

# Cabled Banana Pattern

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## What you will need:

- DK yarn
  - Dark/Mid yellow for the skin (up to you what colour you want!) - small amount
  - Pale yellow / cream for the inner part of the banana – small amount
  - Brown – a very small amount for the end of the banana.
- 3mm straight needles – you can use 4mm needles if you prefer – I like 3mm as it gives a tighter knitted surface.
- 4 X 3mm Double pointed needles
- Cable needle
- Toy stuffing

## Knitting terms / abbreviations

- SS – Stocking stitch – (knit one row, purl one row) SS
- K – Knit
- P – Purl
- KFB – Knit into the front of the stitch, keeping this stitch on the right hand needle (do not complete the stitch), knit into back and then pull both stitches over the top of the left needle
- K2tog – Knit two stitches at the same time
- Cast on – any method of casting on will do !
- Cast off – K2, pass 1<sup>st</sup> stitch over 2<sup>nd</sup> knitted stitch, K1, pass 2<sup>nd</sup> stitch over 3<sup>rd</sup> etc – you know what to do ☺
- 2FWD – slip next two knit stitches onto a cable needle (this is the way I refer to it – sorry if it is different to what you are used to.
- K2CN – Knit the two stitches that are on the cable needle

So now you are ready to start the pattern! I have not written a pattern before, so I will write it the way I like patterns to be written.

I will put the stitch count at the end of each row so that you know you are doing it right but also it keeps me right too! I will refer to certain rows that will be repeated over and over again as A row etc. I will put these rows in bold.

## Pattern instructions

### Part 1 – Skin

1. Cast on 8 – in Brown – (8) Leave some yarn at this cast on edge for sewing up later
2. Change yarn to DARK YELLOW, KFB all stitches– (16) When adding this colour leave a long bit of yellow yarn so you can use it to sew up the banana at the end. Cut the brown yarn, leaving a short length to sew in the yarn securely.
3. P all (16)
4. KFB all – (32)
5. P all (32)
6. K2, (P2, K4, P2, K2) X 3 – **A row** - (32) <sup>i</sup>
7. P2, (K2, P4, K2, P2) X 3 – **B row** – (32)
8. A (32)
9. B (32)
10. K2, (P2, 2FWD, K2, K2CN, P2, K2) X 3 – **C row** - (32) <sup>ii</sup>
11. B
12. A
13. B

You will now be repeating the last 4 rows (10, 11, 12,13 ) 5 times = (C, B, A, B ) X 5

I have marked them off in sets to help you to tick them off.

Set 1. 14 / 15 / 16 / 17= (C, B, A, B )

Set 2. 18 / 19 / 20 / 21 = (C, B, A, B )

Set 3. 22 / 23 / 24 / 25= (C, B, A, B )

Set 4. 26 / 27 / 28 / 29 = (C, B, A, B )

Set 5. 30 / 31 / 32 / 33 = (C, B, A, B )



Banana Split! This is where you will start to work on each peeled section of the banana.

34. K2TOG, P2, 2FWD, K2, K2CN, P2, K1 (10) – You will be working backwards and forwards on these 10 stitches. It is a bit fiddly but it is worth it!

35. P, K2, P4, K2, P – D row - (10)

36. K, P2, K4, P2, K - E row - (10)

37. D (10)

38. K, P2, 2FWD, K2, K2CN, P2, K1 – F row - (10)

39. D

40. E

41. D

You will now be repeating the last 4 rows ( 38, 39, 40, 41 ) 2 times = (F, D, E, D ) X2

Set 1. 42 / 43 / 44 / 45 = (F, D, E, D )

Set 2. 46 / 47 / 48 / 49 = (F, D, E, D )

50. F

51. D

52. E

53. P, K2TOG, P4, K2TOG, P (8)

54. K, P, K2TOG, K2TOG, P, K (6)

55. P, P2TOG, P2TOG, P (4)

56. CAST OFF

Now you will be rejoining your yarn to make the second part of the peel and continuing with the next 10 stitches on the left needle. Row 34 for peel part 2 is slightly different to peel part 1, which is why I have not told you not to simply to repeat line 34 -56. Follow rows 34 -37 as follows and then repeat rows 38 – 56.

34. K, P2, 2FWD, K2, K2CN, P2, K1 – work on these 10 stitches. F row

35. P, K2, P4, K2, P - D row

36. K, P2, K4, P2, K - E row

37. P, K2, P4, K2, P - D row

THEN REPEAT ROWS 38 – 56

Now you will be rejoining your yarn to make the third part of the peel and continuing with the stitches left on the needle. Row 34 for peel part 3 is slightly different to peel part 1 and 2, which is why I have not told you to repeat line 34 -56.

34. K, P2, 2FWD, K2, K2CN, P2, K2TOG – F row - (10)

35. D

36. E

37. D

THEN REPEAT ROWS 38 – 56



Congratulations you have now completed the peel of your banana!

Now for the inner part which I will call the flesh! It is simpler than the outer part so you can relax a bit now. This can be done in two ways – using double pointed needles and working in rounds or on straight needles.

### Part 2 – flesh

#### **Using straight needles**

1. CAST ON 3, leave a long length of yarn at the cast on edge to use when sewing up.
2. KFB ALL (6)
3. P
4. KFB ALL (12)
5. P
6. (KFB, K2, FFB) X3 (18)

Stocking Stitch rows 7 – 25 starting with a purl row.

Now, you will now work with the first 6 stiches.



Starting with a K row, stocking stitch rows 26 - 40

41. P2TOG. P2. P2TOG (4)

42. K ALL (4)

43. P ALL

44. K2TOG, k2tog

45. CAST OFF purlwise

Now you will be rejoining the yarn to the stitches on the left needle. You are now going to make the inner part of the second peel with the next 6 stitches.



Starting with a K row, stocking stitch rows 26 - 40

41. P2TOG. P2. P2TOG (4)

42. K ALL (4)

43. P ALL

44. K2TOG, k2tog

45. CAST OFF purlwise

Now you will be rejoining the yarn to the stitches on the left needle. You are now going to make the inner part of the third peel using the final 6 stitches.



Starting with a K row, stocking stitch rows 26 - 40

41. P2TOG. P2. P2TOG (4)

42. K ALL (4)

43. P ALL

44. K2TOG, k2tog

45. CAST OFF purlwise

### **Flesh - Using 4 double pointed needles**

1. CAST ON 3, split these over three needles, this is very fiddly so be warned!
2. KFB ALL (6) – Now you will have two stitches on each needle so it will be less fiddly
3. K
4. KFB ALL (12)
5. K
6. (KFB, K2, FFB) X3 (18)

7 – 25 – Knit all rows

Now, you will now work with the 6 stitches on the first needle, working backwards and forwards on these stitches. Starting with a K row, stocking stitch rows 26 – 40 on this first needle.

41. P2TOG. P2. P2TOG (4)

42. K ALL (4)

43. P ALL

44. K2TOG, K2TOG

45. CAST OFF purlwise

Now, you will be rejoining the yarn to the stitches on the second needle. Working on just these 6 stitches on the second needle, starting with a K row, work rows 26-40 in stocking stitch.

41. P2TOG. P2. P2TOG (4)

42. K ALL (4)

43. P ALL

44. K2TOG, K2TOG

45. CAST OFF purlwise

Now, you will be rejoining the yarn to the stitches on the final needle. You are now going to make the inner part of the third peel using the final 6 stitches. Starting with a K row, work rows 26-40 in stocking stitch.

41. P2TOG. P2. P2TOG (4)

42. K ALL (4)

43. P ALL

44. K2TOG, K2TOG

45. CAST OFF purlwise



### Sewing up

Now you are ready to sew up! Firstly sew in all the small ends. If you have been able to leave long ends at the cast on edge of the outer part of the banana then you can use this long ends to sew up the edges. I use mattress stitch to sew up just because it is the stitch that I like the most and I find it isn't visible.

Firstly sew up the parts of the banana that are not peeled, see the photos of the bits to sew up – but I am sure you know which bits I mean 😊 the bit you would hold and the bit you would eat! Yummy yarn!



Then you will want to lightly stuff both of these parts and then you can sew up the three bits of the peel. 😊 When you are sewing up the edges of the peel you may want to put a tiny bit more stuffing in the middle.



Sewing up the peel is a bit tricky. Line up the two sides and sew along them, I used mattress stitch and it looked like this :



So once you have sewn that up you will have one cabled banana!





If you have any questions about this pattern please contact me by email – [knittwittowo@gmail.com](mailto:knittwittowo@gmail.com)

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Thank you so much for knitting my banana ☺

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<sup>i</sup> Long version of this line would be : K2, P2, K4, P2, K2, P2, K4, P2, K2, P2, K4, P2, K2 – As you can see “P2,K4,P2,K2” is repeated three times. Just thought I would clarify in case there was any confusion!

<sup>ii</sup> Long version : K2, P2, 2FWD, K2, K2CN, P2,K2,P2, 2FWD, K2, K2CN, P2,K2,P2, 2FWD, K2, K2CN, P2,K2.