

A carpet of beautiful blue forget-me-nots is one of nature's wonders and this is a wonderful way to capture that charm the whole year round. They're small and relatively quick to make but take care as you'll be using small needles and fine 4ply yarn. To create a bunch of flowers, as shown here, make five flowers and bind the stalks using fine ribbon or florists' tape.

Make Susie Johns' everlasting FORGET-ME-NOTS

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This dainty and elegant design makes a lovely gift

Measurements & sizes

Each flower head: 4cm diameter

Tension square

17 sts x 34 rows
10cm x 10cm
garter stitch
4mm needles

You will need:

YARN: DMC Petra 3, shade

54463, one 100g ball

NEEDLES: 3mm

WIRE: copper, silk-covered

RIBBON: 1cm wide green ribbon or florist tape (optional)

Flower stamens

Start knitting here

PETAL (make five)

Using 3mm needles, make a slipknot

* Row 1: k into front, back and front of st. Three sts

* Row 2: sl 1 kwise, p1, k1

* Row 3: sl 1 kwise, (m1, k1) twice. Five sts

* Row 4: sl 1 kwise, p3, k1

* Row 5: sl 1, k to end

* Row 6: as Row 4

* Cast off, leaving tail of yarn

TO MAKE UP

Weave in yarn ends on each petal, shaping petal as you do so. The cast-off edge can form the top of the petal, or one side, whichever looks best to you. On fifth petal, leave one yarn end and thread this through base of other four petals. Pull up tightly to gather them together, then go back through each one, taking a small stitch each time to form a neat flower shape. Push stalks of three stamens through centre of flower and twist together at base. Bend a 12-15cm length of covered wire into a hairpin shape, and push two ends down through centre of flower. Twist these around stamens and yarn end, to form a stalk **LK**



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"I don't deny that these little flowers are fiddly to make, so allow yourself enough time not only to knit the petals but to assemble them carefully and neatly."
SUSIE JOHNS

For abbreviations see page 92



YARN SHOP

DMC Petra 3 costs £3.95 per 100g (280m) ball from 0800 505 3300, www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

Flower stamens (pips) cost £2.16 for 100 from www.littlecraftybugs.co.uk
Silk-covered copper wire costs £3.58 per 20m from www.wires.com