

Star Garland

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Notes

I love this simple, colorful garland. This is an ideal introduction to knitting and felting. The stars are garter stitch, so some stitch definition remains after felting. Use up your stash and make a lovely decoration!

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Finished Size About 3" wide
Gauge 4 stitches and 4 rows/ 1"

Tools

- Size 10½ double pointed needles, or size needle to achieve gauge
- Yarn needle, embroidery needle
- Scissors
- Drill if using buckeyes

Materials

- About 20 yards worsted weight feltable yarn for each star
- Cotton yarn for stringing
- 16 buckeyes or 1" wood beads

Abbreviations

KFB: Knit into the front and back of the stitch to make one new stitch
K2tog: Knit two together

Pattern

1. Cast on 1 stitch
2. Knit
3. Backward loop cast on 1 stitch, knit 1, KFB [3 sts]
4. Knit
5. KFB, knit 1, KFB [5 sts]
6. Knit
7. KFB, knit 2, KFB [7 sts]
- 8-9. Knit 2 rows
10. Backward loop cast on 5 stitches at beginning of next 2 rows [17 sts]
11. K2tog, knit 13, k2tog [15 sts]
12. Knit
13. K2tog, knit 11, k2tog [13 sts]
14. Knit
15. K2tog, knit 9, k2tog [11 sts]
16. Knit
17. K2tog, knit 7, k2tog [9 sts]
18. Knit 4, KFB, knit 4 [10 sts]

19. KFB, knit 3, KFB [7 sts] turn, leave remaining stitches on needle
20. Knit
21. KFB, k2tog, knit 2, k2tog [6 sts]
22. Knit
23. KFB, k2tog, knit 1, k2tog [5 sts]
24. Knit
25. KFB, k2tog twice [4 sts]
26. K2tog twice [2 sts]
27. K2tog [1 st]

Last point

1. Pick up stitch next to point just completed. Starting with that stitch, on the “inside” of the star, knit 6, KFB [7 sts]
 2. Knit
 3. K2tog, knit 2, k2tog, KFB [6 sts]
 4. Knit
 5. K2tog, knit 1, k2tog, KFB [5 sts]
 6. Knit
 7. K2tog twice, KFB [4 sts]
 8. K2tog twice [2 sts]
 9. K2tog [1 st]
- Pull yarn through last stitch, weave in ends securely.

Felting & Stringing

Add a squirt of dish soap to a dishpan and fill it with really hot water. Let the piece soak a bit. Now roll and squeeze it in your hands. Soon the stitches start coming together and shrinking. Continue felting until the stitches disappear, and then keep going! Rinse in cold water to remove any soap and then roll in a towel to remove excess water.

Meanwhile, if you are using buckeyes, drill holes in the buckeyes and cut a 48” length of cotton yarn. Make a loop for hanging on one end. Thread the needle on the non-looped end.

String 5 beads or buckeyes and then using the needle, make a small stitch on 2 horizontal “arms” of the star, don’t pass the needle through the whole star, just take a little “bite” from the back. Alternate stringing stars and buckeyes and end the garland with 5 more buckeyes. Make another hanging loop and enjoy your Star Garland!