

Knitted Daffodils



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Daffodil

These daffodils are quick and simple to knit using oddments of DK yarn.

They are the size of a real daffodil. Use a different shade of yellow for the trumpet to add variety or knit the petals in white to make narcissus.

The stalks are supported with craft wire or pipe cleaners, but please omit the wire if they are to be handled by young children.

Your daffodils will look very sweet in a small vase but you could shorten the stalk and add a pin back to make an eye catching brooch. You could also knit just the heads and attach to serviette holders, spring wreaths or gift tags

Materials needed

For a single daffodil you will need:

9 yards (8.5m) double knit/light worsted yarn for petals

6 yards (5.6m) double knit/light worsted yarn for trumpet

3 yards (2.8m) double knit/light worsted yarn for stalk

Craft wire or pipe cleaner if you wish to reinforce stalk

Pair of 3.25mm (US size 3) knitting needles

3.25mm (US size 3) double pointed pins

Abbreviations

Cast off =bind off in US

garter stitch= every row knit

K = knit

K2tog = knit two stitches together (insert the right hand needle through both the 1st and 2nd stitches on the left hand needle and knit both strands together as though they were one, to form a single stitch)

m1 = make one stitch - pick up the loop between the last and the next stitch and work into the back of this loop

P = purl

pss0= pass the slipped stitch over

skpo= slip1, knit1, pass the slipped stitch over and off your needle

st(s) = stitch (es)

stocking st (stockinette)= 1 row knit, 1 row purl (knit row is the front of the work)

yo= yarn over (take your yarn over the needle once to create an extra stitch)

[] = work the instructions in the brackets by the number of times indicated

The Trumpet

Cast on 15sts

Work 8 rows stocking stitch

Next Row: K1, [skpo] to end **8sts**

Next Row: [P1,yo]to last stitch, P1 **15sts**

Work 8 rows stocking stitch

Cast off, leaving a good length of yarn before cutting.

When the trumpet is folded in half the picot pattern will give the frilled edge on the daffodil



Petals (make 6)

Cast on 5sts

1st Row: K2, m1, K1, m1, K2 7sts

Work 7 rows garter stitch

Next Row: K1, K2tog, K1, K2tog, K1 5sts

Work 3 rows garter stitch

Next Row: K2tog, K1, K2tog 3sts

Knit one row

Next Row: Slip 1 stitch knit-wise, K2tog, pssso

Cut yarn, draw through remaining stitch and secure.



Stalk

Using green yarn and double pointed pins,

cast on 5sts

Knit 1 row



DO NOT TURN your work. Instead, push the stitches to the other end of the right hand needle and pass the needle into your left hand.

Take the yarn across the back of your work and hold taut.



Knit the 5sts again and repeat the process. You are knitting an i-cord.



Gently stretch the cord every few rows and the ladder on the back joining the rows will blend into the stitches to form a regular tube.



Continue in this way until your stalk is about 6 inches (15cm) or the desired length. Cast off

To Make up the Daffodil

With wrong side outermost, fold the trumpet in half so that the side edges meet. Sew the two side edges together.



Fold back the top half of the tube so that the right side is outermost and the frill is along the mouth of the trumpet.



Sew the two edges together with a long running stitch.



Pull on the thread to draw up the base of the trumpet and secure the yarn.



Sew in the loose ends at the top of each petal



Arrange three of the petals in a circle with an even spacing between each as shown



Sew them together at the base of each petal



Do the same with the remaining three petals. Place on top of the first set so that petals from both sets are showing.



Sew the trumpet to the petals.



Sew the stalk to the back of the daffodil head.



To reinforce the stalk so the daffodil will stand upright, cut a length of craft wire or a pipe cleaner just slightly longer than the stalk.



Bend over the ends so they will not poke through the knitting and insert the wire into the stalk. Sew the end to secure it in place.



Well done! You have completed your first daffodil.

Make a few in a variety of shades of yellow and place in a small jar for a knitted reminder of the joys of Spring.

I hope you've enjoyed using this pattern. I would love you to share a photo of your daffodils on my Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/LoveFibres-1673778779549020> or tag me on Instagram @LoveFibres Please use the hashtag #lovefibrespattern

