

Pinus - a domino knit Christmas tree



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This Christmas tree, worked in domino knitting, is a quick and fun little project. Work it in one color or in stripes, or decorate the tree by adding "Christmas decoration" beads. Happy knitting!

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Materials

Use yarn and needles that create quite a tightly knit garter stitch fabric such as Arwetta Classic, Arwetta Extra Merino or New Zealand Lammeuld by Filcolana worked on 2,5 mm needles (you need approx. 6-8 g for one tree), or use Peruvian Highland Wool by Filcolana worked on 4 mm needles you need approx. 15-20 g for one tree)
Polyester stuffing

Measurements

Christmas tree in Arwetta Classic on 2,5 mm needles:
Approx. 8 cm wide at bottom.
Christmas tree in Peruvian Highland Wool on 4 mm needles:
Approx. 15 cm wide at bottom.

Gauge

The exact gauge is not important here - but make sure the knitted fabric is quite tightly knit, so the tree holds its shape and the stuffing does not poke through.

Directions for knitting

The tree is worked from the top down and the shape is created by working decreases at the centre of the work as well as at both sides. For every new set of points new stitches are cast on at both sides. First one side of the tree is worked. Then stitches are picked up and knitted along the cast on edge for the other side of the tree, which is worked in the same way as the first side. Finally the 2 sides are sewn together at the sides and bottom edge, and the tree is stuffed before the last little bit is sewn together.

Special techniques and abbreviations

Knitted cast-on: This cast-on is very elastic and which makes it perfect for this pattern:

Make a slip knot. Place the needle with the slip knot in your left hand. Knit 1 stitch through the slip knot, but without lifting it off the left needle. You now have 1 stitch on the left needle and 1 stitch on the right needle. Place the stitch from the right needle onto the left needle while twisting it. There are now 2 sts on the left needle. Continue by knitting new sts in the last stitch on the needle, one at a time, and placing them back onto the left needle twisted until you have the required number of sts.



Edges: Work a chained edge, meaning that the first and last stitch on the needle are slipped on every other row (pay close attention to the pattern, as some of the rows are worked differently from the others).

Sl1, k2tog, pss0: Slip 1 stitch with the yarn held in back, knit 2 sts together, pass slipped stitch over.

Sl1k wyib: Slip 1 stitch knit-wise with the yarn held in back.

Sl1p wyif: Slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front.

Christmas tree - first side

Cast on 19 sts using the knitted cast-on (see notes). Mark the center stitch.

Row 1 (WS): Knit to the last stitch, p1.

Row 2: Sl1k wyib, knit to 1 stitch before the center stitch, sl1, k2tog, pss0 (= new center stitch), knit to the last 2 sts, k2tog.

Row 3: Sl1p wyif, knit to the last 2 sts, k2tog.

Row 4: Sl1p wyif, knit to 1 stitch before the center stitch, sl1, k2tog, pss0 (= new center stitch), knit to the last 2 sts, k2tog.

Row 5: Sl1p wyif, knit to the last 2 sts, k2tog.

Repeat Row 4 and 5 once more.

7 sts on the needle.

Cast on 10 new sts in extension of the sts on the needle using the knitted cast-on.

Row 8 (RS): Knit to 1 stitch before the center stitch, sl1, k2tog, pss0 (= new center stitch), knit to end of row.

Cast on another 10 new sts in extension of the sts on the needle using the knitted cast-on.

25 sts on the needle.

Row 9: Knit to the last stitch, p1.

Row 10: Sl1k wyib, knit to 1 stitch before the center stitch, sl1, k2tog, pss0 (= new center stitch), knit to the last 2 sts, k2tog.

Row 11: Sl1p wyif, knit to the last 2 sts, k2tog.

Row 12: Sl1p wyif, knit to 1 stitch before the center stitch, sl1, k2tog, pss0 (= new center stitch), knit to the last 2 sts, k2tog.

Row 13: Sl1p wyif, knit to the last 2 sts, k2tog.

Repeat Row 12 and 13 once more.

13 sts on the needle.

Cast on 11 new sts in extension of the sts on the needle using the knitted cast-on.

Row 16 (RS): Knit to 1 stitch before the center stitch, sl1, k2tog, pss0 (= new center stitch), knit to end of row.

Cast on another 11 new sts in extension of the sts on the needle using the knitted cast-on.

33 sts on the needle.

Row 17: Knit to the last stitch, p1.

Row 18: Sl1k wyib, knit to 1 stitch before the center stitch, sl1, k2tog, pss0 (= new center stitch), knit to the last 2 sts, k2tog.

Row 19: Sl1p wyif, knit to the last 2 sts, k2tog.

Row 20: Sl1p wyif, knit to 1 stitch before the center stitch, sl1, k2tog, pss0 (= new center stitch), knit to the last 2 sts, k2tog.

Row 21: Sl1p wyif, knit to the last 2 sts, k2tog.

Repeat Row 20 and 21 another 5 times.

5 sts on the needle.

Row 32: Sl2, k3tog, pss0. Break the yarn and pull the end through the last stitch.

Christmas tree - second side

Place the first side of the tree RS up and with the point (the top of the tree) facing upward. Pick up and knit 19 sts along the cast on edge from the RS – 1 stitch in each stitch of the cast-on and make sure that the center stitch is picked up exactly at the center of the row.

Work the second side the same way as the first - starting at Row 1.

Finishing

Sew the sides of the tree together from the RS, as well as most of the bottom. Fill the tree with stuffing before sewing up the last little bit. stykke af kanten sys sammen.