

Gingerbread House

Materials:

16m (17½yd) of DK (8-ply/light worsted) yarn in honey yellow (A) and brown (B), 10m (11yd) in white (C) and a small amount in dark brown (D)

Small amounts of 4-ply (fingering) yarn in green (E), red (F) and white (G)

Small amount of toy stuffing

5 x 3.5cm (2 x 1¼in) piece of cardboard (optional)

Instructions:

Note: All parts are knitted with 2.75mm (UK 12, US 2) needles except the roof.

House

Using yarn A, cast on 54 sts.

Row 1 (RS): k to end.

Row 2: k1, p10, k1, p15, k1, p10, k1, p15.

Rows 3–8: rep rows 1 and 2 three more times.

Row 9: purl to end.

Row 10: cast off 12 sts (1 st on left needle), p14, turn. Work in short rows over these 15 sts only as follows:

Row 11: k1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 (13 sts).

Row 12: beg with a p WS row, work 3 rows in st st over short row sts ONLY.

Rep last 4 rows four more times (5 sts).

Next row: k1, k3tog, k1 (3 sts).

Next row: p1, p2tog (2 sts).

Pass the first st over the second and fasten off.

With WS facing, rejoin yarn to remaining sts and rep from row 10 above once more.

Base panel

Using yarn B, cast on 17 sts.

Work 20 rows in g st. Cast off.

Roof

Using two strands of yarn B held together and 3.5mm (UK 9/10, US 4) needles, cast on 9 sts.

Work in g st until the piece measures 12cm (4¾in). Cast off.

Candy stick on roof: make two

Using yarn C, cast on 8 sts. Work in st st until the piece measures 11cm (4¼in). Cast off.

Additional equipment:

2.75mm (UK 12, US 2) DPN to make i-cord

3.5mm (UK 9/10, US 4) knitting needles

Size:

8cm (3in)

Candy around door

Using yarn C, cast on 4 sts. Work an i-cord until the piece measures 7.5cm (3in). Break yarn, thread through all sts and pull tightly. Fasten off.

Door

Using yarn D, cast on 6 sts.

Beg with a p WS row, work 7 rows in st st.

Row 8: skpo, k2, k2tog (4 sts).

Row 9: (p2tog) twice (2 sts).

Row 10: k2tog (1 st). Fasten off.

Leaves: make two

Using yarn E, cast on 6 sts.

Rows 1–3: k to end.

Row 4: k1, (k2tog) twice, k1 (4 sts).

Row 5: k to end.

Row 6: (k2tog) twice (2 sts).

Row 7: k2tog (1 st). Fasten off.

Berries: make two

Using yarn F, cast on 10 sts. Break yarn, thread through all sts and pull tightly. Fasten off.

Stitch the sides together to create a berry.

Round candy above door

Using yarn G, cast on 15 sts.

Row 1 (WS): (using yarn G p1, using yarn E p1) to end.

Rows 2–6: changing colours as set and beg with a k RS row, work 5 rows in st st. Break yarn E.

Rows 7 and 8: using yarn G and beg with a p WS row, work 2 rows in st st.

Break yarn, thread through all sts and pull tightly.

Sew the side seam and stuff. Thread a needle with yarn G, pierce centre from base to top, top to base and repeat. Pull yarn gently to flatten both ends.