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Pear-fecto!

An original pattern by Susan B. Anderson for Spud & Chloë

Note: The pears only use small amounts of yarn! One skein of Spud & Chloë Sweater or Fine will make many pears.

Large Pear:

Yarn: Spud & Chloë Sweater (55% superwash wool, 45% organic cotton; 100 grams/160 yards)

Pear: Firecracker #7509 and Firefly #7505

Stem: Rootbeer #7503

Leaf: Grass #7502

Needles: US size 6 double-pointed needles, set of 4

Gauge: 5 ½ stitches per inch in stockinette stitch

Tiny Pear:

Yarn: Spud & Chloë Fine (80% superwash wool, 20% silk; 65 grams/248 yards)

Pear: Popcorn #7800

Stem: Dachshund #7801

Leaf: Cricket #7804

Needles: US size 2 double-pointed needles, a set of four

Gauge: 7 ½ stitches per inch in stockinette stitch

Materials for both sizes:

Ruler or tape measure

Yarn needle

Stitch marker

Small amount of fiberfill

Optional: small amount of poly-pellets (if making the pear for a small child do not use poly-pellets as they are a choking hazard)

Pear:

Note: The two sizes are knit exactly the same with the exception of two measurements. The small pear measurements are noted in parentheses after the large pear measurements.

With selected pear color and double pointed needles, cast on 9 stitches placing 3 stitches on each of 3 double pointed needles. Join to work in the round being careful not to twist the stitches. Place a stitch marker on the first stitch.

Rnd 1: knit

Rnd 2: kfb in each stitch (6 sts per needle, 18 sts total)

Rnds 3 and 4: knit

Rnd 5: kfb in each stitch (12 sts per needle, 36 sts total)

Rnds 6-8: knit

Rnd 9: (k2, kfb) repeat to end of round (16 sts per needle, 48 sts total)

Place a stitch marker on round 9 and leave it there. Knit every round until the pear measures 1 ¾ inches (1 inch) above the stitch marker on round 9.

Decrease rounds:

Rnd 1: (k2, k2tog) repeat to end of round (12 sts per needle, 36 sts total remain)

Rnds 2 and 3: knit

Place a stitch marker on round 3 and leave it there.

Rnd 4: (k1, ssk, k6, k2tog, k1) repeat on each needle (10 sts per needle, 30 sts total remain)

Knit every round until the pear measures 1 inch (1/2 inch) above the stitch marker on round 3.

Decrease rounds for top:

Rnd 1: (k3, k2tog) repeat to end of round (8 sts per needle, 24 sts total remain)

Place the end from the cast on stitches on a yarn needle. Take stitches to close the hole at the bottom of the pear. Pull the end to the inside, weave in and trim.

Fill the bottom with poly-pellets and stuff the rest with fiberfill OR only stuff with fiberfill.

Rnd 2: knit

Rnd 3: (k2, k2tog) repeat to end of round (6 sts per needle, 18 sts total remain)

Rnd 4: (k1, k2tog) repeat to end of round (4 sts per needle, 12 sts total remain)

Finish stuffing.

Rnd 5: (k1, k2tog, k1) repeat to end of round (3 sts per needle, 9 sts total remain)

Rnd 6: (k2tog) repeat to the last stitch (rearrange stitches on the needles as needed), k1 (5 sts remain)

Place the 5 stitches on one double-pointed needle.

Stem:

Switch to Rootbeer. Use 2 double-pointed needles to work in I-cord.

Next row: k2tog twice, k1 (3 sts remain)

Work in I-cord for 1 inch. Bind off.

Cut the yarn and place the end on a yarn needle. Pull the end through the remaining stitch.

Pull all ends to the inside and trim to stay inside.

Leaf:

With Grass and two double-pointed needles to work back and forth, cast on 3 stitches.

Row 1: k1, yo, k1, yo, k1 (5 sts)

Row 2: purl

Row 3: k2, yo, k1, yo, k2 (7 sts)

Row 4: purl

Row 5: knit

Row 6: purl

Row 7: k1, ssk, k1, k2tog, k1 (5 sts remain)

Row 8: purl

Row 9: k1, ssk, k2tog (3 sts remain)

Row 10: purl

Row 11: ssk, k1, pass the first stitch over the second stitch and off the needle (1 st remains)

Cut the yarn and pull through the remaining stitch. Weave in to the back of the leaf and trim.

Place the end from the cast on stitches on a yarn needle. You may need to gather up the cast on end slightly with a few stitches. Whipstitch the leaf to the base of the stem. Pull the end to the inside and trim.

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