



KNITTED CHRISTINGLE

Materials:

Size 8 needles or number 4mm. Double knitting wool in orange, red, white, yellow and oddments of different colours for the sweets. Stuffing. Stiff paper drinking straw.

Method:

The Orange

Using orange wool cast on 12sts.

Purl one row.

Next row – increase knitwise in every stitch = 24sts.

Purl one row.

Next row – (K.1, increase in next st) to end = 36sts.

Stocking stitch 11 rows starting with a purl row.

Join in with red wool and work 2 rows of st.st. Break off red wool.

Return to orange wool and starting with a knit row – work 8 rows.

Next row – K.1, K2tog to the end = 24sts.

Purl one row.

Next row – K2tog to the end and thread the stitches onto the wool ready to pull up tightly to finish off.

The Candle and flame

Using white wool cast on 18sts and st.st. 4 rows. Cast off.

Oversew the cast on and cast of edges (lengthways) on the wrong side.

Cut a length of straw and insert into the knitted tube.

With yellow wool cast on 2sts, purl one row.

Next row – increase in first and last stitch = 4sts.

Work 3 rows in stocking stitch.

Next row – K2tog twice = 2sts.

Next row – K2tog and fasten off.

Place flame in top of the candle and stitch in place.

Colour the centre of the flame with an orange felt-tip if you wish to.

Make up the Christingle

Sew up the Christingle and leave the top open and stuff firmly.

Place the candle in the top, gather up the stitches and sew the orange to the candle.

Sweets make 12

Cast on 4sts.

Next row – increase knitwise in every stitch = 8sts.

Stocking stitch four rows starting with a purl row.

Thread the stitches onto a long piece of wool and using running stitch all the way round the edges of the knitting, pull it tight and gather it into a sweetie shape.

Attach three sweets together down the centre and sew onto the made up orange.

(Knitted by Nina at All Saints Parish Church Kettering)