



Yummy Scrummy Cupcakes

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A great way to use up left over yarn and make a cute decorative touch when displayed in your home.

Pattern Notes

A full pattern including clearly written instructions, stitch abbreviations and helpful tips.

Skill Level

Intermediate

There is a little fiddly bit where you have to pick up stitches to get the 'cake inside of the case' look, but as this was exactly what I wanted and couldn't find on other patterns, I felt it was well worth the extra effort! (Hopefully you will agree!)

Yarn

Some small amounts of suitable colour yarn for case, cake and icing. I used dk yarn, but anything will do, your cupcake will just be slightly bigger, or smaller

Needles

Double pointed needles

(I used 4 size 4mm/UK 8/US6 dpns, but substitute for an appropriate size for your yarn if necessary)

Materials

Yarn Needle

Cardboard (for cake base)

Stuffing

Size

Approximately 8cm (3.5") high

Abbreviations

k - knit

p - purl

kfb - knit into the front of the stitch as normal and then the back of the stitch to make an increase.

m1 - make one by pulling up the stitch below and knitting into it.

p2tog - Purl the next two stitches together as one.

Working This Pattern

A word on stuffing!

The stuffing can make a big difference to the finished cake, so take your time to get it looking right before you sew them up. I normally fill the base first reasonably firmly. Then start filling in the top, starting with the icing edges and finishing with the middle, stuffing the top a little looser so the cake looks more natural.

Cupcake

Using dk yarn this should make a real life cupcake/muffin sized cake.

CAKE BASE

With cake case colour, and leaving a length of yarn to sew up bottom of case, cast on 12 sts onto dpns (4 on each needle)

Row 1: k row (and next 3 odd rows)

Row 2 (k1, kfb) repeat to end - 18 sts (6 on each needle)

Row 4 (k1, kfb) repeat to end - 27 sts (9 on each needle)

Row 6 (k2, kfb) repeat to end - 36 sts (12 on each needle)

Rows 8-15 (k1, p1) repeat to end

Row 16 (kfb, p1) repeat to end - 54 sts (18 on each needle)

Row 17 & 18 (k2, p1) repeat to end

Row 19 cast off, keeping stitch pattern (k2, p1) correct

Sew in the cast of end and using yarn left from casting on, catch up a few stitches from around the hole at the bottom and draw up tight to close the hole.

Turn the whole case inside out so that the purl (bumpy) side of the bottom is now facing out (This makes the cake sit nicely and also shows the cake ribbing off nicely.)

CAKE

With cake colour, pick up 45 stitches (15 on each needle) evenly around inside of case

Row 1 & 2 k to end

ICING

Change to icing colour

Row 3 (k4, m1) repeat this twice more, k3 (repeat instructions for next two needles) - 54 sts (18 on each needle)

Row 4-6 p to end

Row 7 (p4, p2tog) repeat to end - 45 sts (15 on each needle)

Row 8 & 9 p to end

Row 10 (p3, p2tog) repeat to end - 36 sts (12 on each needle)

Row 11 & 12 p to end

Row 13 (p1, p2tog) repeat to end - 24 sts (8 on each needle)

Row 14 & 15 p to end

Cut out a cardboard circle base to go in the bottom of the cake and stuff

Row 16 p2tog across - 12 sts (4 on each needle)

Row 17 & 18 p to end

MAKING UP

Add any extra stuffing required, cut yarn leaving a length long enough to sew up, remove knitting needles and using a yarn needle, thread end of yarn through remaining stitches and pull tight.

Add lovely buttons, sparkles and flowers as you see fit to make your cupcake look stunning!

Mini Cup cakes

This is made in exactly the same way as the cupcakes but I liked this little mini size too. I used mine as a pincushion.

CAKE BASE

With cake case colour, and leaving a length of yarn to sew up bottom of case, cast on 12 sts onto dpns (4 on each needle)

Row 1 k row (and next 2 odd rows)

Row 2 (k1, kfb) repeat to end - 18 sts (6 on each needle)

Row 4 (k2, kfb) repeat to end - 24 sts (8 on each needle)

Rows 6-9 (k1, p1) repeat to end

Row 10 (kfb, p1) repeat to end - 36 sts (12 on each needle)

Row 11 & 12 (k2, p1) repeat to end

Row 13 cast off, keeping stitch pattern (k2, p1) correct

Sew in the cast of end and using yarn left from casting on, catch up a few stitches from around the hole at the bottom and draw up tight to close the hole.

Turn the whole case inside out so that the purl (bumpy) side of the bottom is now facing out (This makes the cake sit nicely and also shows the cake ribbing off nicely.)

CAKE

With cake colour, pick up 30 stitches (10 on each needle) evenly around inside of case

Row 1 k to end

ICING

Change to icing colour

Row 3 (k4, m1, k3, m1, k3) repeat this twice more - 36 sts (12 on each needle)

Row 4-6 p to end

Row 7 (p2, p2tog) repeat to end - 27 sts (9 on each needle)

Row 8 & 9 p to end

Row 10 (p1, p2tog) repeat to end - 18 sts (6 on each needle)

Row 11 & 12 p to end

Cut out a cardboard circle base to go in the bottom of the cake and stuff

Row 13 p2tog across - 9 sts (3 on each needle)

Row 14 p to end

MAKING UP

Add any extra stuffing required, cut yarn leaving a length long enough to sew up, remove knitting needles and using a yarn needle, thread end of yarn through remaining stitches and pull tight.