

Sweet treat Christmas pudding

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Our family has a Christmas tradition of providing a small gift at the dinner

table for each person. It's usually chocolates, or a little inexpensive stocking filler. What is important is how it is presented. Each year we make something with a hidden compartment. This is my offering this year - a Christmas pudding; but if you lift up the sauce the secret stash of sweets is revealed.

Techniques:

Increasing, decreasing, knit through the back loop, short rows, duplicate stitch, cable or knitted cast-on, seaming.

Measurements:

To fit a ramekin approximately 7 cm / 3 inches diameter and 4 cm / 1.5 inches deep.

Materials:

Yarn

Stylecraft Special DK (100% acrylic; 295 metres / 322 yards per 100 gram ball);

Oddments in red, green, cream, brown, black. I used the following Stylecraft colours: lipstick, cypress, parchment, walnut and black.

Needles

1 set 3.5mm/US4 needles,

Notions

Ramekin, approximately 7 cm / 3 inches diameter and 4 cm / 1.5 inches deep. This is re-usable as the Christmas pudding wrap can be easily removed.

Tapestry needle.

Tension:

22 stitches and 32 rows to 10 cm / 4 inches in stocking stitch.

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Pattern Notes:

The Christmas pudding creates a loose wrap that can easily be added and removed to any ramekin. I used an empty Gü pot for mine, and

thoroughly recommend this if available where you are!

Yarn Choice

A quick and cheerful knit, the best yarn to use is something from your stash.

Techniques

Full instructions for working a duplicate stitch can be found on [my website](#).

You will need to cast on in the middle of the row when making the leaves. I used a cable cast-on but please choose your favourite method.

Abbreviations and stitches:

Knit,

Knit 2 together: knit 2 stitches together,

Knit front back: knit in front and back of same stitch,
Knit back loop: knit stitch through the back loop,
Knit yo knit: knit, yarn over, knit all in the same stitch,
Purl,
Purl 2 together: purl 2 stitches together,
Slip slip knit: slip 2 stitches knitwise, knit these 2 stitches together through back loops.

Pattern Starts:

pudding

Using brown / walnut, cast on 26 stitches.

Row 1 wrong side: Purl 1, knit to last stitch, purl 1.

Row 2 right side: Knit 1, *knit 2, knit front back; repeat from * to last stitch, knit 1. 34 stitches

Row 3 and every odd row: Purl.

Row 4: Knit 1, *knit 3, knit front back; repeat from * to last stitch, knit 1. 42 stitches

Row 6: Knit 1, *knit 4, knit front back; repeat from * to last stitch, knit 1. 50 stitches

Row 8: Knit 1, *knit 5, knit front back; repeat from * to last stitch, knit 1. 58 stitches

Row 9: Purl

Starting with a knit row, work 12 rows in stocking stitch: knit on right side rows and purl on wrong side rows.

Row 22: Knit 1, *knit 5, knit 2 together; repeat from * to last stitch, knit 1. 50 stitches.

Row 23: Purl.

Row 24: Knit 1, *knit 2, purl 2; repeat from * to last stitch, knit 1.

Row 25: Purl 1, *knit 2, purl 2; repeat from * to last stitch, purl 1.

Repeat rows 22 and 23 twice more.
Cast off in pattern.

Seam rows together to create tube.
Weave in ends. Using black, and duplicate stitch, embroider the currants randomly across the pudding.

Sauce

Using cream / parchment, cast on 10 stitches.

Row 1 right side: Knit 1, knit front back to last stitch, knit 1. 18 stitches

Row 2 and every even, wrong side row: Purl.

Row 3: Knit 1, *knit 1, knit front back; repeat from * to last stitch, knit 1. 26 stitches

Row 5: Knit 1, *knit 2, knit front back; repeat from * to last stitch, k1. 34 stitches

Row 7: K1, *knit 3, knit front back; repeat from * to last stitch, knit 1.

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Row 9: Knit 1, *knit 4, knit front back; repeat from * to last stitch, knit 1. 50 stitches

Row 11: Knit 1, *knit 5, knit front back; repeat from * to last stitch, knit 1. 58 stitches

Row 13: Knit.

Row 14: Purl.

Saucy drips

Row 1: Cast off 1 stitch, knit 7, turn without wrapping.

Working on these 8 stitches only.

Row 2 and every even row: Purl.

Row 3: Knit 1, slip slip knit, knit 2, knit 2 together, knit 1. 6 stitches

Row 5: Knit 1, slip slip knit, knit 2 together, knit 1. 4 stitches

Row 7: Knit 1, knit 2 together, knit 1. 3 stitches

Row 8: Purl.

Cast off. Break yarn, then rejoin to remaining stitches.

Row 1: Knit 14, turn.

Working on these 14 stitches only.

Row 2 and every even row: Purl.

Row 3: Cast off 3 stitches, knit 7, knit 2 together, knit 1. 10 stitches

Row 5: Knit 1, slip slip knit, knit 4, knit 2 together, knit 1. 8 stitches

Row 7: Cast off 2 stitches, knit 5. 6 stitches

Row 8: Knit 1, slip slip knit, knit 2 together, knit 1. 4 stitches

Row 10: Knit

Row 12: Cast off 2 stitches, knit 1. 2 stitches

Row 14: Cast off 2 stitches. Break yarn, then rejoin to remaining stitches.

Row 1: Knit 10, turn.

Working on these 10 stitches only.

Row 2 and every even row: Purl.

Row 3: Knit 1, slip slip knit, knit 4, knit 2 together, knit 1. 8 stitches

Row 5: Knit 1, slip slip knit, knit 2, knit 2 together, knit 1. 6 stitches

Row 7: Knit 1, slip slip knit, knit 2 together, knit 1. 4 stitches

Row 9: Knit 1, knit 2 together, knit 1. 3 stitches

Cast off in purl. Break yarn, then rejoin to remaining stitches.

Row 1: Knit 11, turn.

Working on these 11 stitches only.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: Knit 8, knit 2 together, knit 1. 10 stitches

Row 4: Purl 1, purl 2 together, purl 7. 9 stitches

Row 5: Knit 6, knit 2 together, knit 1. 8 stitches

Row 6: Purl 1, purl 2 together, purl 5. 7 stitches

Row 7: Knit 4, knit 2 together, knit 1. 6 stitches

Row 8: Purl 1, purl 2 together, purl 3. 5 stitches

Row 9: Knit 2, knit 2 together, knit 1. 4 stitches

Row 10: Purl 1, purl 2 together, purl 1. 3 stitches

Cast off. Break yarn then rejoin to remaining stitches.

Row 1: Knit to end. 14 stitches

Row 2: Cast off 1 stitch, purl 12. 13 stitches

Row 3: Knit 1, slip slip knit, knit 7, knit 2 together, knit 1. 11 stitches

Row 4 and every even row: Purl.

Row 5: Knit 1, slip slip knit, knit 5, knit 2 together, knit 1. 9 stitches

Row 7: Cast off 3 stitches, knit 2, knit 2 together, knit 1. 5 stitches

Row 9: Slip slip knit, knit 1, knit 2 together. 3 stitches

Cast off.

Seam to join into a circle. Weave in ends.

Berry

Make 3 alike

Using red / lipstick, cast on 10 stitches.

Cast off.

Roll up and sew closed. Weave in ends.

Leaf

Make 2 alike

Using green / cypress, cast on 27 stitches.

Row 1 right side: Knit 2 together twice, knit 8, knit yo knit, knit 1, knit yo knit, knit 8, knit 2 together twice. 27 stitches

Row 2 wrong side: Knit 1, knit 2 together, knit 8, knit back loop, knit 3, knit back loop, knit 8, knit 2 together, knit 1. 25 stitches

Row 3: Cast off 4 stitches, *slip last stitch back to holding needle, cast on 2 stitches, cast off 6 stitches; repeat from * to end.

Seam cast-on edge together. Weave in ends.

Finishing:

Place sauce on top of the cast-off edge of the pudding. Choosing one of the larger drips, sew into place along the bottom third of the drip. This will form the hinge which allows you to lift the sauce from the pudding. Sew the two holly leaves and three berries to the top of the sauce. Gently pull the pudding over the ramekin. It is now ready to fill with your favourite treats.

Links

<https://bramblesandbindweed.com/duplicate-stitch/>

<https://www.gupuds.com/>