

In Bloom

Nicola Valiji's flowers are everlasting

You don't have to be green thumbed to make beautiful flowers which will last all season - you can knit them! These are a great beginner make and, if you're feeling adventurous, you could choose colours to represent your favourite flowers. Best of all, these are a great stash-buster.



"Use a pencil to wrap the flower into a round shape then sew them into place."

LK Editorial Assistant **Isobel Smith**



Measurements & Sizes

Flower height (approx): 4cm

Knit Kit

Yarn: Stylecraft Special DK, shades (A) 1114 Sunshine, (B) 1068 Turquoise, (C) 1256 Jaffa, (D) 1132 Shrimp, (E) 1084 Magenta

Needles: 4mm

Tapestry needle

Tape measure

Pins

Pencil

Floristry wire

For abbreviations see page 92

About the Yarn

Stylecraft Special DK is a stash staple yarn made from premium acrylic fibres and is great value. It also comes in a huge range of colours. It costs £1.89 per 100g (295m) from www.thecheapshoptiptree.co.uk

Need an Alternative?

Use any DK yarns in your stash in colours of your choice to make these flowers as they don't use much yarn.

knitwise

If you're having trouble tracking down floristry wire, try using gardening wire which is widely available from your local hardware store or nursery. It's important to use the wire doubled as it secures the 'petals' in place.



meet our DESIGNER

"This bunch of flowers could be knitted in any colour combination to complement any room."

NICOLA VALIJI



Start knitting here..

FLOWER PATTERN

(make an assortment of colours)

Small petal

Using 4mm needles and chosen yarn, cast on five sts

- Row 1: kfb, k to end. Six sts
- Row 2: p5, pfb. Seven sts
- Row 3: k
- Row 4: p
- Row 5: skpo, k5. Six sts
- Row 6: p4, p2tog. Five sts
- Rep Rows 1-6 twice more (three small petals)

Do not cut yarn, leave sts on needle

Medium petals

- Row 1: kfb, k to end. Six sts
- Row 2: p to last st, pfb. Seven sts
- Row 3: kfb, k to end. Eight sts
- Row 4: p to last st, pfb. Nine sts
- Rows 5-8: work four rows in st st
- Row 9: skpo, k to end. Eight sts
- Row 10: p to last two sts, p2tog. Seven sts
- Row 11: skpo, k to end. Six sts
- Row 12: p to last two sts, p2tog. Five sts

Rep Rows 1-12 once more (two medium petals)

Do not cut yarn, leave sts on needle

Large petals

- Row 1: kfb, k to end. Six sts
- Row 2: p to last st, pfb. Seven sts
- Row 3: kfb, k to end. Eight sts
- Row 4: p to last st, pfb. Nine sts
- Row 5: kfb, k to end. Ten sts
- Row 6: p to last st, pfb. 11 sts
- Rows 7-12: work six rows in st st
- Row 13: skpo, k to end. Ten sts
- Row 14: p to last two sts, p2tog. Nine sts
- Row 15: skpo, k to end. Eight sts
- Row 16: p to last two sts, p2tog. Seven sts
- Row 17: skpo, k to end. Six sts
- Row 18: p to last two sts, p2tog. Five sts
- Rep Rows 1-18 once more (two large petals)
- Cast off

TO MAKE UP

Roll knitted piece from smaller petals to larger petals to make a rose flower shape. Sew to secure in place. Use floristry wire bent in half poked through middle of flower to make a firm stalk. Repeat for each flower **LK**



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