



Trillium Flower

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Supplies:

- Fingering weight yarn (You can use a different weight, but you will get different size finished items.)
- Four size 0 double-pointed needles or a size appropriate for the yarn
- Stitch marker
- Scissors
- Spare needle or stitch holder
- Tapestry needle
- Stuffing

Gauge: Gauge is not super important for this project, just keep in mind the bigger the stitch, the bigger the finished item. Also, a tighter stitch will look better than a loose one. My gauge was 10 stitches per inch.

Size: My small flower is about 1.25 inches wide (this is with the petals curved) and the larger is about 1.75. You can make the leaves any length you chose, but mine are about 2.25" long and .5" at their widest. (Of course, this sizing depends on the yarn you use and what gauge you knit.)

Abbreviations:

- K – knit
- P – purl
- Ssk – slip, slip, knit
- K2tog – knit 2 stitches together
- P2tog – purl 2 stitches together
- Kfb – knit into the same stitch through the front and the back
- Pfb – purl into the small stitch through the front and back

Small Flower:

Cast on 6 stitches. Divide between 3 needles. Join together to knit in the round placing a stitch marker between the first and last stitch to mark rows.

Row 1: k3, p3

Row 2: kfb, k1, kfb, pfb, p1, pfb (10 stitches)

Row 3: k5, p5

Row 4: kfb k3, kfb, pfb, p3, pfb (14 stitches)

Row 5 - 8: k7, p7

Row 9: Put the 7 knit stitches on one needle and the 7 purl stitches on another. Hold with knit side facing you. Knit the first stitch on both needles together. Do this to each set of stitches until you are left with 7 stitches. Cut leaving a 5" tail. Set aside on a spare needle or stitch holder.



Make 2 more petals the same way, but do not cut the yarn on the last petal. Put each petal on a needle with the knit side facing up. Place a stitch marker next to the attached yarn to mark rows. You will now be knitting in the round to join the petals.

Row 10: k (21 stitches)

Row 11: ssk, k3, k2tog, ssk, k3, k2tog, ssk, k3, k2tog (15 stitches)

Row 12: k

Row 13: ssk, k1, k2tog, ssk, k1, k2tog, ssk, k1, k2tog (9 stitches)

Row 14: k

Cut yarn leaving a tail. Place tail on a tapestry needle and thread tail through the stitches on the needles. Pull tight to close hole. Weave in ends. The purl side is the front of your flower, the petals will naturally curve towards the knit side and the center will pull in.

Make 3-stitch i-cords for center of the flower and sew into place.

Large Flower:

Cast on 6 stitches. Divide between 3 needles. Join together to knit in the round placing a stitch marker between the first and last stitch to mark rows.

Row 1: k3, p3

Row 2: kfb, k1, kfb, pfb, p1, pfb (10 stitches)

Row 3: k5, p5

Row 4: kfb, k3, kfb, pfb, p3, pfb (14 stitches)

Row 5 - 6: k7, p7

Row 7: kfb, k5, kfb, pfb, p5, pfb (18 stitches)

Row 8 - 11: k9, p9

Row 12: kfb k7, kfb, pfb, p7, pfb (22 stitches)

Row 13: Put the 11 knit stitches on one needle and the 11 purl stitches on another. Hold with knit side facing you. Knit the first stitch on both needles together. Do this to each set of stitches until you are left with 11 stitches. Cut leaving a 5" tail. Set aside on a spare needle or stitch holder.

Make 2 more petals the same way, but do not cut the yarn on the last petal. Put each petal on a needle with the knit side facing up. Place a stitch marker next to the attached yarn to mark rows. You will now be knitting in the round to join the petals

Row 14: k (33 stitches)

Row 15: ssk, k7, k2tog, ssk, k7, k2tog, ssk, k7, k2tog (27 stitches)

Row 16: k

Row 17: ssk, k5, k2tog, ssk, k5, k2tog, ssk, k5, k2tog (21 stitches)

Row 18: k

Row 19: ssk, k3, k2tog, ssk, k3, k2tog, ssk, k3, k2tog (15 stitches)

Row 20: ssk, k1, k2tog, ssk, k1, k2tog, ssk, k1, k2tog (9 stitches)

Cut yarn leaving a tail. Place tail on a tapestry needle and thread tail through the stitches on the needles. Pull tight to close hole. Weave in ends.

Make 4 stitch i-cords for the center of the flower and sew in place.

Leaf

Cast on 6 stitches. Divide between 3 needles. Join together to knit in the round placing a stitch marker between the first and last stitch to mark rows.

Row 1 - 2: k3, p3

Row 3: kfb, k1, kfb, pfb, p1, pfb (10 stitches) (for a even neater look do make ones left and right instead of knitting front and back)

Row 4 - 13: k5, p5

Row 14: kfb, k3, kfb, pfb, p3, pfb (14 stitches)

Row 15 – 26 (or desired length): k7, p7

Bind off. Weave in ends.

For the purpose of the garden the flowers were just glued to the wider end of the leaves. You can also sew them together.

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