

PADDED SUNSHINE



If you do not have access to the yarn pictured, then why not use up some of your stash?

USEFUL HINTS FOR USING A DIFFERENT WEIGHT OF YARN:

When making a toy or accessory which needs to be stuffed, it is better to make the fabric tighter than you would for a garment or blanket. This way the stuffing will be less likely to show through your stitches.

Below is a chart suggesting the needle sizes for each weight of yarn when you need a tighter fabric:

YARN WEIGHT	NEEDLE SIZE
4ply	2.5mm or 2.75mm
DK	3.25mm
Aran	4mm or 4.5mm
Chunky	5.5mm
Super Chunky	8mm

Remember if you do use a different weight of yarn your Sunshine will be either bigger or smaller than the one in the pattern. This really doesn't matter, just allow a different amount of yarn and stuffing.

You can also use the stuffing from an old pillow or cushion. Pillows and cushions can be washed in your washing machine (DO NOT take the stuffing out of the old case before washing. Wash it in the old case, then dry it thoroughly before opening the old case and re-using it to stuff your Sunshine).

KNITTED PADDED SUNSHINE

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TENSION

10cm / 4" square using DK
4mm needle / US 6 - 22 stitches x 28 rows

Not important for this item, but as you will be stuffing it, we recommend making quite a tight/firm fabric.

If your tension is loose, then reduce your needle size.

ABBREVIATIONS

K = Knit

P = Purl

St(s) = stitch(es)

tog = Together

CC = Contrast Colour

MC = Main Colour

MAIN BODY (MAKE 2)

Using 3.25mm needles and MC
cast on 81sts.

Row 1: P to end.

Row 2: K to end.

Row 3: P to end.

Row 4: [K4, K2tog] repeat to last 3 sts, K3. (68sts)

Row 5: P to end.

Row 6: K to end.

Row 7: P to end.

Row 8: [K3, K2tog] repeat to last 3sts, K3. (55sts)

Row 9: P to end.

Row 10: K to end.

Row 11: [P2, P2tog] repeat to last 3sts, P3. (42sts)

Row 12: K to end.

Row 13: P to end.

Row 14: [K1, K2tog] repeat to end. (28sts)

Row 15: P to end.

Row 16: [K2tog] repeat to end (14sts)

Row 17: [P2tog] repeat to end. (7sts)

Thread yarn through remaining sts and pull tight.

MAKE RAYS

Using 3.25mm needles and MC, and with right side facing, pick up and knit the first 9sts from the cast on edge of work.

*Working on these 9sts only:

Row 1: P to end.

Row 2: K to end.

Row 3: P to end.

Row 4: K2tog, K5, K2tog. (7sts)

Row 5: P to end.

Row 6: K2tog, K3, K2tog. (5sts)

Row 7: P to end.

Row 8: K2tog, K1, K2tog. (3sts)

Row 9: P2tog, P1. (2sts)

Row 10: K2tog. (1 st)

Fasten off.

Pick up and knit the next 9sts along the cast on edge. Repeat from * 8 more times. 9 Rays on each sunshine piece.

With ws together, whip st around the edges of the Rays, stuffing as you go.

CHEEKS (MAKE 2)

Using 4mm needles and CC
cast on 18sts.

Row 1: K to end.

Row 2: P to end.

Row 3: [K2tog] to end. (9sts)

Thread yarn through remaining sts and pull tight.

Sew ends of rows together to form a circle. Sew to front face of Sunshine as pictured.

Embroider on face using picture for guidance.

MATERIALS REQUIRED

MC – Main Colour: Big Value DK 50g in 4027 Yellow

CC – Contrast Colour: Big Value DK 50g in 4034

Fuchsia (or oddment of dk yarn in pink)

Oddments of DK in Black for facial features.

ALSO REQUIRED

3.25mm needles

4mm needles

Small amount of stuffing.

MEASUREMENTS

Approximately 20cm / 8in

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