



# Geberas



The gerbera daisy is another flower that comes in hundreds of different colour combinations. No matter what colours of yarn you have lying around there's probably a gerbera to match, so go wild!

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### You will need:

double knit in green and 3 x flower colours • covered wire • gummed tape • toy stuffing  
4 x double ended knitting needles (2.75mm) • crochet hook (2.75mm) • tapestry needle  
scissors • wire cutters

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### Pattern (Petals):

Using the colour you have chosen for you petals tie a slip knot and place it on the crochet hook.

- Cast on 11sts using bind-off cast-on method (aka crochet cast-on or crochet picot cast-on)
- k8, yfwd, sl1, turn
- yfwd, sl1, p7, turn
- k5, yfwd, sl1, turn
- yfwd, sl1, p6
- cast off 10sts
- transfer the final stitch to a crochet hook

Repeat the bullet points until there are 32 petals then cut the yarn and thread it through the remaining stitch.

### Pattern (Centre):

The centre of the flower has an outer colour (OC) and an inner colour (IC).

Cast on 24sts in OC and join into the round.

Round 1: k –

Round 2: [k2togtbl, k1] x 8 (16)

Change to IC.

Round 3: p –

Round 4: k –

Round 5: [k2togtbl, k2] x 4 (12)

Round 6: [k1, k2togtbl] x 4 (8)

Thread yarn through remaining sts and pull tight.

## Pattern (Stalk):

Cast on 5sts in green and I-cord between 16 and 20cm.

Separate the 5 stitches onto 3 needles.

Round 1: kfb x 5 (10)

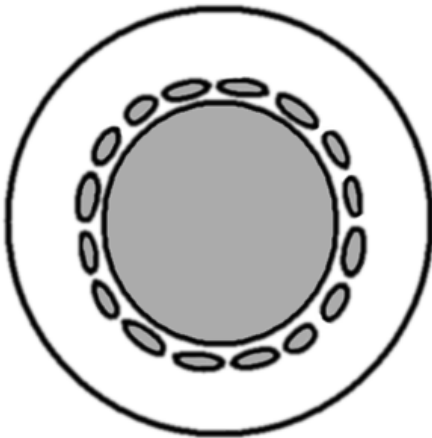
Round 2: k –

Round 3: [kfb, k1] x 5 (15)

Rounds 4-5: k –

Cast on 2 sts then cast off 3. Repeat until no stitches remain.

## Making Up:



The diagram to the left shows the reverse side of the flower's centre. Sew one petal to each of the 16sts at the colour change boundary. This leaves a further 16 petals unattached. Sew these to the centre in a second layer of petals on top of the first.

Cut a piece of wire the same length as the stem and cover each end with the gummed tape. Insert this into the i-cord stem. Attach the cast-off end of the stalk to the back of the petals inserting a little toy stuffing to keep the join firm.

Sew in any remaining loose ends.

## Notes:

### Abbreviations

[ ] x number	Repeat the section in square brackets the required number of times.
(number)	Gives the total number of stitches you should have on needle by the end of the row.
k number	Knit this number of stitches
k –	Knit every stitch to the end of the row.
kfb	Knit into the front and then the back of a single stitch (+1 stitch).
k2togtbl	Knit the next two stitches together through the back of the loop (-1 stitch).
p –	Purl every stitch to the end of the row.
p number	Purl this number of stitches.
sl1	Slip the next stitch purl wise.
sts	Stitches.
yfwd	Bring the yarn to the front of the knitting (+1 stitch if followed by a knit).

### Needle/Yarn Size

As with most ODDknit patterns the yarn and needle sizes in the "you will need" section are just a guide. Feel free to improvise with whatever needles and yarn you have lying around - that's half the fun!