



Abbreviations

in	inch(es)
cm	centimetre(s)
K	knit
k2tog	knit 2sts together
kfb	knit into the front and back of the st
P	purl
RS	right side
st(s)	stitch(es)
st st	stocking stitch

Finished size

Approximately 8cm or 3in long

Tension

Tension is not important for this project

Xmas bells

Brighten up your Christmas tree with these fun and quirky festive bells. They're great for using up scraps of yarn from your stash

Pattern details

You will need...

* Yarn

1 x 25g balls of Sirdar Bonus Toytime DK in White (shade 0961), A and Sunflower (shade 978), B

* Needles

3.25mm (UK size 10) needles

* Other

Tapestry needle
30cm or 12in of 6mm ribbon
Small quantity of toy stuffing

BELL

Using 3.25mm needles and shade A, **cast on** 22sts. Begin working the pattern as follows:

Row 1: Knit 16sts, purl 6sts.

Row 2 (RS): K6 in shade A, K13 in shade B, turn leaving the remaining 3sts unworked.

Row 3: K13 in shade B, P6 in shade A.

Row 4: K to the end of the row in shade A.

Row 5: K16, P6 in shade A.

Rows 2-5 form the pattern.

Rows 6-57: Repeat rows 2-5 thirteen times.

Rows 58-59: Repeat rows 2-3 once.

Cast off knitwise in shade A.

MAKING UP

Join the cast on and cast off edges. Gather the top edge of the bell and pull it tight to close up the gap. Fasten off.

CLAPPER

Using 3.25mm needles and either shade A or shade B, **cast on** 3sts.

Row 1: (Kfb) three times.

Rows 2-6: Starting with a P row, work in stocking stitch for five rows.

Row 7: (K2tog) three times.

Cast off knitwise, leaving a long tail.

MAKING UP

Gather the knitted oval and fill lightly with toy stuffing, pulling up the gathers to create a ball shape. Secure the gathers and use the yarn tail to sew the clapper to the inside of the bell, so that it hangs from the middle of the bell and is just visible at the bottom edge. Fold the ribbon in half to make a hanging loop and sew it to the top of the bell. ■