, kfb, kfb, k1] 3 times. (18 sts)

Row 50: P6, transfer the last 12 sts onto a stitch holder.

Work on the 6 sts on your knitting needle for the first leaf.

Rows 51 to 72: Starting with a RS knit row work 22 rows in stockinette on the 6 sts.

Pull through to cast off these 6 sts.

With the WS facing you, transfer the next 6 sts from the stitch holder onto the knitting needle for the second leaf, and leave the remaining sts on the stitch holder. Rejoin the green yarn.

Rows 1 to 27: Starting on a WS purl row work 27 rows in stockinette on the 6 sts.

Pull through to cast off these 6 sts.

With the WS facing you, transfer the last 6 sts from the stitch holder onto the knitting needle for the third leaf, and rejoin the green yarn.

Rows 1 to 25: Starting on a WS purl row work 25 rows in stockinette on the 6 sts.

Pull through to cast off the last 6 sts.

CENTRAL LEAF

Make 1.

Cast on 6 sts in green yarn on straight 2.75mm needles.

Start at the bottom edge.

Rows 1 to 27: Starting on a RS knit row work 27 rows in stockinette.

Pull through to cast off.

MAKING UP

Sew the side edges of the each leaf together, then sew the side edges of the light green and white onion part together, adding stuffing as you sew. Gather the cast on sts together at the bottom of the onion.

For the central leaf sew the side edges together, and sew the cast on edge onto the base of the three other green leaves

For the roots, cut three 12cm strands of beige DK yarn and knot the centre of each onto the bottom of the onion. Using your tapestry needle tease the yarn plies apart and trim to neaten the ends.

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