

SWEETCORN

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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

 **Yellow:** shade "Bright Lemon"

 **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

A stitch holder

SIZE

One size - the sweetcorn is 18cm tall



The texture of the **sweetcorn** is created by knitting in hurdle stitch; a simple combination of knit and purl stitches.

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KEY

inc2	Knit into the front, back and front again; a double increase
k	Knit
kfb	Knit into the front and back increase
k2tog	Knit two stitches together decrease
p	Purl
pssso	Pass the slipped stitch over decrease
RS	Right side
slip1	Slip one stitch purl-wise
ssk	Slip the next stitch knit-wise, then slip the next stitch purl-wise, then knit through the front of the two slipped sts to decrease
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.

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.

KNITTING PATTERN

CORN COB

Make 1.

Cast on 17 sts in yellow yarn on straight 2.75mm needles.

Start at the base.

Row 1 (RS): Knit.

Row 2 (WS): K1, [kfb] 14 times, k2. (31 sts)

Row 3: [K1, p1] to the last stitch, k1.

Row 4: [P1, k1] to the last stitch, p1.

Row 5: Knit.

Row 6: K1, [inc2, k9] 3 times. (37 sts)

Row 7: [K1, p1] to the last stitch, k1.

Row 8: [P1, k1] to the last stitch, p1.

Row 9: Knit.

Row 10: [K11, inc2] 2 times, k13. (41 sts)

Row 11: [K1, p1] to the last stitch, k1.

Row 12: [P1, k1] to the last stitch, p1.

Rows 13 and 14: Knit.

Rows 15 to 50: Repeat rows 11 to 14 nine more times. On row 22 mark the 18th and 23rd stitches as a guide for inserting the eyes.

Row 51: [K1, p1] to the last stitch, k1.

Row 52: [P1, k1] to the last stitch, p1.

Row 53: Knit.

Row 54: K1, [slip1, k2tog, pssso, k17] 2 times. (37 sts)

Row 55: [K1, p1] to the last stitch, k1.

Row 56: [P1, k1] to the last stitch, p1.

Row 57: Knit.

Row 58: K8, slip1, k2tog, pssso, k15, slip1, k2tog, pssso, k8. (33 sts)

Row 59: [K1, p1] to the last stitch, k1.

Row 60: [P1, k1] to the last stitch, p1.

Row 61: Knit.

Row 62: K1, [slip1, k2tog, pssso, k5] 4 times.
(25 sts)

Row 63: [K1, p1] to the last stitch, k1.

Row 64: [P1, k1] to the last stitch, p1.

Row 65: Knit.

Row 66: K1, [slip1, k2tog, pssso, k3] 4 times. (17 sts)

Row 67: [K1, p1] to the last stitch, k1.

Row 68: [P1, k1] to the last stitch, p1.

Row 69: Knit.

Row 70: K1, [k2tog] 8 times. (9 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

LEAVES

Make 1.

Cast on 10 sts in green yarn on straight 2.75mm needles.

Start at the stalk.

Rows 1 to 8: Starting on a RS knit row work 8 rows in stockinette.

Row 9: K1, [kfb] 8 times, k1. (18 sts)

Row 10: Purl.

Row 11: K1, [kfb, k1] 8 times, k1. (26 sts)

Row 12: Purl.

Row 13: K1, [kfb, k5] 4 times, k1. (30 sts)

Rows 14 to 42: Starting on a WS purl row work 29 rows in stockinette.

Row 43: K15, transfer the last 15 sts onto the stitch holder. (15 sts)

Work the tip of the first leaf on the 15 sts on your knitting needle with the green working yarn.

Rows 44 to 54: Starting on a WS purl row work 11 rows in stockinette.

Row 55: K1, ssk, k9, k2tog, k1. (13 sts)

Rows 56 to 58: Starting on a WS purl row work 3 rows in stockinette.

Row 59: K1, ssk, k7, k2tog, k1. (11 sts)

Row 60: Purl.

Row 61: K1, ssk, k5, k2tog, k1. (9 sts)

Row 62: Purl.

Row 63: K1, ssk, k3, k2tog, k1. (7 sts)

Row 64: Purl.

Row 65: K1, ssk, k1, k2tog, k1. (5 sts)

Row 66: Purl.

Row 67: K1, slip1, k2tog, pssso, k1. (3 sts)

Row 68: Purl.

Row 69: Slip1, k2tog, pssso. (1 st)

Pull through to cast off.

Transfer the held 15 sts from the holder onto your needle with the RS facing you and rejoin the green yarn.

Rows 1 to 12: Starting on a RS knit row work 12 rows in stockinette.

Rows 13 to 27: Follow the "Leaves" pattern rows 55 to 69 above. (1 st)

Pull through to cast off.

MAKING UP

Use your cast on/off tails for seaming; a one stitch seam allowance has been included in the pattern. Insert the toy safety eyes on the Corn Cob and remove the stitch markers, oversew the side edges together adding stuffing as you sew and gather the cast on sts together at the bottom. Block the Leaves, weave in all yarn tails apart from the cast on tail, thread the cast on tail onto a tapestry needle and gather the cast on sts together then sew the side edges of the stalk together in mattress stitch (rows 1 to 8). Place the Cob inside the Leaves so that the cast on edge of the Cob is covered by the stalk. Use green yarn and a running back stitch to sew the side edges of the Leaves onto the Cob from the stalk at the bottom up to about 4 rows above the eyes so that the tips of the Leaves can fold over.