

Acorn Pincushion

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YARN

- Each pincushion uses less than 25g of DK weight yarn (double knitting or light worsted weight) in Green and Brown.
- The acorn photographed was knitted in **Hayfield Bonus DK**, 100% acrylic yarns, in shades *Olive* and *Grouse*.
- This yarn or a similar acrylic DK yarn is recommended.

NEEDLES & NOTIONS

- A pair of 3.5mm (US 4) single pointed needles, minimum length 20cm
- Two 3.5mm (US 4) DPNs
- A darning or tapestry needle for seaming
- A large handful of toy filling

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NOTES

Introduction: This big acorn makes a handy pincushion, or use them to decorate your home.

Casting on: Use the long tail cast on.

Pull through to cast off: Break the yarn leaving a 30cm tail, thread the tail onto a tapestry needle and thread through the sts on the knitting needle, pull them off the needle onto the yarn and tight to gather together.

Work flat: The acorn knitted flat (back and forth) on a pair of single pointed knitting needles, and the stalk is an i-cord tube worked on two DPNs.

One size: 9cm tall.

Tension: 24 sts x 30 rows for a 10cm x 10cm square in stockinette stitch on 3.5mm needles. Don't worry about tension for this pattern, it is not critical.

ABBREVIATIONS

DPNs	Double pointed needles
inc2	Knit into the front, back, and front again (increase by 2)
k	Knit
k2tog	Knit two stitches together (decrease by 1)
p	Purl
p2tog	Purl two stitches together (decrease by 1)
Rep	Repeat
RS	Right side
st(s)	Stitch(es)
St st	Stockinette
WS	Wrong side

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ACORN

Make 1. Cast on 7 sts in brown on 3.5mm single pointed needles. Start at the bottom.

Row 1 (WS): [p1, k1] 3 times, p1

Row 2 (RS): [p1, inc2] 3 times, p1 (13 sts)

Row 3: [p1, k1] 6 times, p1

Row 4: [p1, inc2] 6 times, p1 (25 sts)

Row 5: [p1, k1] 12 times, p1

Row 6: [p1, k1, p1, inc2] 6 times, p1 (37 sts)

Rows 7 to 12: [p1, k1] 18 times, p1

Row 13: knit

Break the brown working yarn and join green.

Rows 14 to 17: starting on a RS knit row work 4 rows in St st

Row 18: k1, [k2tog, k4] 6 times (31 sts)

Rows 19 to 21: starting on a WS purl row work 3 rows in St st

Row 22: k1, [k2tog, k3] 6 times (25 sts)

Rows 23 to 25: starting on a WS purl row work 3 rows in St st

Row 26: k1, [k2tog, k2] 6 times (19 sts)

Row 27: purl

Row 28: k1, [k2tog, k1] 6 times (13 sts)

Row 29: [p2tog] 6 times, p1 (7 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

Making up: Sew the side edges together, stuffing as you sew. Gather the cast on sts together.

ACORN STALK

Make 1. Cast on 4 sts in brown on a 3.5mm DPN. Using two DPNs knit i-cord for a length of 3cm. Pull through to cast off.

Making up: Weave in cast off tail and sew the cast on end of the i-cord onto the bottom of the acorn.

