

# Frankie's Knitted Stuff

## Feathers

This is a fun little pattern for some knitted feathers. They're quick to knit and can be used as decorations or bookmarks ... if you can stop the cat playing with them that is.

Depending on the yarn used, the finished feathers will be between 9 and 14 cm long (3½ - 5½").



Feather	Yarn	Needles	Length
Small	4 ply	2.75 mm	9 cm / 3½"
Small	DK	3.25 mm	11.5 cm / 4½"
Big	4 ply	2.75 mm	11.5 cm / 4½"
Big	DK	3.25 mm	14 cm / 5½"

The 4 ply yarn I used had about 400 m in 100 g and the DK 300 m. You will need double pointed needles as the stem of the feather is worked in I cord; the rest is worked back and forth in garter stitch.

### Small Feather

Using the long tail method, cast on two stitches.  
Work eight rows in I cord for the stem.

The main part of the feather is shaped in three sections, each one making it a little wider. Use the cable method when casting on stitches.

## Section 1

Row 1: Cast on 4, K5, m1, K1 (7 sts).

Row 2: Cast on 4, K5, P1, K5 (11 sts).

Row 3: Kf&b, K3, S2KP2, K4 (10 sts).

Row 4: Kf&b, K3, P1, K5 (11 sts).

Repeat Rows 3 & 4 three more times. There will be five garter stitch ridges.

## Section 2

Row 1: Kf&b, K to end (12 sts).

Row 2: Kf&b, K4, P1, K6 (13 sts).

Row 3: Kf&b, K4, S2KP2, K5 (12 sts).

Row 4: Kf&b, K4, P1, K6 (13 sts).

Repeat Rows 3 & 4 three more times. There will now be 10 ridges.

## Section 3

Row 1: Kf&b, K to end (14 sts).

Row 2: Kf&b, K5, P1, K7 (15 sts).

Row 3: Kf&b, K5, S2KP2, K6 (14 sts).

Row 4: Kf&b, K5, P1 K7 (15 sts).

Repeat Rows 3 & 4 three more times. You will have knitted 15 ridges.

## Shaping the Top

Row 1: K6, S2KP2, K6 (13 sts).

Row 2: K6, P1, K6.

- Row 3: Kf&b, K4, S2KP2, K5 (12 sts).  
Row 4: Kf&b, K4, P1, K6 (13 sts).  
Row 5: K5, S2KP2, K5 (11 sts).  
Row 6: K5, P1, K5.  
Row 7: SSK, K2, S2KP2, K2, K2tog (7 sts).  
Row 8: K3, P1, K3.  
Row 9: SSK, S2KP2, K2tog (3 sts).

Cast off with the double decrease cast off:

Slip one stitch knitwise, knit two stitches together, pass the slipped stitch over and fasten off.

This picture shows small feathers knitted with DK and 4 ply variegated yarns.



### **Big Feather**

Work to the end of Section 3 of the small feather pattern.

#### **Section 4**

- Row 1: Kf&b, K to end (16 sts).  
Row 2: Kf&b, K6, P1, K8 (17 sts).  
Row 3: Kf&b, K6, S2KP2, K7 (16 sts).  
Row 4: Kf&b, K6, P1, K8 (17 sts).

Repeat Rows 3 & 4 three more times. There will be 20 ridges.

#### **Shaping the Top**

- Row 1: K7, S2KP2, K7 (15 sts).  
Row 2: K7, P1, K7.  
Row 3: Kf&b, K5, S2KP2, K6 (14 sts).

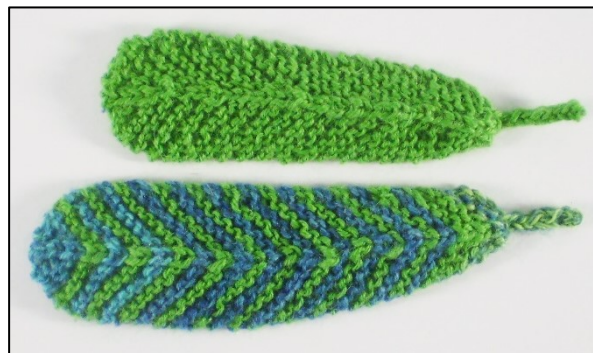
- Row 4: Kf&b, K5, P1, K7 (15 sts).  
Row 5: K6, S2KP2, K6 (13 sts).  
Row 6: K6, P1, K6.  
Row 7: SSK, K3, S2KP2, K3, K2tog (9 sts).  
Row 8: K4, P1, K4.  
Row 9: K3, S2KP2, K3 (7 sts).  
Row 10: K3, P1, K3.  
Row 11: SSK, S2KP2, K2tog (3 sts).

Cast off with the double decrease cast off as before.

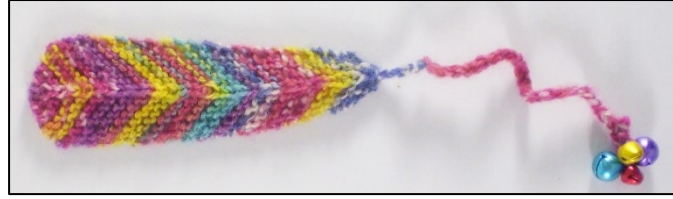


Both sizes of feather, DK on the left and 4 ply on the right.

As well as using plain or variegated yarn, you can also play around with stripes.



Or you can add a long tail of I cord and some beads or bells to make a bookmark. You can also stiffen the feathers with starch.

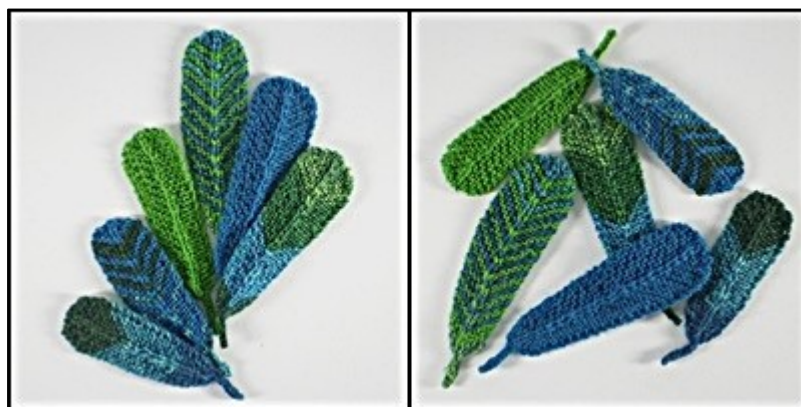


## Abbreviations

st / sts	stitch / stitches
K	knit
P	purl
m1	make 1 by lifting the thread before the next stitch and knitting into the back of it
kf&b	knit into the front and back of the stitch
S2KP2	slip two stitches as if to knit them together, knit one stitch and pass slipped stitches over (two stitches decreased)

## I cord

Knit every row but don't turn the work at the end of rows, just pull the yarn round from behind the stitches and carry on.



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