

# NEW LEAF

Great  
knit club  
project

Brighten up your home with this cheerful seasonal decoration. **By Sarah Murray.**

Short on time? Just  
make a few of the  
pieces to hang up  
instead!





## YOU WILL NEED

■ Yarn Stories, Fine Merino DK (100% wool, 50g/120m)

1 ball of each:

Yarn A Raspberry

Yarn B Spring Green

Yarn C Primrose

Yarn D Duck Egg

Yarn E Cream

■ A pair of 3mm needles

■ A pair of 3¼mm needles

■ A 3.5mm crochet hook

■ Stuffing

■ Oddments of black, pink and orange yarn

■ Hanging ribbon

■ Wreath, approx 30cm in diameter

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## TENSION

Yarn used knits as DK to this tension: 23½ sts and 33 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3¼mm needles

## ABBREVIATIONS

You'll find our standard knitting abbreviations in this pattern.

Wreaths aren't just for the festive season! We love this Easter version, which features eggs, chicks, bunnies and pretty spring foliage. There are lots of pieces to make, some knitted and some crocheted, but they're all small and portable so you'll find you make really quick progress.



## K BASIC EGG SHAPE (MAKE 3 IN EACH OF YARNS A, C, D & E)

Cast on 5 sts using 3¼mm needles.

Row 1 Purl.

Row 2 (RS) Inc knitwise in every st.

[10 sts]

Row 3 and every alt row Purl.

Row 4 \*Inc in next st, K1; rep from \* to end of row. [15 sts]

Row 6 \*Inc in next st, K2; rep from \* to end of row. [20 sts]

Row 8 \*Inc in next st, K3; rep from \* to end of row. [25 sts]

Row 10 \*Inc in next st, K4; rep from \* to end of row. [30 sts]

Work 7 rows in st st.

Row 18 \*K2tog, K4; rep from \* to end of row. [25 sts]

Work 3 rows in st st.

Row 22 \*K2tog, K3; rep from \* to end of row. [20 sts]

Work 3 rows in st st.

Row 26 \*K2tog, K2; rep from \* to end of row. [15 sts]

Row 27 Purl.

Row 28 \*K2tog, K1; rep from \* to end of row. [10 sts]

Row 29 \*K2tog; rep from \* to end of row. [5 sts]

Break yarn, thread through rem 5 sts and use length of yarn to join seam, stuffing before you close the seam completely.

## CHICK WINGS (MAKE 2 FOR EACH CHICK)

Cast on 5 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn C.

Row 1 Knit.

Rep row 1 a further 7 times.

Row 9 Skpo, K1, k2tog. [3 sts]

Row 10 Knit.

Cast off.

## RABBIT EARS (MAKE 2 FOR EACH RABBIT)

Cast on 5 sts using 3¼mm needles and Yarn E.

Row 1 Knit.

Rep row 1 a further 15 times.

Row 17 Skpo, K1, k2tog. [3 sts]

Row 18 Knit.

Cast off.

## BUNNY POMPOM TAIL (MAKE 1 FOR EACH RABBIT)

Cast on 3 sts using 3¼mm needles.

Row 1 Purl.

Row 2 Inc knitwise in every st. [6 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 Inc knitwise in every st. [12 sts]

Row 5 Purl.

Row 6 \*K2tog; rep from \* to end of row. [6 sts]

Row 7 Purl.

Row 8 \*K2tog; rep from \* to end of row. [3 sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem 3 sts. Sew up seam, using the tail of the cast on as stuffing.

## FLOWER (MAKE 11 IN EACH OF YARNS A, C, & D)

Using 3.5mm crochet hook ch5 and join into ring with sl st.

Round 1 1ch, 15dc into ring.

Round 2 \*3ch, tr2tog over next 2 dc, 3ch, sl st into next dc; rep from \* to end of round.

Fasten off.

## LEAF (MAKE 18 IN YARN B)

Leaf is worked in a spiral around a central 'vein' of 15 ch.

Using 3.5mm crochet hook and Yarn B ch3 and join with sl st into 1st ch. (This will form the stem of the leaf).

Ch15.

Starting at 2nd dc from hook, work into each of next 14 ch as follows: \*1dc, 1htr, 3tr, 4dtr, 3tr, 1htr, 1dc; passing working yarn under stem, rep from \* once more along opposite side of the 15 ch 'vein'. Join with a sl st to top of leaf and fasten off.

## TO MAKE UP

Sew wings onto Yarn C eggs, and embroider two eyes and a beak using picture as a guide. Sew ears onto Yarn E eggs and embroider two eyes and a nose using picture as a guide. Sew pompom tail onto back of rabbit. Attach pieces on to wreath with plain headed, long pins using picture as a guide.