

Spring Fling

Knit Lucinda Ganderton's blooming marvellous springtime dec!

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This project is full of the joys of the new season and features four pretty blooms, plus leaves! Pay attention to which increase you are using as each design uses a different technique. We've used the finished flowers to adorn a wicker wreath, but you could add them to cushions, scarves or bags, or even add a brooch back to make pretty corsages.



meet our DESIGNER

"I used Rowan Handknit Cotton, which comes in fresh spring-like shades, but this would also make a good stashbusting project using any oddments of DK weight yarn."

LUCINDA GANDERTON

Measurements & Sizes

Wreath: 35cm wide

Daffodil: 10cm wide

Five-petalled flower: 8cm wide

Eight-petalled flower: 8cm wide

Rosebud: 8cm long

Large leaf: 7cm long

Small leaf: 5cm long

Knit Kit

Yarn: Rowan Handknit Cotton, shades (A) 263 Bleached, (B) 354 Sunshine, (C) 309 Celery, (D) 219 Gooseberry, (E) 352 Sea Foam, (F) 368 Flamingo, (G) 303 Sugar, (H) 366 China Rose, one 50g ball of each

Needles: 4mm

Buttons: white shank, six

Twig garland: 35cm wide

Glue gun

Tapestry needle

Tension Square

- 20 sts x 28 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- stocking stitch
- 4mm needles

For abbreviations see page 94

About the Yarn

Rowan Handknit Cotton is a matte cotton yarn that comes in a lovely palette of spring-like shades. It's a DK weight in tension, but is slightly thicker than some other DK yarns. It costs £4.50 per 50g (85m) ball from **01273 456570**, www.englishyarns.co.uk

Need an Alternative?

Why not experiment with different yarns from your stash?

Let's Shop

Gisela Graham Grey Twig Heart Wreath, £7.99, **01483 255 977**, www.duckbarn.co.uk

knitwise

The abbreviation *ssk* stands for 'slip, slip, knit' but this isn't as literal as it sounds. To do it, insert the right needle knitwise into the next stitch on the left needle and slip it. Then do the same in the next stitch. Return both these stitches to the left needle and knit them together through the back loops.

Start knitting here...

DAFFODIL

(make two using yarns A and B, and one in yarn B only)

PETALS (make six)

Using 4mm needles and yarn A or B, cast on three sts

- Row 1: k to end
- Row 2 and all WS rows: p to end
- Row 3: (k1, m1) twice, k1. Five sts
- Row 5: k2, m1, k1, m1, k2. Seven sts
- Row 7: k3, m1, k1, m1, k3. Nine sts
- Row 9: k1, ssk, k3, k2tog, k1. Seven sts
- Row 11: k1, ssk, k1, k2tog, k1. Five sts
- Row 13: k1, sl 1 kwise, k2tog, pssso, k1. Three sts
- Row 14: sl 1 pwise, p2tog, pssso. One st
- Fasten off

TRUMPET

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on 16 sts

- Rows 1-6: (k1, p1) to end
- Row 7: (k1, yfwd) to last st, k1. 31 sts
- Cast off

TO MAKE UP

Stitch three Petals together at bottom edges to form a triangular shape. Repeat with other three petals and place one centrally on top of the other and stitch together at centre. Join the side edges of Trumpet and sew cast-on edge to centre of Petals

EIGHT-PETALLED FLOWER

(make two in yarn F and one in yarn G)

- Using 4mm needles, cast on seven sts
- Row 1: k5, turn
 - Row 2: k to end
 - Row 3: k3, turn
 - Row 4: k to end
 - Row 5: k6, turn
 - Row 6: k to end
 - Row 7: cast off five sts, k to end. Two sts
 - Row 8: k2, turn
 - Row 9: cast on five sts. Seven sts
 - Rep Rows 1-9 six times more, then rep Rows 1-6 once more
 - Cast off



TO MAKE UP

Sew inside corners of first and last petals together, then arrange petals in a flower shape. Stitch them together securely at the base, then sew a button to the centre

ROSEBUD (make three)

Using 4mm needles and yarn F, cast on 20 sts

- Row 1: k to end
 - Join in yarn G
 - Row 2: p to end
 - Rows 3-6: cont in st st
 - Row 7: (k2tog) to end. Ten sts
 - Row 8: (p2tog) to end. Five sts
 - Join in yarn C
 - Rows 9-18: beg with a k row, work in st st
 - Cut yarn, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off
- Sew sides of stalk together, then roll up top section to make bud

FIVE-PETALLED FLOWER (make two)

PETALS (make five)

- Using 4mm needles and yarn H, cast on four sts
- Row 1: k1, (kfb in next st) twice, k1. Six sts
 - Row 2 and all WS rows: p to end
 - Row 3: k1, kfb in next st, k2, kfb in next st, k1. Eight sts
 - Row 5: k1, kfb in next st, k4, kfb in next st, k1. Ten sts
 - Row 7: (ssk) twice, k2, (k2tog) twice. Six sts
 - Row 9: ssk, (k2tog) twice. Three sts
 - Row 10: sl 1 pwise, p2tog, pssso. One st
 - Fasten off
- Weave in ends. Sew the five petals together at the base, pleating

each one to cup it slightly. Fasten off securely and sew a button to the centre

LEAVES

LARGE LEAF

(make three each in yarns C and D, and two in yarn E)

- Using 4mm needles, cast on three sts
- Row 1: k to end
 - Row 2: k1, p1, k1
 - Row 3: (k1, m1) twice, k1. Five sts
 - Row 4: k2, p1, k2
 - Row 5: k2, m1, k1, m1, k2. Seven sts
 - Row 6: k3, p1, k3
 - Row 7: k3, m1, k1, m1, k3. Nine sts
 - Row 8: k4, p1, k4
 - Row 9: k4, m1, k1, m1, k4. 11 sts
 - Row 10: k5, p1, k5
 - Row 11: k5, m1, k1, m1, k5. 13 sts
 - Row 12: k6, p1, k6
 - Rows 13-14: k to end
 - Row 15: k to last two sts, k2tog. 12 sts
 - Rep last row until two sts rem
 - Next row: k2tog. One st
 - Fasten off

SMALL LEAF

(make three each in yarns C and D and four in yarn E)

- Work Rows 1-8 as for Large leaf. Nine sts
- Row 9: k to last two sts, k2tog. Seven sts
- Rep last row until two sts rem
- Next row: k2tog. One st
- Fasten off

TO MAKE UP WREATH

Arrange flowers and leaves on garland and fix in place with a glue gun **LK**