Mary, Mary, quite contrary, How does your garden grow? ...Well I've got knitted flowers, and these cockle shells have come out quite nicely. If I do a silver bell pattern at Christmas I'll be most of the way there.

You will need:

scraps of double knit

knitting needles (3mm) • tapestry needle • scissors

Pattern:

Cast on 41 and work in the flat.

Row 1: \([k1, p3] \times 9 \text{ turn} / [k3, p1] \times 7, k3 \text{ turn} / [p3, k1] \times 6, p3 \text{ turn} / [k3, p1] \times 5, k3 \text{ turn} / [p3, k1] \times 4, p3 \text{ turn} / [k3, p1] \times 3, k3 \text{ turn} / [p3, k1] \times 7 (41)\)

Row 2: \([p1, k2togtbl, k1] \times 10, p1 (31)\)

Row 3: \([k1, p2] \times 8 \text{ turn} / [k2, p1] \times 5, k2 \text{ turn} / [p2, k1] \times 4, p2 \text{ turn} / [k2, p1] \times 3, k2 \text{ turn} / [p2, k1] \times 2, p2 \text{ turn} / k2, p1, k2 \text{ turn} / [p2, k1] \times 6 (31)\)

Row 4: \([p1, k2togtbl] \times 10, p1 (21)\)

Row 5: \([k1, p1] \times 9 \text{ turn} / [k1, p1] \times 7, k1 \text{ turn} / [p1, k1] \times 5, p1 \text{ turn} / [k1, p1] \times 3, k1 \text{ turn} / [p1, k1] \times 7 (21)\)

Row 6: cast off 4, \([k1, p1] \times 8 (17)\)

Row 7: cast off 4, k2tog x 6 (7)

Row 8: p –

Row 9: k1, k2tog x 3

Row 10: p –

Thread yarn through remaining stitches and pull tight.

Making Up:

Join the cast on edge into a loop by sewing the two straight sides together.

Pull the gathered stitches down over the seam you just made and fix them to the bottom edge of the shell.

Lose any remaining loose ends in the fabric of the shell.

www.oddknit.com/patterns/beach/cockleshell.html
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.
k2tog        Knit the next two stitches together (-1 stitch).
k2togtbl     Knit the next two stitches together through the back of the loop (-1 stitch).
k number     Knit this number of stitches.
p –          Purl every stitch to the end of the row.
p number     Purl this number of stitches.
turn/        Rotate the knitting by half a turn and work in the opposite direction.

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!