



POMEGRANATE

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knitting
pattern

FINISHED SIZE Similar to a real pomegranate

For each of the three I've used different yarn - one with three strands held together, one with 2 strands, and one with just one

YARN 3 stranded - 3 x 25gm balls DK Cotton - I used Scheepjes Catona

2 stranded - 2 x 25gm balls DK Cotton - I used Scheepjes Catona

Single strand - small amount chunky weight yarn I used Paintbox Yarn Simply

Chunky shade 313 red Wine

NEEDLES 3 stranded - pair 5mm/ size 8

2 and single stranded - pair 4mm/ size 6

EXTRAS - Stuffing - use either spare yarn or toy filling

Using Provisional Cast On (*clear illustrated instructions at the end of the pattern*)

cast on 24 sts

Row 1 RS) K1, [p1, k2] 7 times. p1, k1

Row 2 K

Row 3 inc) K1, [p1, k1, m1, k1] 7 times, p1, m1, k1 - 32sts

Row 4 K

Row 5 inc) K1, [p1, k1, kfb, k1, p1, k3] 3 times, p1, k to end - 35sts

Row 6 K

Row 7 inc) K1, [p1, k2, m1, k2, p1, k3] 3 times, p1, k1, kfb, k to end - 39sts

Row 8 K

Row 9 inc) K1, [p1, k2, kfb, k2, p1, k3] 3 times, p1, k2, m1, k to end - 43sts

Row 10 K



Row 11 K1, [p1, k6, p1, k3] three times, p1, k8 to end

Row 12 K

Rows 13 - 20 Rep last 2 rows four times

Row 21 dec) K1, [p1, k2, skpo, k2, p1, k3] 3 times, p1, k2, skpo, k to end - 39sts

Row 22 K

Row 23 dec) K1, [p1, k2, skpo, k1, p1, k3] 3 times, p1, k2, skpo, k to end - 35sts

Row 24 K

Row 25 dec) [K1, p1, k1, skpo, k2, p1, skpo] 3 times, k1, p1, k1, skpo - 28sts

Row 26 K

Row 27 dec) [K1, p1, skpo, k2, skpo] 3 times, k1, p1, skpo - 21sts

Row 28 K

Row 29 dec) *K1, k2 tog, rep from * across- 14sts

Row 30 K

Row 31 dec) K2, *K2 tog, k2, rep from * across - 11sts

Rows 32 - 34 K3 rows ending on a WS row

... to create the crown at the top

Row 35 dec) K3, turn, k3, turn, k1, W+T (*see below*), k1, cast off 4 sts, k2, turn, k3, k1, W+T, k1, cast off 4 sts, k2, turn, k3, k1, W+T, k1, cast off.

Cut yarn leaving at tail that's long enough to use to join the seam

W+T = K1 bring yarn to the front of the work, slip next st purl-wise onto the right hand needle, take working yarn to the back, slip the slipped stitch back onto the left hand needle, turn the knitting, take working yarn to the back ready for knitting

... to make the inner core

With just one strand of 'core' colour yarn for the double and single thread pomegranate or two strands for the triple thread pomegranate - WS facing with the crown end facing towards you and working across the row beneath where the crown starts - pick up and knit 12 sts all along that WS row

Row 1 dec) *K1, k2 tog, rep from * all across - 8sts

Row 2 K

Row 3 dec) *K2 tog, rep from * all across - 4sts

Row 4 dec) K2 tog twice - 2sts

Row 5 dec) K2 tog, fasten off - this triangle just folds down inside as you join the seam

Working with mattress seam, join the row ends beginning a little way down from the triangular tip of the crown down to the provisional cast on - tuck tail ends inside the fruit.

Begin to stuff the pomegranate.

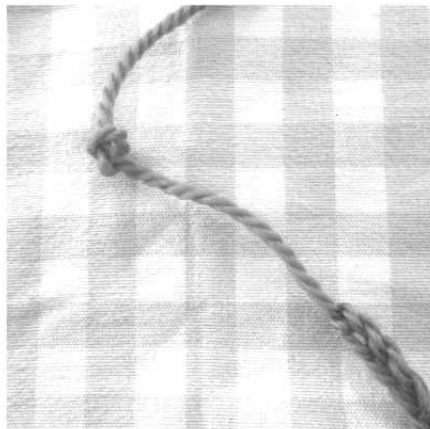
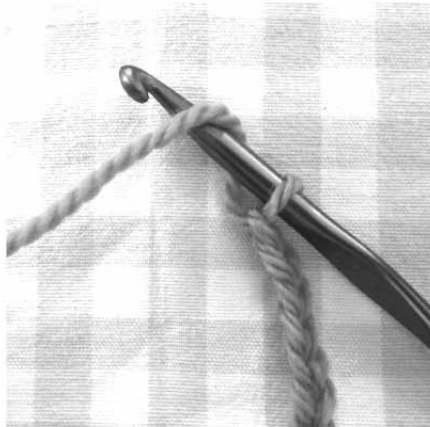
At the cast on end undo the provisional cast on by unravelling the chain beginning at the knotted end, as each stitch is released pass a yarn needle threaded with a length of MC yarn through each of the 24 stitches.

When the stuffing is complete draw up all 24sts at cast on end by pulling the threaded length to gather and secure the end.

PROVISIONAL CAST ON METHOD

With your crochet hook and the length of foundation chain yarn make 32 chain.

Fasten off. Cut the yarn and knot that end.



Take a look at the length of chain. You will see that one side is made up of 'V' shaped stitches – the other side has a row of short horizontal stitches running through its centre – it's this side of the length of chain and through those central horizontal stitches that you will now work the cast on stitches into:

Take one of your knitting needles in your left hand (LH) and insert the tip of one of the needles into the second horizontal stitch on the chain from front to back – begin from the knotted end of the chain



Have the yarn that you are working the slipper in (MC) ready as you insert the right hand (RH) needle into the horizontal chain, front to back, yarn (MC) around the back and make a knitted cast on stitch on your RH needle.



Repeat this process:- LH needle into next horizontal stitch on the chain, RH needle into the same stitch, yarn MC around the back and knit a cast on stitch onto the RH needle, all along the length of the chain – until you have 24 cast on stitches in yarn MC on your right needle.

