

# Berry BLOOMS

BRIGHTEN UP YOUR LIVING SPACE WITH  
NICOLA VALIJI'S SEASONAL WREATH



We can all agree there's never been a better time to focus on the positives and embrace joy in every form. One fantastic option is to knit this cheerful wreath and use it to transform your home. Decorated with butterflies, bees, flowers and strawberries, it features all of our favourite summer essentials. Even newbie knitters should give this one a go as the project is split into manageable sections. What's more, if you need help with the I-cord, you can find a handy tip panel over on the pattern for Kenny The Rhino.



GREAT FOR IMPROVERS



DK YARN



3.25MM NEEDLES

## MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

**38cm diameter**

## KNIT KIT

**Yarn:** Deramores Studio DK, shades (A) 70011 Peridot, two 100g balls, (B) 70006 Ruby, (C) 70001 Frost, (D) 70042 Citrine, one 100g ball of each, (E) 70022 Gingerbread, (F) 70027 Ebony, oddments of each

**Needles:** 3.25mm straight and double-pointed, two (for I-cord)

**Tapestry needle**

**Safety Toy Stuffing**

**Ribbon:** polka dot, red, 50cm

**Sewing thread**

**Polystyrene wreath:** flat backed, 35cm

## TENSION SQUARE

■ 20 sts x 25 rows

■ 10cm x 10cm

■ Stocking stitch

■ 3.25mm needles

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 97

## ABOUT THE YARN

**Deramores Studio DK** is a 100% anti-pilling acrylic. Available in a fantastic selection of shades and suitable for machine washing on a gentle setting, this pretty and practical fibre costs £2.19 per 100g (250m) ball from [deramores.com](http://deramores.com)

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## NEED AN ALTERNATIVE?

**Bernat Softee Baby** is another great acrylic choice. Available in a pretty range of colours and suitable for machine washing and tumble drying on a gentle setting, it costs £3.99 per 140g (304m) ball from **0116 271 3759**, [readicut.co.uk](http://readicut.co.uk)

## Start knitting here

### Cover

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn A, cast on 30 sts

□ Work in st st until work meas 103cm

□ Cast off

Sew cast-on and cast-off ends together, then place cover over polystyrene wreath, pull edges together and sew into place on back of wreath, so seam doesn't show

### Strawberries

(make twelve)

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn B, cast on three sts

□ Row 1 (RS): (kfb)

to end. Six sts

□ Row 2: p

□ Row 3: (kfb) to end. 12 sts

□ Row 4: p

□ Row 5: (kfb, k3)

to end. 15 sts

□ Row 6: p

□ Row 7: (kfb, k4)

to end. 18 sts

□ Row 8: p

□ Row 9: (kfb, k2)

to end. 24 sts

□ Row 10: p

□ Row 11: (kfb, k3)

to end. 30 sts

□ Row 12: p

**NOTE: letter foll instruction indicates which yarn to use**

□ Row 13: (k1 A, k4 B) to end

□ Row 14: p1 A, p2 B, (p3

A, p2 B) five times, p2 A

Cont in yarn A only

□ Row 15: k

□ Row 16: (p2tog,

p3) to end. 24 sts

□ Row 17: (k2tog)

to end. 12 sts

□ Row 18: (p2tog)

to end. Six sts

□ Row 19: (k2tog) to

end. Three sts

Change to 3.25mm dpns

□ Rows 20-22: work an

I-cord

□ Cut yarn leaving a tail,

thread through rem sts,

pull tight and fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

With RS facing, sew seam approximately 3cm from cast-on edge. Pass cast-off tail through I-cord to base of stalk and sew seam leaving a 2cm gap. Turn RS out, stuff and sew up gap.

## Flowers

**FLOWER** (make eight)

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn C, cast on seven sts

□ Row 1 (RS): (kfb)

to end. 14 sts

□ Row 2: p

□ Row 3: (kfb) to end. 28 sts

□ Rows 4-8: beg with

a p row, work in st st

Change to yarn D

□ Row 9: (k2tog)

to end. 14 sts

□ Row 10: (p2tog) to

end. Seven sts

□ Cut yarn leaving a tail,

thread through rem sts,

pull tight and fasten off

## LEAVES

(make eight)

Using 3.25mm needles and

yarn A, cast on three sts

□ Rows 1-3: beg with a

p row, work in st st

□ Row 4: k1, kfb, k1. Four sts

□ Row 5 and every

foll WS row: p

□ Row 6: kfb, k1,

kfb, k1. Six sts

□ Row 8: kfb, k3,

kfb, k1. Eight sts

□ Row 10: kfb, k5,

kfb, k1. Ten sts

□ Row 12: k2tog, k to last

two sts, k2tog. Eight sts

□ Row 13: p2tog, p to last

two sts, p2tog. Six sts

□ Row 14: as Row 12. Four sts

□ Row 15: (p2tog)

twice. Two sts

□ Row 16: k2tog. One st

□ Fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

Gather up stitches from yarn tail centre of flower, and sew seam to cast-on edge. Gather around cast-on stitches to make a circle and draw tight, flatten flower and secure.



## Stuffing your KNITS

Before stuffing your knits, tease out the stuffing as this will help to prevent unsightly lumps and bumps. When stuffing such small pieces, it is a good idea to use a blunt needle to reach the corners and awkward areas. Although you don't want your knitted pieces to be too flat, try to avoid overstuffing, as it's important that the white fibres don't show through the stitches.



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Using cast-off yarn tail, from back of flower, bring thread around white outer edge and in through front to shape gap between petals. Sew in this way to make five petals, pulling yarn tightly each time. Attach one leaf to back of each flower.

## Bees

**BODY** (make three)

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn D, cast on four sts

□ Row 1 (RS): (kfb) four times. Eight sts

Change to yarn F

□ Row 2: p

Change to yarn D

□ Row 3: k

Change to yarn F

□ Row 4: p

Change to yarn D

□ Row 5: k

□ Row 6: p

□ Row 7: (k2tog) four times. Four sts

□ Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

With RS facing, gather up cast on sts and sew row edges up to yarn tail top. Turn RS out and stuff, gather up yarn tail and secure. Using yarn C, make two loops for bee's wings.

## Butterflies

**BODY** (make two)

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn E, cast on three sts

□ Row 1: (kfb) to end. Six sts

□ Rows 2-20: beg with a p row, work in st st

□ Row 21: (k2tog) to end. Three sts

□ Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

**WING PANELS** (make eight

in yarn D, four in yarns B and C) Using 3.25mm needles, cast on six sts

□ Row 1 (WS): p

□ Row 2: kfb, k to last st, kfb. Eight sts

□ Rows 3-5: beg with a

p row, work in st st

□ Row 6: as Row 2. Ten sts

□ Row 7: p

□ Row 8: k

□ Row 9: p2tog, p to last two sts, p2tog. Eight sts

□ Row 10: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. Six sts

□ Cast off

## TO MAKE UP

Sew Body by joining row edges together stuffing as you go. Create antennae by passing a strand of yarn through one end of body and tying a knot in each end. Make wings by placing two matching panels together with RS facing and sewing seams, leaving a gap at base. Turn RS out and gently stuff. Place four wings either side of body and sew in place.

## TO MAKE UP WREATH

Place all items on wreath with seam at top and sew or glue into place using image as guide. Attach ribbon around seam, to hang wreath, and sew to secure. **LK**

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**BEAUTIFUL BEACH HUT TEACOSY BY NICOLA VALIJI**

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"Make sure the seam of the wreath cover is at the back of the ring"

LK Designer, Nicola Valiji