



Pretty Pansies

a knit flower pattern by Rebekkah Dickson

These knitted pansy flowers make a cute and fairly easy-to-knit decoration. I made them to top a tea cozy, but they'd be great on headbands or hats, cute girly dresses, or a pair of simple slippers. I have used my best approximation of traditional pansy colours (yellow, light purple, and indigo/dark purple), but a quick Google image search will give you lots of other ideas - burgundy and yellow, white and blue, or whatever strikes your fancy. You can optionally add 1 row of a third colour at the outside of the pansy's "face," or do as I did and duplicate-stitch after you are finished. I made my pansies with double knit weight yarn, but they would be fine in any similar weight and can be scaled up or down by using lighter or heavier yarn and appropriate needles. They're a great stash-buster project!

Materials

Yarn

Small amounts of DK or similar weight yarn in 2 or 3 colours: A (main colour), B ("face" colour), C (optional contrast colour). 1 50g ball (around 150 yards) each of A and B will make at least 20 pansies.

Needles

2mm straight needles or size required to make a somewhat firm fabric. Gauge is not important in this project.

Other notions

Yarn needle

Small amount of yellow yarn (to embroider a centre)

Skills and Abbreviations

Kfb - knit into the front, then the back loop of the next stitch (2 sts made from 1)

M1 - pick up the yarn running between 2 stitches and knit it, twisting so that there is not a hole (any M1-type increase is fine - check <http://www.knittinghelp.com> for more detailed instructions)

Short rows - to shape the petals, I have used short rows. At first, I wrapped when I turned and picked up the wraps on the next row, but I found that with the size of needles I was using, this was not necessary - and in fact that it interfered with the positioning of some increases. When choosing needles for this project, you may want to test out a few short rows and try to use a size that gives you a fabric that, while firm, has enough give to cover the slight gap left at the end of the short rows.

Large Petals (knit 2)

leaving a short tail (6" is plenty), c.o. 4 sts with A

- Row 1: K
- Row 2: P
- Row 3: K1, Kfb twice, K1 (6 sts)
- Row 4: P
- Row 5: [K2, M1] twice, K2 (8 sts)
- Row 6: P 6, turn work
- Row 7: K1, M1, K2, M1, K1, turn work
- Row 8: P (10 sts)
- Row 9: [K2, M1] four times, K2 (14 sts)
- Row 10: P
- Row 11: K1, SSK, K1, M1, [K2, M1] three times, K1, K2tog, K1 (16 sts)
- Row 12: P 14, turn work
- Row 13: K 12, turn work
- Row 14: P
- Row 15: K1, SSK, K4, M1, K2, M1, K4, K2tog, K1 (16 sts)
- Row 16: P
- Row 17: K1, SSK, K10, K2tog, K1 (14 sts)
- Row 18: P
- Row 19: K1, SSK twice, K4, K2tog twice, K1 (10 sts)
- Row 20: sl 1, b.o. 1 pwise, P to end (9 sts)
- Row 21: sl 1, b.o. 1 kwise, SSK, K2, K2tog, K1 (6 sts)
- Row 22: sl 1, b.o. all sts



Small Side Petals (knit 2)

leaving a short tail, c.o. 2 sts with B

Row 1: Kfb twice (4 sts)

Row 2: P

Row 3: K1, Kfb twice, K1 (6 sts)

Row 4: P

Row 5: [K2, M1] twice, K2 (8 sts)

Row 6: P 6, turn work

Row 7: K1, M1, K2, M1, K1, turn work

Row 8: P, (optionally change to C) (10 sts)

Row 9: K1, SSK, M1, K1, M1, K2, M1, K1, M1, K2tog, K1, change to A (12 sts)

Row 10: P

Row 11: K1, SSK, [K1, M1] twice, K2, [M1, K1] twice, K2tog, K1 (14 sts)

Row 12: P 12, turn work

Row 13: K 10, turn work

Row 14: P

Row 15: K1, SSK, K3, M1, K2, M1, K3, K2tog, K1 (14 sts)

Row 16: P

Row 17: K1, SSK, K8, K2tog, K1 (12 sts)

Row 18: sl 1, b.o. 1 pwise, P to end (11 sts)

Row 19: sl 1, b.o. 1 kwise, SSK twice, K2tog twice, K1 (6 sts)

Row 20: sl 1, b.o. all sts pwise



Centre Petal (knit 1)

leaving a short tail, c.o. 2 sts with B

- Row 1: Kfb twice (4 sts)
- Row 2: P
- Row 3: K1, Kfb twice, K1 (6 sts)
- Row 4: P
- Row 5: [K2, M1] twice, K2 (8 sts)
- Row 6: P 6, turn work
- Row 7: K1, M1, K2, M1, K1, turn work
- Row 8: P (10 sts)
- Row 9: [K2, M1] four times, K2 (14 sts)
- Row 10: P
- Row 11: K4, M1, [K2, M1] three times, K4 (18 sts)
- Row 12: P7, turn work
- Row 13: K5, turn work
- Row 14: P 14, turn work
- Row 15: K5, turn work
- Row 16: P (optionally change to C)
- Row 17: K1, SSK, K5, M1, K2, M1, K5, K2tog, K1, change to A (18 sts)
- Row 18: P
- Row 19: K1, [SSK, K4, K2tog] twice, K1 (14 sts)
- Row 20: P5, turn work
- Row 21: K3, turn work
- Row 22: P10, turn work
- Row 23: k3, turn work
- Row 24: P
- Row 25: sl 1, b.o. 1 kwise, K3, K2tog, SSK, K to end
- Row 22: sl 1, b.o. 1 pwise, P to end (10 sts)
- Row 23: sl 1, b.o. 5 kwise, K to end
- Row 24: sl 1, b.o.

Finishing

Weave in all ends but the tails from your cast on. Using tails from CO edges when possible, sew 2 large petals together at points and anchor first 3-4 rows together (this is so the petals form a flat base). Sew 2 small side petals together at points and attach to large back petals. Sew centre petal on top of points of small side petals. Optionally, anchor small side petals in position over large back petals.

Using a small amount of A, duplicate stitch a face onto each 2-colour petal, about 2 rows below the colour change. Optionally, using a small amount of yellow yarn, embroider the centre of the flower. Steam press the flowers flat if desired.