

## Simple Knitted Rose & Leaf by Sarah M. Hughes (Ravelry user: shessassy)

This is a very simple pattern for a rose (worked in one piece) and leaf (with optional stem). There are no tricky stitches involved, but it does assume you know how to work i-cord if creating a stemmed leaf.

Use it as knit, felt it, make a brooch, adorn bags and other handcrafted items.



### Materials

*Cleckheaton Country Silk 8ply* in burgundy (shade 7), approx. 6g/12m

*Cleckheaton Country Silk 8ply* in green (shade 5), approx. 3g/6m

4mm straight knitting needles

4mm double-pointed needles (for i-cord stem only)

Yarn/tapestry needle for finishing

### Gauge

Gauge isn't important for this project, and you could easily substitute any 8ply/DK weight yarn.

Adjusting the needle size, or yarn weight will give you a smaller or larger flower. If you want a smaller flower, use finer yarn and needles!

### Abbreviations & Terminology

*CO* – cast on (use your preferred method)

*k* - knit

*p* - purl

*rep.* - repeat instructions in noted row number

*k1fb* – knit into front and back of stitch (increasing one)

*yo* – yarn over or yarn forward

*fol. alt. rows* – following alternate rows

*ssk* – slip, slip, knit the two slipped stitches (decrease)

*st(s)* - stitch(es)

*RS* – right side of fabric

*k2tog* – knit 2 sts together

*p2tog* – purl 2 sts together

*sl.* - slip stitch from left to right needle, purlwise

*psso* – pass the slipped stitch over the stitch just worked

*BO* – bind off/cast off

### Rose Method

CO 10 sts

Row 1 (RS): k to end

Row 2 & foll. alt. rows: p to end

Row 3: k1fb in each stitch (20sts)

Rows 5 & 7: rep. row 3 (80 sts)

Row 9: BO



Twist the knitting into a rose shape, with RS facing, as pictured, or for a more texture flower, with the reverse side facing. Fasten into position using the CO and BO ends. Stitch to leaf, if desired.

### Leaf (with stem) Method

CO 3sts, work i-cord using two double-pointed needles, for 5 cm (or desired length of stem). Increase to 5 sts in last row as follows: k1, yo, k1, yo, k1. Do not BO, but work leaf as follows:

Row 1 (RS): k2, yo, k1, yo, k2 (7sts)

Row 2 & foll. alt. rows: p to end

Row 3: k3, yo, k1, yo, k3

Row 5: k4, yo, k1, yo, k4 (11 sts)

Row 7: ssk, k to last 2 sts, k2tog

Rows 9, 11 & 13: rep. row 7.

Row 14: sl.1, p2tog, pssso (1 st)



Fasten off remaining stitch (thread yarn through end). Thread cast on end through the i-cord stem with darning needle, to add strength, if desired. Weave in any ends, and attach flower.

### Leaf (without stem) Method

If you do not wish to have a stem on the leaf, or want to add more leaves to the stem or flower, these instructions are for you! Make one or more leaves, and then stitch them where you want.

CO 3 sts

Work first row as follows: k1, yo, k1, yo, k1 (5 sts).

Next row: p to end

Now proceed to work leaf as per the **Leaf (with stem) Method** above, beginning at row 1.