

# Broccoli



**Part II in my quest to outfit my niece's toy kitchen in yarny food.**

**Sizes:** One

**Finished Measurements:** 7" with pom-poms attached

**Materials:**

Plymouth Yarn Encore DK (color 204, dark green; color 3335, lime green)

Set of 4 US3 DPN

Set of 4 US2.5 DPN

Stuffing material of choice (I used Polyester Fiberfil)

Tapestry needle

Pom-pom maker, cardboard form, large DPN (US11+), or finger(s) – to make pom-poms

**Gauge:** 8 sts / 10 rows = 1"

## NOTES:

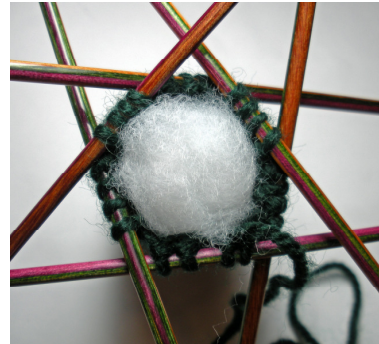
1. Gauge is not essential. The most important part is having a good, firm fabric that can be stuffed.
2. The lime green yarn is optional; I used it only in the pom-poms for color variety.

## INSTRUCTIONS

C/O 6 sts, split onto 3 larger DPNs, and join in a round, being careful not to twist. KFB in every stitch for 2 rounds (24 sts). Knit in the round for 3".



Stuff the bottom of the broccoli (after this point, you'll be partially closing up the top hole, so you'll want to get it as stuffed as possible before it's harder to get stuffing in there). Shift the first 2 sts of one needle and last 2 sts of the next needle onto smaller DPNs; repeat

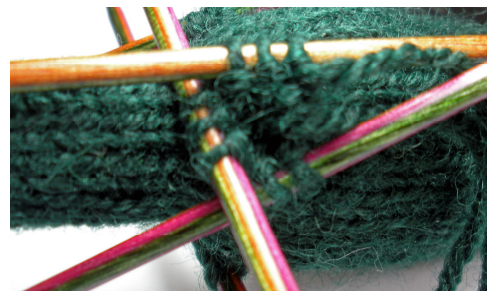


until there are 4 sts on each needle (3 large and 3 small, arranged in alternating fashion around the broccoli).



Continue knitting in the round with **only** the stitches on the smaller DPNs, ignoring the larger DPNs (for now, they are acting as stitch holders). Knit this smaller tube for 1". Stuff the smaller tube and cut the yarn. Thread the yarn through the tapestry needle, then run the needle through the stitches on the DPNs, removing the DPNs as you go. Pull tight and knot. Weave in end.

Return to one of the holes left below the smaller tube. Pick up 5 sts around the top of the opening, and place these sts and the ones still on the larger DPN on 3 smaller DPNs (3 sts per needle). Knit for 2 rounds, then stuff that small tube (very little stuffing will be needed, but it will give this broccoli branch some form). Place 5 sts on one of the smaller DPNs, and the other 4 sts on another, so that the next sts to be knit is at the beginning of one of the needles. Begin knitting I-cord (see <http://techknitting.blogspot.com/2007/02/how-to-make-i-cord.html> for an excellent tutorial) with only the sts on that needle. Knit the I-cord for your preferred length (between ½" – 1"). Bind off and cut yarn, but do not weave in end. Knit the other I-cord on that whole, then repeat the process on the other 2 openings.



Using the pom-pom making technique of your choice (see <http://techknitting.blogspot.com/2008/05/how-to-make-pom-poms.html> for a tutorial, if needed), make 7 pom-poms. The size is up to you, but I made 3 small ones (approx. 1 ½" diameter) for the 3 smaller I-cords, 3 slightly larger ones (approx. 2" diameter) for the 3 larger I-cords, and one large one (approx. 4"

diameter) to attach to the small tube on top of the broccoli. Use the uncut ends of the I-cords to attach the pom-poms; sew the large pom-pom to the end of the small tube with the threads used to make the I-cord.

**KEY**

DPN – double pointed needle

KFB – knit front and back

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