



FESTIVE ROSE

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I've always been a big fan of roses – faux and real. The scent, the romance, the beauty. I have a collection of fake roses where I have glued metal clips on. I wear these in my hair, as a brooch, to make garlands and for decorating with. This quick knit also makes a perfect gift.

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YARN

ROSE: Fingering weight, 70 yd/64 m

LEAF: DK weight, 8.5 yd/7.8 m

NEEDLES

ROSE: US 5/3.75 mm

LEAF: US 6/4 mm

NOTIONS

Optional clip, locking stitch marker, tapestry needle, sewing needle and thread

ABBREVIATIONS

cdd: central double decrease. Slip 2 stitches together knitwise, knit one stitch, pass the slipped stitches over.

k: knit

k2tog: knit 2 stitches together

kfb: knit into the front and back of stitch

p: purl

RS: right side

ssk: slip, slip, knit. Slip the first stitch as if to knit, slip the second stitch as if to knit, then slide the left needle into the front part of both stitches and knit them together.

st/s: stitch/es

tbl: through the back loop

WS: wrong side

yo: yarn over

(): stitch pattern repeat

PATTERN NOTES

The instructions below make a good size rose, approximately 4.5"/11.5 cm across (not including the leaf). Use smaller/larger needles and lighter/heavier yarn to make yourself a smaller/larger version. Yardage will vary across the different weights.

Note: Keep your rose yarn overs loose as the project can tighten up when purling these through the back of the loop.

ROSE

Cast on 20 sts and purl one row.

Row 1 (RS): K1, (yo, k1) rep to end. (+ 19 sts) 39 sts

Row 2 (WS): P1, (p1 tbl, p1) rep to end.

Rows 3 – 8: Repeat Rows 1 – 2 three more times. 77 (153, 305) sts

Row 9: K2, (ssk, k16, k2tog) rep to last 3 sts, k3. (- 30 sts) 275 sts

Row 10: Purl.

Row 11: K2, (ssk, k14, k2tog) rep to last 3 sts, k3. (- 30 sts) 245 sts

Row 12: Purl.

Bind off.

LEAF

Cast on 3 sts and knit one row.

Row 1 (RS): Kfb, k1, kfb. (+ 2 sts) 5 sts

Row 2 (WS): K2, p1, k2.

Row 3: K1, (kfb, k1) twice. (+ 2 sts) 7 sts

Row 4: K3, p1, place removable marker on this stitch, k3.

Rows 5, 7, 9, 11, 13: K1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. (+ 2 sts)

Rows 6, 8, 10, 12, 14: K to marked st, p1, remove marker and place on this st, k to end.

Rows 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25: K to 1 st before marked st, cdd, remove marker and place on this st, k to end. (- 2 sts)

Rows 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26: K to marked st, p1, k to end.

Row 27: K1, cdd, k1. (- 2 sts)

Row 28: K1, p1, k1.

Row 29: Cdd, tie off last stitch.

Bind off.

FINISHING

Block rose and leaf.

Weave in ends of leaf and the tail of the rose.

See video Rose assembly instructions. <https://ambah.co/festiverose/>

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