

R2

Violet Webcap



This pattern is almost identical to the Toadstool design (well it would be, they're both fungi of roughly the same shape). I love variations on a theme.

You will need:

violet double knit • white paper • toy stuffing
4 x double ended knitting needles (3mm) • tapestry needle • scissors

Pattern (Cap):

Cast on 32sts in red

Join into the round and work as follows:

Rounds 1-7: k –

Round 8: [k6, k2togtbl] x 4 (28)

Rounds 9-10: k –

Round 11: [k2, k2togtbl, k3] x 4 (24)

Round 12: k –

Round 13: [k2togtbl, k4] x 4 (20)

Round 14: [k2, k2togtbl, k1] x 4 (16)

Round 15: [k2togtbl, k2] x 4 (12)

Round 16: [k1, k2togtbl] x 4 (8)

Round 17: k –

Thread yarn through remaining sts and pull tight. Tie a knot to hold this stitches closed and then turn the cap inside out (the wrong-side will be the outside of our toadstool). Add a little stuffing into the cap to help it hold its shape.

Pattern (Stem):

Using the same colour yarn pick up 16 sts along the cast off edge of the cap.

Round 1: k – (16)

Round 2: [k2tog, k2] x 4 (12)

Work 3-4 cm straight.

Final Round: k2tog x 6

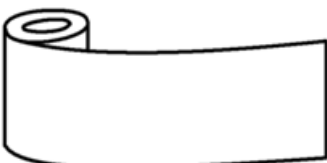
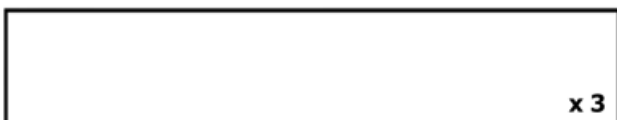
Cut the yarn leaving a tail.

Making Up:

Cut three strips of paper 30cm x 3 – 4cm (a.k.a. take a piece of A4 paper and cut three lengthwise strips about the same height as your stem).

Roll the paper tightly to make a cylinder. Insert the cylinder into the knitted stem and allow it to unroll so that it fits tightly. Thread the yarn through the remaining sts and pull tight.

Lose any remaining loose ends.



Notes:

Dealing with Wobbly Fungi

The ODDknit fungi are designed to be enjoyed as knitted 3D objects to be picked up and played with, as such they aren't particularly stable when standing. If you need your fungi to remain upright we can recommend the following method.

1. Light a white candle.
2. Dribble a tiny amount of wax onto the base of the stem.
3. Quickly press the base against a cold, flat surface (e.g. a mirror or heat resistant work-surface)
4. Allow to cool and then twist to release.
5. Remove any excess wax from the edge of the stem.

The wax provides a completely flat surface that will help the fungi remain balanced. We use this method when we need to pose the fungi for photographs.



Abbreviations

[] x number
(number)
k number
k –
k2tog
k2togtbl
sts

Repeat the section in square brackets the required number of times.
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 the next two stitches together (-1 stitch).
Knit the next two stitches together through the back of the loop (-1 stitch).
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!