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Throwing Bouquet



The ODDknit throwing bouquet – suitable for all your ballistic flower needs. Unlike our other knitted flower designs this pomander style arrangement is made without wires. It's entirely safe for small hands and bridal enthusiasm.

You will need:

green/cream double knit • toy stuffing
knitting needles (3mm) • tapestry needle • scissors • pen/pencil for winding

Pattern (Rose):

Cast on 3sts in cream and work as follows:

Row 1: kfb x 3 (6)
Row 2 (and every even row): p –
Row 3: k4, kfb, kfb (8)
Row 5: k6, kfb, kfb (10)
Row 7: k9, kfb (11)
Rows 9 & 11: k –

Row 13: k9, k2tog (10)
Row 15: k6, k2tog, k2tog (8)
Row 17: k4, k2tog, k2tog (6)
Row 19: k2tog x 3 (3)

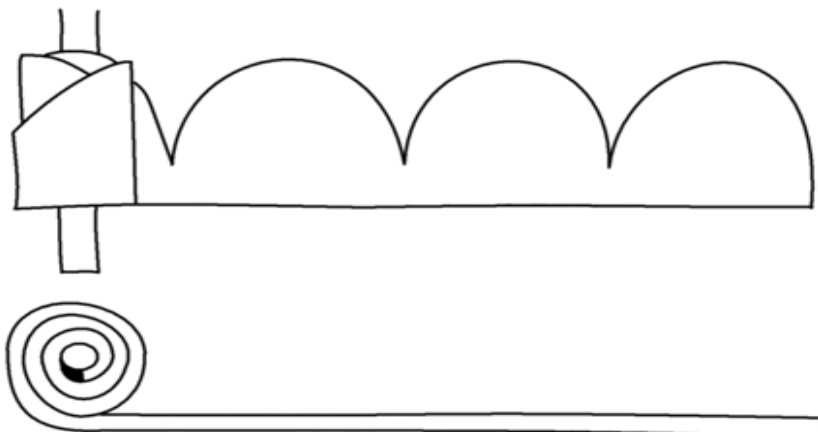
Repeat rows 1-20 seven more times, until there are 8 petals in total. Cast off.

Knit 12 roses total.

Pattern (Stem):

- Cast on 5 sts in green
 - I-cord 40 cm
- Cut yarn, thread through stitches and pull tight.

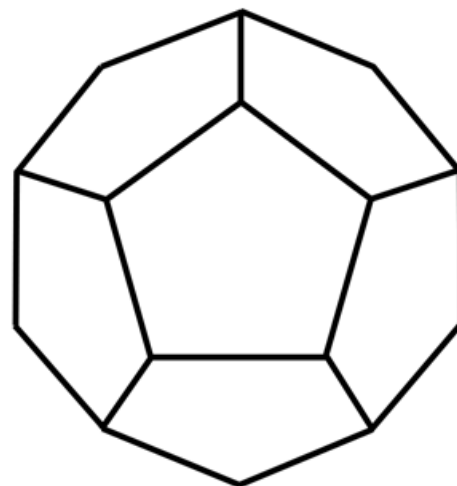
Making Up:



Wind each set of petals around a pencil. Sew the bottom edge in place as you go to form a flat base.

Remove the pencil from the centre of the rose. Close up the hole by sewing back and forth across it.

We now need to sew the flowers together to form a sphere – or more accurately a dodecahedron. A dodecahedron has 12 sides and each side is pentagon. Imagine the base of each rose is a pentagon to see how we will arrange them.



Sew the roses together in two sets of six. For each set chose one rose to centre the sewing on. Arrange five other roses around it. Sew a fifth of the circumference of the centre rose to each of the others. Sew the neighbouring roses to each other. Only a fifth of a rose should be sewn to each of its neighbours.

Firmly attach one end of the i-cord to each set of roses, then sew them together, stuffing at the last minute to help the bouquet keep its shape.

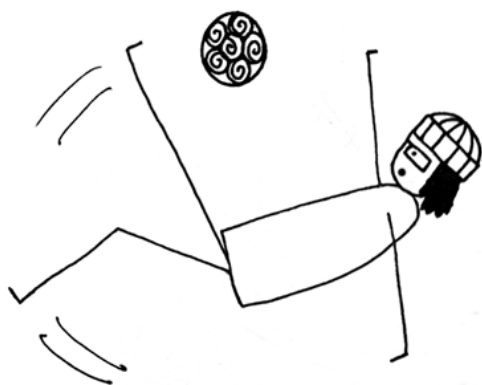
Variations:

We have based our bouquet arrangement on the dodecahedron, but there are other regular and semi-regular polyhedra you could use. For a different arrangement with the same number of roses you could use a cuboctahedron. For a bigger bouquet you might consider basing the arrangement on an icosahedron (20 faces), or a truncated icosahedron. (32 faces).

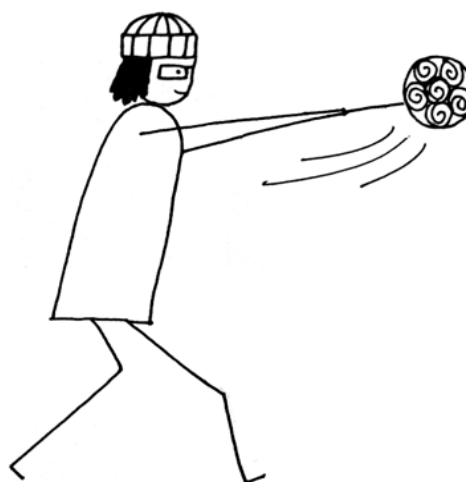
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Propulsion Techniques

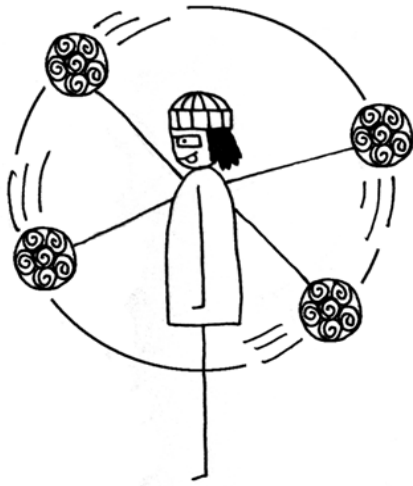
The throwing bouquet is carefully designed for use with a variety of propulsion techniques. Please find some suggested methods below. Please note that not all are suitable for use with a wedding dress.



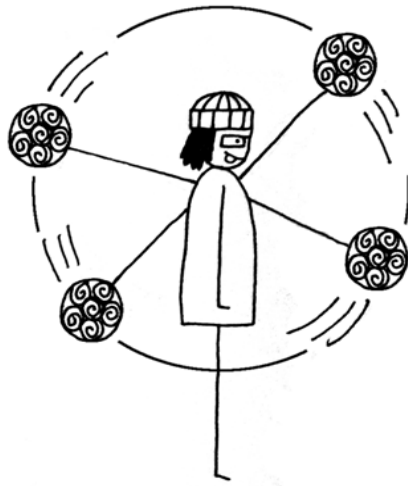
1. Scissor Kick



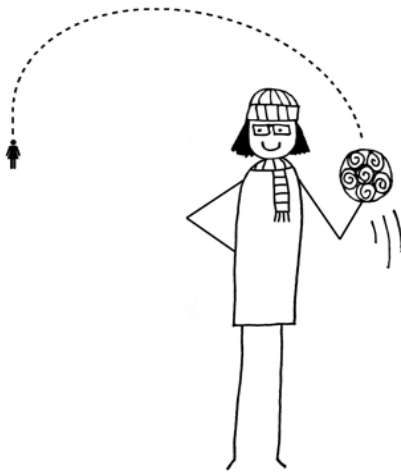
2. Hammer Throw



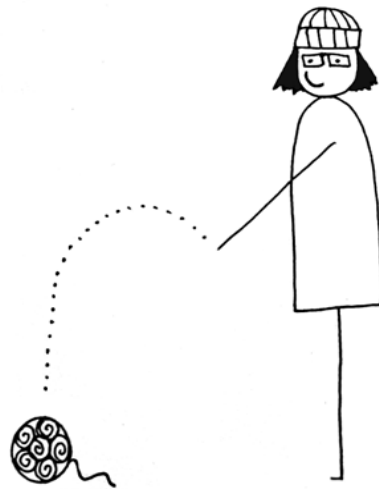
3. The Windmill



4. The Reverse Windmill



The "Casual Brilliance"



6. The "Wimp"

Abbreviations

(number)
k number
k –
kfb
k2tog
p –
sts

Gives the total number of stitches you should have on needle by the end of the row.
 Knit this number of stitches
 Knit every stitch to the end of the row.
 Knit into the front and then the back of a single stitch (+1 stitch).
 Knit the next two stitches together (-1 stitch).
 Purl every stitch to the end of the row.
 Stitches.

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!