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Bladderwrack



Bladderwrack is common type of seaweed in Britain. It gets its name from the small pockets of air that are trapped in the fronds (like bubble wrap). This pattern is designed in sections that can be worked in any order.

You will need:

green or black double knit

4 x double ended knitting needles (2.75mm) • tapestry needle • scissors

Pattern (General):

Cast on 12 stitches and join into the round. Choose one of the following pattern sections to work.

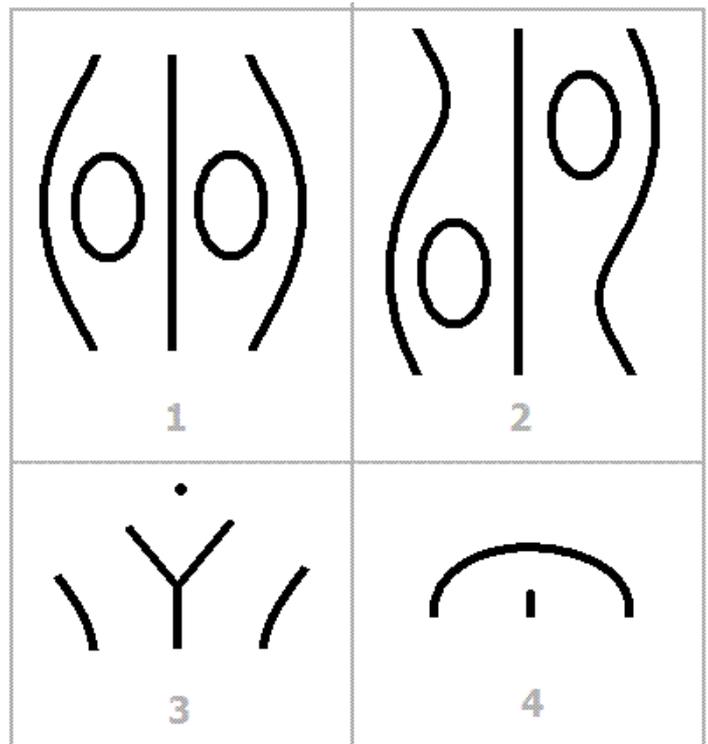
1. *Paired Badders* produces a straight section with a pair of bobbles placed symmetrically on either side of the stem and ends with 12 stitches on the needle.

2. *Alternate Badders* produces a straight section with a bobble on one side, then the other. It ends with 12 stitches on the needle.

3. *Branch* separates the stem into two, there are 12 stitches on each branch.

4. *End* is the finishing section. It ends with no stitches on the needle.

Work sections 1 to 3 in any order until finishing with an end section. Then go back and pick up any reserved stitches from the branch sections (reattach yarn at the centre of the fork). Repeat until no stitches remain.



In this pattern we will use the abbreviation B1. This means Bobble 1 and is worked on 1 stitch as follows:

- kfbf, turn/
- p3, turn/
- k3, turn/
- p3, turn/
- sl1, k2tog, pss0

Pattern (Paired Bladders):

Rounds 1 & 2: [p2, k1] x 4 (12)
Round 3: [pfb, p1, k1] x 4
Round 4: [p3, k1] x 4
Round 5: [p1, B1, p1, k1] x 4 (16)
Round 6: [pfb, ybk, sl1, yfwd, pfb, k1] x 4
Round 7: [p2, ybk, sl1, yfwd, p2, k1] x 4 (24)
Round 8: [p2, ybk, sl1, yfwd, p2, k1] x 4

Round 9: [p2tog, ybk, sl1, yfwd, p2tog, k1] x 4
Round 10: [p3, k1] x 4 (16)
Round 11: [p1, p2tog, k1] x 4
Round 12: [p2, k1] x 4 (12)

Repeat these 12 rounds or move on to another section.

Pattern (Alternate Bladders):

Round 1: [p2, k1] x 4 (12)
Round 2: [pfb, p1, k1] x 4 (16)
Round 3: [p3, k1] x 4
Round 4: p1, p2tog, k1, p1, B1, p1, k1, p1, B1, p1, k1, p1, p2tog, k1
Round 5: p2, k1, pfb, ybk, sl1, yfwd, pfb, k1, pfb, ybk, sl1, yfwd, pfb, k1, p2, k1
Round 6: p2, k1, p2, ybk, sl1, yfwd, p2, k1, p2, ybk, sl1, yfwd, p2, k1, p2, k1
Round 7: p2, k1, p2, ybk, sl1, yfwd, p2, k1, p2, ybk, sl1, yfwd, p2, k1, p2, k1
Round 8: pfb, p1, k1, p2tog, ybk, sl1, yfwd, p2tog, k1, p2tog, ybk, sl1, yfwd, p2tog, k1, pfb, p1, k1
Round 9: [p3, k1] x 4
Round 10: p1, B1, p1, k1, p1, p2tog, k1, p1, p2tog, k1, p1, B1, p1, k1
Round 11: pfb, ybk, sl1, yfwd, pfb, k1, p2, k1, p2, k1, pfb, ybk, sl1, yfwd, pfb, k1

Round 12: p2, ybk, sl1 yfwd, p2, k1, p2, k1, p2, k1, p2, ybk, sl1 yfwd, p2, k1
Round 13: p2, ybk, sl1 yfwd, p2, k1, p2, k1, p2, k1, p2, ybk, sl1 yfwd, p2, k1
Round 14: p2tog, ybk, sl1, yfwd, p2tog, k1, pfb, p1, k1, pfb, p1, k1, p2tog, ybk, sl1, yfwd, p2tog, k1
Round 15: [p3, k1] x 4

If repeating the *alternate bladders* section stop here and work through rounds 4 to 15 again. Rounds 1 to 3 and 16 to 18 exist to change the stitch count only. If moving on to a different section finish as follows:

Round 16: [p3, k1] x 4
Round 17: [p1, p2tog, k1] x 4
Round 18: [p2, k1] x 4 (12)

Pattern (Branch):

Rounds 1 & 2: [p2, k1] x 4 (12)
Round 3: [p2, kfb, p2, k1] x 2
Round 4: [p2, kfb, k1, p2, k1] x 2
Round 5: [p2, k1, pfb, k1, p2, k1] x 2
Round 6: [p2, k1, pfb, p1, k1, p2, k1] x 2
Round 7: [p2, k1, p3, k1, p2, k1] x 2

Round 8: [p2, k1, pfb, pfb, p1, k1, p2, k1] x 2
Round 9: [p2, k1] x 2, slip next 12 stitches onto stitch keeper and reserve, [p2, k1] x 2.

Work pattern sections on the 12 live stitches before returning to pick up the reserved stitches.

Pattern (End):

Rounds 1 to 3: [p5, k1] x 2
Round 4: [p1, p2tog, p2tog, k1] x 2

Thread yarn through remaining stitches and pull tight.

Making Up:

Simply sew in any remaining loose ends.

Notes:

Abbreviations

[] x number	Repeat the section in square brackets the required number of times.
(number)	Gives the total number of stitches you should have on needle by the end of the row.
k number	Knit this number of stitches
k2tog	Knit the next two stitches together (-1 stitch).
kfb	Knit into the front and then the back of a single stitch (+1 stitch).
kfbf	Knit into the front and the back and the front again of a single stitch (+2 stitches).
p number	Purl this number of stitches.
p2tog	Purl the next two stitches together (-1 stitch).
pssso	Pass the slipped stitch over any intervening stitches and off the needle.
sl1	Slip the next stitch purl wise.
sts	Stitches.
turn/	Rotate the knitting by half a turn and work in the opposite direction.
ybk	Take the yarn to the back of the knitting.
yfwd	Bring the yarn to the front of the knitting (+1 stitch if followed by a knit).

Needle/Yarn Size

As with most ODDknit patterns the yarn and needle sizes in the "you will need" section are just a guide. Feel free to improvise with whatever needles and yarn you have lying around - that's half the fun!