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# It's the 2021 Inspire Charity Knitting Challenge

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Inspire, the **Miner2Major Landscape Partnership Scheme** and the **RSPB** at Sherwood Forest are supporting Nottinghamshire crafters to join in with **The Innocent Big Knit** and raise money for **Age UK**

**Juliet Bernard**, hand knitting guru, designer and former editor of The Knitter magazine has designed a miniature Robin Hood hat for Notts crafters to knit or crochet.



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# Knit a Robin Hood Hat

## Yarn

Stylecraft Special DK in shades  
Kelly Green – 4gms, approximately 12 metres  
Walnut – 4gms, approximately 12 metres  
And a little Matador for the feather

**Needle size** 4mm

## Abbreviations

**st(s)** – stitch(es)

**K2tog** – knit 2 stitches together

**S2kpo** – slip 2 stitches knitwise, knit next stitch and pass slipped two stitches over

**S2ppo** – slip 2 stitches purlwise, put left needle into both stitches on right needle from front to twist them. Purl 3 sts together.

**M1** – make a stitch by picking up the loop between two stitches.

## Base

Using Walnut cast on 30 sts.  
Work 2 rows in garter stitch.  
Work 12 rows in stocking stitch.

**Next row:** \*K2tog, repeat from \* to the end of the round (15sts)

**Next row:** K1, \*K2tog, repeat from \* to the end of the round (8sts)

Thread yarn through the remaining sts and pull tight.

Fasten off and sew in ends.



## Hat

Using Kelly Green cast on 29sts.

**Row 1:** Knit all stitches

**Row 2:** Purl all stitches

**Row 3:** K13, s2kpo, k13 (27sts)

**Row 4:** P12, s2ppo, p12 (25sts)

**Row 5:** K11, s2kpo, k11 (23sts)

**Row 6:** P10, s2ppo, p10 (21sts)

**Row 7:** K1, m1, k8, s2kpo, k8, m1, k1 (21sts)

**Row 8:** P9, s2ppo, p9 (19sts)

**Row 9:** K8, s2kpo, k8 (17sts)

**Row 10:** P7, s2ppo, p7 (15sts)

**Row 11:** K6, s2kpo, k6 (13sts)

**Row 12:** P1, m1, p4, s2ppo, p4, m1, p1 (13sts)

**Row 13:** K5, s2kpo, p5 (11sts)

**Row 14:** P4, s2ppo, p4 (9sts)

**Row 15:** K3, s2kpo, k3 (7sts)

**Row 16:** P2, s2ppo, p2 (5sts)

**Row 17:** K1, s2kpo, k1 (3sts)

**Row 18:** Purl remaining 3sts together and fasten off.

Fasten off. Sew hat together, turning up brim and embroider feather.

**Finally sew hat and base together.**

# Crochet a Robin Hood Hat

## Yarn

Stylecraft Special DK in shades  
Kelly Green – 4gms, approximately 12 metres  
Walnut – 5gms, approximately 15 metres  
And a little Matador for the feather

**Crochet hook** 3,5mm

## Abbreviations

**ch** – chain

**st(s)** – stitch(es)

**dc** – double crochet

**ss** – slip stitch

**dc3tog** – double crochet the next three stitches together

## Base

Using Walnut and the magic loop technique make 6dcs into the ring. Join with a ss.

**Round 1:** Ch1 make 2dc in each dc from the previous round. Join with ss (12sts).

**Round 2:** Ch1, \*1 dc, 2dc in next dc, repeat from \* to the end of the round. Join with ss (18sts).

**Round 3:** Ch1, \*1 dc in next 2 dcs, 2dc in next dc, repeat from \* to the end of the round. Join with ss (24sts).

**Round 4:** Ch1, 1 dc, in each dc to the end of the round. Join with ss.

Repeat round 4, 5 more times.

Fasten off and sew in ends.



## Hat

Using Kelly Green chain 28 sts.

**Row 1:** Starting with the second chain dc 27sts turn

**Row 2:** Ch1 dc 12, dc3tog, dc 12, turn (25sts)

**Row 3:** Ch1 dc 11, dc3tog, dc 11, turn (23sts)

**Row 4:** Ch1 dc 10, dc3tog, dc 10, turn (21sts)

**Row 5:** Ch1, 2dc into first st, dc 8, dc3tog, dc 8, 2dc into last st, turn (21sts)

**Row 6:** Ch1 dc 9, dc3tog, dc 9, turn (19sts)

**Row 7:** Ch1 dc 8, dc3tog, dc 8, turn (17sts)

**Row 8:** Ch1, 2dc into first st, dc 6, dc3tog, dc 6, 2dc into last st, turn (17sts)

**Row 9:** Ch1 dc 7, dc3tog, dc 7, turn (15sts)

**Row 10:** Ch1 dc 6, dc3tog, dc 6, turn (13sts)

**Row 11:** Ch1 dc 5, dc3tog, dc 5, turn (11sts)

**Row 12:** Ch1 dc 4, dc3tog, dc 4, turn (9sts)

**Row 13:** Ch1 dc 3, dc3tog, dc 3, turn (7sts)

**Row 14:** Ch1 dc 2, dc3tog, dc 2, turn (5sts)

**Row 15:** Ch1 dc 1, dc3tog, dc 1, turn (3sts)

**Row 16:** Ch1, dc3tog.

Fasten off. Sew hat together, turning up brim and embroider feather.

**Finally sew hat and base together.**

# How To

Join a merry band of Nottinghamshire crafters and knit or crochet, one or more, tiny Robin Hood hats.

Find **Juliet's** helpful **How To videos** and a list of venues participating in the project online at [www.inspireculture.org.uk/knit](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk/knit)

Inspire Libraries will be delighted to receive finished hats from you. Hats donated by **1 July 2021** will take part in the Inspire Charity Knitting Challenge Exhibition.

At the end of the exhibition Inspire will send all miniature Robin Hood hats to **The Innocent Big Knit** so they may adorn bottles of Innocent smoothie drinks in shops across the country in 2022.

Innocent Drinks will give **25p** to **Age UK** for every hat-wearing smoothie drink that is sold.

The **Inspire Charity Knitting Challenge Exhibition** is from **Tuesday 20 July to Saturday 25 September**. To show off your miniature green woolly wonders for everyone to see and celebrate the skill and generosity of wonderful Notts knitters, the exhibition will be seen in Edwinstowe Library and at Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre on Robin's home turf!

For your name to appear on the list of makers that have contributed to Knittinghamshire, please fill in the returns label below and attach it to your donation before handing it in at your nearest Inspire Library.

For information about The Innocent Big Knit visit [www.thebigknit.co.uk](http://www.thebigknit.co.uk)

For more information about Miner2Major visit [www.miner2major.org.uk](http://www.miner2major.org.uk)

## 2021 Inspire Charity Knitting Challenge Exhibition

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**Inspire will ensure your miniature hats take part in the exhibition and are then sent to Innocent Drinks**

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