

Twenty to Make: Vegetables

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Project 13

Celery

Materials

1 ball DK bamboo blend yarn – light green

30cm length of 2.5cm wide flexible plastic tubing (optional)

polyester fibrefill

Needles

1 pair of 3.00mm (UK 11; US 2) knitting needles

stitch holder

tapestry needle

Instructions

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With 3.00mm (UK 11; US 2) needles and light green yarn, cast on 22 sts.

Row 1: (k1, p1) to end.

Row 2: (p1, k1) to end.

Rep rows 1 and 2 39 times (or until work measures approximately 29cm from cast-on edge).

Row 81: (k1, p1) 5 times, k1, turn and leave rem 11 sts on holder.

*Row 82: (p1, k1) 5 times, p1.

Row 83: (k1, p1) 5 times.

Rep rows 82 and 83 6 times.

Cast off ribwise.*

Rejoin yarn to 11 sts on holder and work from * to*.

Making up

Stitch side edges of main piece together to form a tube. Cut plastic tube in half lengthways and insert into knitted stalk, adding a little polyester fibrefill for extra padding. Oversew cast-on edge to

close gap. Stitch stalk tops to form a forked branch. Cut a dozen 6cm lengths of yarn and knot on to top ends of stalk.

Variation

For a trimmed stalk, without the forked end, follow pattern to end of row 80, then cast off. Stitch side seam and insert halved plastic tubing, or simply stuff – not too firmly – with polyester fibrefill.