

# Toadstool bookmark!

**FINISHED SIZE** 3-4ins tall

**YARN** Small amounts DK, 4-ply, sock yarn, I used Drops Alpaca, Drops Kid-silk  
Scheepjes Cotton in various shades - all from my stash

**NEEDLES** Pair 3.50 OR 3.75mm straight knitting needles (or needles to suit your  
yarn if using a different weight to the type I recommend)

**TENSION** Not necessary for such a small project

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

**W+Tk** bring working yarn to the front of the work, slip next stitch knit-wise  
onto the RH needle, take working yarn to the back, slip the slipped stitch back  
onto the LH needle, turn the knitting = W+Tk (wrap and turn knit)

**W+Tp** take working yarn to the back of the work, slip next stitch purl-wise  
onto the RH needle, bring working yarn to the front, slip the slipped stitch  
back onto the LH needle, turn the knitting = W+Tp (wrap and turn purl)

All other abbreviations can be found at the end of the pattern

I have used Cable Cast On Throughout



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## STALK

Beginning with the outer edge of the toadstool's Hat Underside cast on 36sts

**Row 1** RS) \* K1, p1, repeat from \* across

**Row 2** dec) \*K1, [p1, k1] 3 times, k2tog, p1, [k1, p1] 3 times, p2tog\*\*, repeat from \* to \*\* once - 32sts

**Row 3** \*K1 [k1, p1] 4 times, p1, [k1, p1] 3 times\*\* repeat from \* to \*\* once

**Row 4** dec) \*[K1, p1] 3 times, k2tog, [p1, k1] 3 times, p2tog\*\*, repeat from \* to \*\* once - 28sts

**Row 5** \*K1, p1, repeat from \* across

**Row 6** dec) \*K1, [p1, k1] twice, k2tog, p1, [k1, p1] twice, p2tog\*\*, repeat from \* to \*\* once - 24sts

**Row 7** \*K1 [k1, p1] 3 times, p1, [k1, p1] twice\*\* repeat from \* to \*\* once

**Row 8** dec) \*[K1, p1] twice, k2tog, [p1, k1] twice, p2tog\*\*, repeat from \* to \*\* once - 20sts

**Row 9** \*K1, p1, repeat from \* across

**Row 10** dec) \*K1, p1, k1, k2tog, p1, k1, p1, p2tog\*\*, repeat from \* to \*\* once - 16sts

**Row 11** \*K1 [k1, p1] twice, p1, k1, p1\*\* repeat from \* to \*\* once

**Row 12** dec) \*K1, p1, k2tog, p1, k1, p2tog\*\*, repeat from \* to \*\* once - 12sts

**Change colour here if you want a different colour stem**

**Rows 13-18** Work six rows stocking stitch

**Row 19** inc) RS) [K1, kfb] six times – 18sts

**Rows 20-22** Beginning with a purl row work three rows stocking stitch

**Row 23** dec) [K1, k2tog] six times 12sts

**Rows 24-28** Beginning with a purl row work five rows stocking stitch

**Row 29** dec) K2tog, repeat from \* all across - 6sts

Cut yarn, thread yarn through all 6 sts, pull up to gather and secure the end for Stem End.

## HAT

With hat colour cast on 12sts

**\*Row 1** RS) K3, W+Tk

**Row 2** WS) P3

**Row 3** K9, W+Tk

**Row 4** P9

**Row 5** K6, W+Tk

**Row 6** P6

**Rows 7-8** Work two rows stocking stitch \*\*

**Rows 9-10** Repeat last 8 rows from \* to \*\* 5 times.

Cast off.

## TO MAKE UP

**Hat Underside** - With WS (purl-side) together match the cast-off edge and cast-on edge together and mattress stitch to join the seam that makes up the underside of the toadstool hat.

**Stem** - With WS (purl-side) together match the row ends from the stem and mattress stitch to join the seam from the underside of the hat to the gathered-up Stem End.

Very lightly stuff the stem - either with a small amount of toy filling or yarn endings and scraps.

Create roots at the stem end by joining two or three long lengths, these can be your tail endings if they are long enough - the same length as your book is ideal. NB. A4 size book is 297mm long. I then tied the roots together at the stem end.

**Hat** - With WS (purl-side) together match the cast-off edge with the cast-on edge and mattress stitch to join.

Using the tail end work a running stitch around the tops of the stitches at the short edge and pull up to gather and close the top of the hat.

When tightly puckered-up knot the ends to secure the gather.

Turn the hat out to RS.

Ease the edge of the cap together with the cast-on edge of underside and carefully and neatly join around.

Push the underside inside the hat and, if needs be, sew a few stitches to keep it inside - although I found that I didn't need to do this!



## ABBREVIATIONS

**K** = knit; **P** = purl; **inc** = increase; **dec** = decrease;

**K2tog** = knit two together;

**Rep** = repeat; **RH/LH** = right hand/ left hand; **RS/WS** = right side/ wrong side; **st/ sts** = stitch/ stitches; **Skpo** = slip one stitch, knit next stitch, pass slipped stitch over knit stitch; **Kfb** = knit into front then into back of stitch to increase by one stitch; **Pfb** = Purl into front then into back of stitch to increase by one stitch

There is a quick-time video here - <https://www.dotpebbles.blogspot.com> and here [https://www.instagram.com/dotpebbles\\_knits/](https://www.instagram.com/dotpebbles_knits/) if you'd like to see the making up stage a bit clearer.