

Welcome to the  
**Big Pea Challenge**

Your moment to inspire your community  
 this Christian Aid Week!



# A-Pea-ling Knits

Join the Big Pea  
 Crafting Challenge.



### You will need:

- Double knitting weight wool in dark and light green (less than 25g in each colour)
- A pair of straight 2.75mm knitting needles, minimum length 20cm; a tapestry needle for sewing; toy filling for stuffing.

**Tension:** 6 stitches x 8 rows per 2.5cm square

### Key

<b>K</b>	Knit
<b>kfb</b>	Knit into the front and back increase
<b>k2tog</b>	Knit two stitches together decrease
<b>P</b>	Purl
<b>RS</b>	Right side
<b>ssk</b>	slip the next stitch knit-wise, then slip the next stitch purl-wise, then knit through the front of the two slipped stitches to decrease
<b>st</b>	Stitch
<b>WS</b>	Wrong side



## Tips

**CASTING ON:** Use the cable cast on, and leave a 30cm yarn tail for seaming.

**PULL THROUGH TO CAST OFF:** Break the yarn leaving a 30cm tail, thread the tail onto a tapestry needle and thread through the stitches on the knitting needle, pulling them off the needle and onto the yarn, and pull tight to gather together.

**SEAMING:** Use your cast on/off tails for seaming in mattress stitch; a one stitch seam allowance has been included in the pattern.

**STOCKINETTE:** Also known as stocking stitch, knit RS rows and purl WS rows.

## Knitting Pattern: Pea Pod

Cast on 5 sts in dark green yarn on straight 2.75mm needles.

Start at the bottom end.

Row 1 (RS): K2, p1, k2.

Row 2 (WS): P2, k1, p2.

Row 3: K1, kfb, p1, kfb, k1. (7 sts)

Row 4: P3, k1, p3.

Row 5: K2, kfb, p1, kfb, k2. (9 sts)

Row 6: P4, k1, p4.

Row 7: K3, kfb, p1, kfb, k3. (11 sts)

Row 8: P5, k1, p5.

Row 9: K4, kfb, p1, kfb, k4. (13 sts)

Row 10: P6, k1, p6.

Row 11: K5, kfb, p1, kfb, k5. (15 sts)

Row 12: P7, k1, p7.

Row 13: K7, p1, k7.

Rows 14 to 31: Rep rows 12 and 13 nine more times. Row 32: P7, k1, p7.

Row 33: K5, k2tog, p1, ssk, k5. (13 sts)



Row 34: P6, k1, p6.  
Row 35: K4, k2tog, p1, ssk, k4. (11 sts)  
Row 36: P5, k1, p5.  
Row 37: k3, k2tog, p1, ssk, k3. (9 sts)  
Row 38: P4, k1, p4.  
Row 39: K2, k2tog, p1, ssk, k2. (7 sts)  
Row 40: P3, k1, p3.  
Row 41: K1, k2tog, p1, ssk, k1. (5 sts)  
Row 42: P2, k1, p2.  
Row 43 to 47: Starting on a RS knit row work 5 rows in stockinette.  
Pull through to cast off.

## Knitting Pattern: Pea Pod

### Make 3

Cast on 14 sts in light green wool on straight 2.75mm needles.

Start at one side.

Rows 1 to 6: Starting on a RS knit row work 6 rows in stockinette.

Pull through to cast off.

### Finishing Up

For each pea sew the side edges together, add stuffing and gather the cast on sts together, and bury the wool tails inside the pea.

For the pea pod, you can decide whether to have the purl side on the inside or outside.

Place the three peas inside the pea pod and sew onto the purl ridge at the bottom. Sew the side edges of the pea pod together at the top and bottom to enclose the peas.

