

Versatile knitted flower pin



Knitted flower pin; customize it to suit your outfit, mood, buttons ...

Materials;

App. 3-4 yards yarn, fingering weight, eg. sock yarn, Kauni, Soft wool; gauge should match:

Needles US 1½

Shanked buttons (if you knit the flowers to match different buttons you can use them all on the same flower according to your mood!)

Small safety pin

Instructions;

CO 6 st.

Row 1-3: Knit.(6 st)

Row 4: Knit 1, slip it back onto the left needle and slip stitch no's. 2, 3 and 4 from the left needle over this first st. Slip the first st back onto the right needle; knit the two last st.(3 st)

Row 5: Knit.(3 st)

Row 6: CO 3 new st using knitted Cast-on, knit all 6 st.(6 st)

Rows 1-6 should be repeated *4 or 5 times*, dependent on whether you want a flower with *5 or 6 petals*. The last petal is done following rows 1-5 and binding off the 3 last st on row 6.

A flower with 5 petals will "curl up" a bit whereas a flower with 6 petals will be more open...

With the yarn end from the inner edge (the one without the petals) gather to a ring by threading into the small "knots" at the end of every other row. Pull the flower together but do NOT close the hole in the middle entirely! This hole is used for the button's shank and for attaching the safety pin! :o)

Sew together the first and last petal neatly over the 3 st.

The neatest way to hide the yarn ends is to sew into the rows of the petals and not into the inner ring, although this may seem natural; The inner rim should not be too bulky since this may make it more difficult to attach the safety pin through your clothes!



Now you can put on your new flower pin! You may obviously choose to sew the flower and the button onto the safety pin but you'll miss the versatility; Look at the photos above and use this method to attach the pin to your clothes by putting the flower + button onto the clothing and attaching it by putting the safety pin into the button from the back of the clothing.

This way you can use this small pin to show off all your beautiful shanked buttons; the buttons you've inherited or carefully saved from old shirts before thrashing the shirts, the beautiful crafted buttons you bought at the local market, the single buttons you save just because they're beautiful but you have no other use for them... or whatever you fancy! :o)

A jar full of saved "last yards" of sock yarns can be turned into a colorful flower garden...:

