

Pattern for Knitted Christmas Trees (to make bunting)

I have found it best to use stocking stitch and thicker yarn as this gives a more 'robust' end product which doesn't curl. It is also quick and easy to knit and can be easily varied with stripes or by changing the texture of the yarn. I use 6mm needles and either chunky yarn or 2 strands of double knit.

Cast on 1 stitch (leave a tail of yarn to fasten the tree to the bunting)

Row 1 Knit 2 stitches into original stitch

Row 2 Knit 1, knit 2 stitches into second stitch (3 stitches)

Rows 3 & 4 Knit

Row 5 Knit 2 stitches into first stitch, knit 1, knit 2 stitches into last stitch (5 stitches)

Rows 6 – 8 Knit

Row 9 Knit 2 stitches into first stitch, knit 3, knit 2 stitches into last stitch (7 stitches)

Rows 10 – 13 Knit

Row 14 Knit 2 stitches into first stitch, knit 5, knit 2 stitches into last stitch (9 stitches)

Rows 15 – 18 Knit

Row 19 Knit 2 stitches into first stitch, knit 7, knit 2 stitches into last stitch (11 stitches)

Rows 20 – 23 Knit

Row 24 Knit 2 stitches into first stitch, knit 9, knit 2 stitches into last stitch (13 stitches)

Knit 4 more rows

Row 29 Cast off 5 Stitches, knit 2 more stitches (leaving 3 stitches on your right needle to make the trunk), cast off remaining 5 stitches

Re-join yarn (a contrasting colour if possible) to remaining 3 stitches and knit 4 rows to form the trunk.

Cast off and tie in yarn end leaving the yarn at the top.

You can crochet a chain to hang the trees from or use ribbon, rope or fabric. Just make sure it will not sag if the bunting gets wet! I like to hang a variety of Christmas trees from the bunting so feel free to alter the size by knitting more or less rows and adjusting the gap between increases up to 4 or 5 rows or down to 3.