

Knit Christmas Baubles

Using a modification of Elizabeth Zimmerman's pi formula, these small spheres are worked in the round, from the bottom up.



Yarn: less than 20g sock-weight yarn.

Needles: set of 4 US size 2/2.75mm double-pointed needles (DPNs)

Gauge: 15st and 20 rows to 2"/5cm

You'll also need a little bit of polyfill stuffing.

Using two of the DPNs and the figure-8 or other method as desired, cast on 9 stitches (5 stitches on one needle and 4 on the other).

Knit all sts, splitting over 3 needles.

Knit one round even.

Increase round: [M1, K1] around.

Work 3 rounds even, then another increase round. (36st)

Work 6 rounds even, then another increase round. (72st)

Work 12 rounds even, then begin decreases.

Decrease round: [K2tog] around.

Work 6 rounds even, then another decrease round. (36st)

Work 3 rounds even, then stuff bauble with polyfill. Should be nice and plump.

Work another decrease round, then one round even.

Cut yarn and thread through live stitches, pulling to tighten.

Make a loop at top of bauble and secure with yarn end.