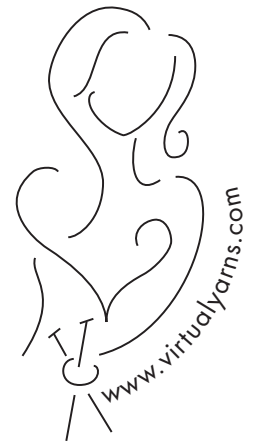


Felted Buttons & Beads

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Materials

Scraps of Alice Starmore™ Hebridean 2 Ply for knitting and for stuffing. Steek trimmings make ideal stuffing.
3mm needles. Tapestry needle.

Abbreviations

k - knit. **m1** - make 1 new st by knitting into th loop of the st below the next st to be worked. **p** - purl. **pss0** - pass slipped st over.
RS - right side. **st(s)** - stitch(es). **tog** - together. **WS** - wrong side.

Casing

With 3mm needles and using colours at will, cast on 3 sts.

Rows 1 & 3 (WS): Purl.

Row 2 (RS): (K1; m1) twice; k1. 5 Sts.

Row 4 (RS): (K1; m1) 4 times; k1. 9 Sts.

Rows 5, 7 & 9 (WS): Purl.

Row 6 (RS): Knit.

Row 8 (RS): (K2tog; k1) 3 times. 6 Sts.

Row 10 (RS): (K2tog) 3 times. 3 Sts.

Turn and cast off purlwise, breaking off yarn with enough to sew up the sides.

To vary the final size, experiment with the amount of stuffing. The firmer the stuffing the larger the buttons. Stuffing loosely will allow the button to shrink further. Vary size and shape by working more or less stitches and rows. Vary size and colouring by using larger needle size and allowing coloured stuffing to show through. To see how to finish, felt and for further insights and ideas see the videos.

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