

Knitted seaside bunting

Are you bored with your normal TG bunting or fed up with red white and green? Then why not have a go at making these simple items to string together for our visit to Scarborough.

I have used aran weight wool and 4mm (old 8) needles for these because that was easiest to reach in my stash. If you use double knitting wool I suggest using a 3.25mm (old 10) to get the same firmness. Colour doesn't matter the brighter the better.

These don't need a lot of skill, but the cockle shells are a little more challenging as they use short row shaping.

Your bunting does not need to be perfect- mistakes make it personal.

Why not experiment to make your own seaside shapes: sand- castles might be easy as may fish or seagulls. Just remember if you are using flat shapes that they will roll up unless you have ribbed or garter stitch borders. 3D is a good option but takes longer.

Abbreviations used

K = knit

P= purl

K2tog = knit 2 together

Kfb = increase one by knitting into the front or back of the stitch

S1K2togpsso = slip one, knit 2 together and pass the slipped stitch over

wt = wrap and turn – this is a technique used in short row shaping to prevent holes find out more here

<https://www.interweave.com/article/knitting/free-guide-knitting-short-rows>

Bucket



Cast on 20 stitches

Rows 1-10: knit

Row 11: kfb, knit to last 2 stitches, kfb, k1 (22 stitches)

Rows 12-20: Knit

Row 21: repeat row 11 (24 stitches)

Rows 22-30: Knit

Row 31: repeat row 11 (26 stitches)

Rows 32-40: knit

Row 41: K3, cast off 23 stitches, k3

Working on the last 3 stitches only knit 34 rows, cast off

Rejoin yarn to the inside edge of the first 3 stitches and repeat as for the first side.

To finish: join the two sets of three stitches and weave in all ends

Spade



Cast on 16 stitches

K24 rows

Row 25: k2tog, k12, k2tog (14 stitches)

Rows 26-28: knit

Row 29: k2tog, k10, k2tog (12 stitches)

Row 30: cast off 3, k6 cast off 3

Rows 31-34 Join 2nd colour to remaining 6 stitches and knit

Row 35: k2tog, k2, k2tog (4 stitches)

Rows 36-50: knit

Cast off

Cross handle

Cast on 4 stitches

Knit 24 rows

Cast off

To make up attach the cross handle to the top of the spade shaft and weave in all ends.

Ice cream



Cast on 2 stitches

Row 1: k

Row 2: kfb twice (4 stitches)

Rows 3-5: k

Row 6: kfb, knit to last 2 stitches, kfb, k1 (6 stitches)

Rows 7-11: k

Rows 12-17: repeat rows 6 -11 (8 stitches)

Row 18: repeat row 6 (10 stitches)

Row 19-25: k

Row 26: repeat row 6 (12 stitches)

Rows 27- 35: K

Change colour

Rows 36-41: K

Row 42: k2tog, knit to last 2 stitches, k2 tog (10 sts)

Rows 43-47: knit

Row 48: as row 42 (8 stitches)

Row 49-53: knit

Row 54: as row 42 (6 stitches)

Rows 55-59: knit

Row 60: as row 42 (4 stitches)

Rows 61-65: knit

Row 66: as row 42 (2 stitches)

Row 67 k2tog and fasten off

Starfish

For this we knit a pentagon (5 sided figure) and pick up stitches on each side for legs. There can be quite a few ends to weave in so I use a crochet hook to do this.



The centre

Cast on 5 stitches

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: kfb, knit to last 2 stitches, kfb, k1 (7 stitches)

Row 3: Knit

Rows 4 & 5: repeat rows 2 & 3 (9 stitches)

Row 6: repeat row 2 (11 stitches)

Row 7: k2tog, knit to last 2 stitches, k2 tog (9 stitches)

Rows 8-10: repeat row 7 (3 stitches)

Row 11: S1K2togpssso, fasten off

For each leg (5 in total)

Pick up 5 stitches along the first side.

Knit 20 rows

Next row: k2tog, k1, k2tog (3 stitches)

Nest row: S1K2togpssso, fasten off

Weave in all ends on the same side to finish

Cockle shells



Cast on 31 stitches

Work 2 rows in K1, P1 rib

Keeping the rib correct through out

Row 3: rib 21 wt

Row 4: rib 11 wt

Row 5: rib 12 wt

Rows 6- 20: as row 5 but increasing one rib stitch in each row

Row 21: rib to end

Row 22: rib

Rows 23-27 continue in rib decreasing one stitch at each end of every row (21 stitches)

Row 28: k2tog five times k1, k2tog five times (11 stitches)

Row 29: k2tog twice, S1K2togpssso, k2tog twice (5stitches)

Rows 30-32 knit

Cast off