Flora Bunting

Inside or out – pretty bunting to decorate your home or garden

Materials

Double knitting yarn - StyleCraft Life DK Shades 2356 Zing, 2357 Aqua, 2358 Clover
Tension 22 stitches and 30 rows over 10cm x 10cm
4mm knitting needles
Large darning/sewing needle for making up

Instructions

Pennant

Finished size approximately 16cm across, drop 18cm when pressed

Cast on 39 stitches
Rows 1-3   Knit all stitches

Row 4   Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1, Purl 31, Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1
Row 5   Purl all (37) stitches
Row 6   Knit 3, Purl 31, Knit 3

Row 7   Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1, Knit 29, Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1
Row 8   Knit 3, Purl 29, Knit 3
Row 9   Knit all (35) stitches

Row 10   Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1, Purl 27, Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1
Row 11   Knit all (27) stitches
Row 12   Knit 3, Purl 27, Knit 3

Row 13	Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1, Knit 25, Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1
Row 14	Knit 3, Purl 25, Knit 3
Row 15	Knit all (31) stitches
Row 16	Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1, Purl 23, Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1
Row 17	Knit all (29) stitches
Row 18	Knit 3, Purl 23, Knit 3
Row 19	Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1, Knit 21, Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1
Row 20	Knit 3, Purl 21, Knit 3
Row 21	Knit all (27) stitches
Row 22	Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1, Purl 19, Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1
Row 23	Knit all (25) stitches
Row 24	Knit 3, Purl 19, Knit 3
Row 25	Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1, Knit 17, Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1
Row 26	Knit 3, Purl 17, Knit 3
Row 27	Knit all (23) stitches
Row 28	Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1, Purl 15, Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1
Row 29	Knit all (21) stitches
Row 30	Knit 3, Purl 15, Knit 3
Row 31	Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1, Knit 13, Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1
Row 32	Knit 3, Purl 13, Knit 3
Row 33	Knit all (19) stitches
Row 34	Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1, Purl 11, Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1
Row 35	Knit all (17) stitches
Row 36	Knit 3, Purl 11, Knit 3
Row 37	Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1, Knit 9, Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1
Row 38	Knit 3, Purl 9, Knit 3
Row 39	Knit all (15) stitches
Row 40	Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1, Purl 7, Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1

| Row 41 | Knit all (13) stitches |
| Row 42 | Knit 3, Purl 7, Knit 3 |

Row 43	Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1, Knit 5, Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1
Row 44	Knit 3, Purl 5, Knit 3
Row 45	Knit all (11) stitches

Row 46	Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1, Purl 3, Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1
Row 47	Knit all (9) stitches
Row 48	Knit 3, Purl 3, Knit 3

Row 49	Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1, Knit 1, Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1
Row 50	Knit 3, Purl 1, Knit 3
Row 51	Knit all (7) stitches

| Row 52 | Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit 1 (5 stitches) |
| Row 53 | Knit 2 together, Knit 1, Knit 2 together (3 stitches) |

Cast off

Flower

Finished size approximately 10cm diameter when pressed

Petal

Cast on 3 stitches

Row 1	Increase 1 stitch (knit forward and backward into the stitch), Knit 1, Inc 1 (5 stitches)
Row 2	Purl all stitches
Row 3	Increase 1 stitch (knit forward and backward into the stitch), Knit 3, Inc 1 (7 stitches)
Row 4	Purl all stitches
Row 5	Increase 1 stitch (knit forward and backward into the stitch), Knit 5, Inc 1 (9 stitches)
Row 6	Purl all stitches
Row 7	Increase 1 stitch (knit forward and backward into the stitch), Knit 7, Inc 1 (11 stitches)
Row 8	Purl all stitches

Cut the yarn and slip the petal onto a spare needle

Knit four more petals as above

Slip all five petals onto one needle with right sides facing

Row 9   Knit 1 row, fastening in loose ends as you go
Row 10   Purl 2 together, repeat to last 1 stitch, Purl 1 (28 stitches)
Row 11   Change yarn colour for flower centre
           Knit 2 together, repeat to end (14 stitches)
Row 12   Purl all stitches
Row 13   Knit 2 together to end (7 stitches)
Row 14   Purl all stitches
Row 15   Knit 2 together, repeat to last 1 stitch, knit 1 (4 stitches)

Cut approximately 30cm of yarn and thread onto a large needle and slip through remaining stitches. Pull tight and secure. Sew edges to form a flower shape.

Cord

Cast on three stitches and knit all rows until cord measures 2m (or desired length). Cast off.

Making Up

Sew in all loose ends
Press lightly if necessary - following instructions on yarn ball bands
Attach the flowers to the pennants - a couple of stitches in the centre and at the ends of each petal should hold them fast
Using a darning needle and the yarn in the pennant colour sew the flags to the cord (pictured bunting is spaced at 20cm). Leave sufficient cord at either end for tying up

Ideas and Inspirations

- ❖ This pattern will adapt to any type of yarn – just match your needles to the weight of yarn (needle size required is usually stated on the ball band)

- ❖ Decorate the flags with embroidery stitches, beads or buttons instead of the knitted flowers

- ❖ Applique names or words (Happy Birthday, Congratulations..) onto the flags

- ❖ Add beads or tassels to the ends of the flags

- ❖ Knit in your team or corporate colours

- ❖ Change the yarn colour at intervals to make striped pennants

- ❖ Use ribbon, fabric or tape instead of knitting the cord