

WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU LEMONS

LEMON PILLOW KNIT PATTERN
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MATERIALS

- Yellow yarn: 5 skeins of Lion Brand Hometown USA Pittsburgh Yellow or 4 skeins of Bernat Blanket Brights School Bus Yellow or 2 skeins Red Heart With Love Daffodil double stranded
- Green Yarn: 1 skein of Lion Brand Hometown USA Key Lime or 1 skein of Bernat Blanket Brights Go-Go Green or 1 skein Red Heart With Love Lettuce double stranded
- Brown Yarn: 1 skein of Lion Brand Hometown USA Santa Fe Tweed or 1 skein of Bernat Blanket Taupe or 1 skein of Red Heart With Love Chocolate double stranded
- One set (5) size 15 (10mm) double-pointed needles OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE
- One size 15 (10mm) circular needle, 24" (60cm) long OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE
- Stitch marker
- Yarn needle
- Approx 48oz of polyester stuffing (1 1/2 32 oz. bags)

ABBREVIATIONS

dpns double-pointed needles
k knit
kfb knit in front and back of next st
p3tog purl 3 together
rem remain
rep repeat
rnd round
RS right side

S2KP Slip 2 sts knitwise onto RH needle as if to knit 2 together, knit next st, then pass both slipped sts over the knit st.
st(s) stitch(es)
WS wrong side
yo yarn over
* * repeat instructions between asterisks as many times as directed

3-NEEDLE BIND OFF

1. Hold right sides of pieces together on two needles. Insert third needle knitwise into first st of each needle, and wrap yarn knitwise.
2. Knit these two sts together, and slip them off the needles. *Knit the next two sts together in the same manner.
3. Slip first st on 3rd needle over 2nd st and off needle. Rep from * in step 2 across row until all sts are bound off.

GAUGE

10 stitches and 14 rows to 4" (10cm) over stockinette stitch using size 13 (9mm) needles, OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE. However, exact gauge is not as critical in this pattern.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 30"/76cm long and 48" /122cm around at widest point after stuffing, not including stem.

LEMON

With double-pointed needles and Yellow, cast on 8 stitches. Place marker and join, being careful not to twist stitches. Knit 1 round.

Rnd 1 Kfb 8 times around—16 sts.

Rnd 2 Knit.

Rnd 3 *K1, kfb; rep from * around—24 sts.

Rnd 4 Knit.

Rnd 5 *K2, kfb; rep from * around—32 sts.

Knit 3 rnds,

Next rnd *K3, kfb; rep from * around—40 sts.

Knit 3 rnds,

Next rnd *K4, kfb; rep from * around—48 sts.

Knit 3 rnds,

Next rnd *K5, kfb; rep from * around—56 sts.

Knit 3 rnds,

Next rnd *K6, kfb; rep from * around—64 sts.

Note: Change to circular needle.

Knit 1 rnd,

Next rnd *K7, kfb; rep from * around—72 sts.

Knit 1 rnd,

Next rnd *K8, kfb; rep from * around—80 sts.

Knit 1 rnd,

Next rnd *K9, kfb; rep from * around—88 sts.

Knit 1 rnd,

Next rnd *K10, kfb; rep from * around—96 sts.

Work even for 13"/33cm.

Stuff the bottom and continue to stuff as you go.

Note: Change to double-pointed needles when there are too few sts to fit comfortably on circular needle.

Shape top

Next rnd *K10, k2tog; rep from * around—88 sts.

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Knit 3 rnds.

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Next rnd *K2, k2tog; rep from * around—24 sts.

Next rnd *K1, k2tog; rep from * around—16 sts.

Next rnd *K2tog; rep from * around—8 sts.

Cut the yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread the tail loosely through the open stitches and check the stuffing, adjusting as needed. Pull the tail tight and thread through the 8 stitches again. Hide the end.

STEM

With double-pointed needles and brown, cast on 9 sts. Place marker and join, being careful not to twist stitches. Work for 3"/7.5cm.

Next rnd K2, k2tog, k to end of rnd.

Place stitches evenly on 2 dpns and close using 3-needle bind off. Stuff lightly and sew to top of lemon.

LEAF

With Key Lime, cast on 3 stitches.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 K1, yo, place marker, k1, yo, k1—3 sts.

Row 4 Purl

Row 5 K to marker, yo, k1, yo, k to end—2 sts increased.

Rep rows 4 and 5 for 5 times more—15 sts.

Next row Purl, placing marker in center st.

Next row Knit to 1 stitch before marker, SK2P, k to end—2 sts decreased.

Rep last 2 rows until 3 sts rem.

Next row P3tog.

Press lightly if necessary.



Well, this lemon is a win-win, because you can stitch away stress while you're making it and then squeeze away stress as often as you need after it's done. How great is that?! Oh, and don't forget to show off your lovely lemon when you're done. Post a pic of it along with the hashtag #StitchAwayStress on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook!



FINISHING

Sew Stem to top of Lemon. Sew Leaf to base of Stem. Hug!

