



Thistle Flower

Time: 2 hrs approx

Size: large Approx 4.5 x 3.5 cm (1.75 x 1.5 inches)

Small approx 9 x 5 cm (3.5 x 2 inches)



Technique

Cast on/ cast off (CO)
 Knit (K), Purl (P)
 Stocking stitch - knit one row, purl one (STST)
 Knit two stitches together (K2T)
 Knit in the front and back of stitch or Knit one make one (KFB)
 Cut yarn, thread needle and pull (C&T)

Equipment

Knitting needles
 4.0mm/US6
 DK Yarn Green 38 Mts, 10 mts Purple
 Small toothed comb
 Straw/skewer/pipe cleaner
 Card for pompons
 Needle for sewing up

The thistle has been an important symbol of Scottish heraldry for over 500 years

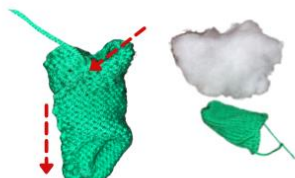
Gauge 10cm / 4 inches = 20sts / 28 rows

Small Thistle Flower

Co 16 sts in green yarn
 Row1 k
 Row 2 (K1, K2T, K2T, K1, KFB, KFB) x2
 Row 3 P
 Repeat rows 2-3 four more times
 Row 12-21 stst (10 rows)
 C&T. Leave a long yarn and pull taut.



Sew up the sides and across the pattern. Note that the pattern moves to the side. This will form a finger shape with one open end



Fill with toy filling and the using the running stitch pull the neck taught at the base of the pattern. The pompon will slot into this gap



Pompon - Make one purple yarn

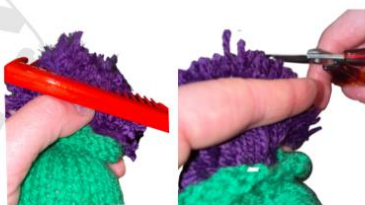
Make the pompon wrapping purple yarn around two fingers 30 revolutions, or using the template on page 2. Using a 6" piece of the same thread tie around the centre tightly, cut the loops and fix to the plant head tying securely in place.



Use the thread that you tied the pompon closed with the sew into the top of the thistle (the neck) and securely tie off and hide all thread ends.



Comb through the yarn to distress the head and trim for effect and trim to even the head.



Large thistle.

Co 24 sts in green yarn
 Row1 k
 Row 2 (K1, K2T, K2T, K1, KFB, KFB) x2
 Row 3 P
 Repeat rows 2-3 four more times
 Row 12-31 stst (20 rows)
 C&T. Sew up using the above method

Pompon - Make one purple yarn

Make the pompon wrapping purple yarn around four fingers 30 revolutions, using the template on page 2 or 3" pompon maker. Using a 6" piece of the same thread tie around the centre tightly, cut the loops and fix to the plant head tying securely in place.



Comb through the yarn to distress the head and trim for effect and trim to even the head.



Stem

Using either a straw, skewer or pipe cleaner, push one end into the base of the flower head (from the hole created when pulling yarn at the sew up stage) and into the soft stuffing for stability.



If you require any help or have any problems, please contact us on the following email and we will be happy to help

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**Congratulations,
you have
completed your
knitted thistle
plant**

