



Hello, my name is Vanessa Cabban and in this pattern, I am going to show you how to knit the ruffle and the ribbons for this rosette, the instruction to make the central round section (covered in fabric above) of your rosette comes at the end.

You will need:

1 ball Patons 100% cotton DK in colour Nectarine 723 (you can see other colours available here)

2.5 mm knitting needles (Using this size needle creates a firm fabric, but if you find your knitting too tight and uncomfortable to work, try going up a size)

Gauge is not important for this project

You will use stocking stitch for the ruffles (that's one row knit, one row purl)

Pattern for the ruffle:



To begin, cast on 18 stitches.

Row 1: knit

Row 2: purl

Row 3: knit

Row 4: purl

Row 5: knit

Row 6: knit (This row creates a ridge)

Row 7: knit

Row 8: purl

Row 9: knit 12 stitches, turn your knitting round, and purl back across the 12 stitches you have just knit (You are doing some 'short row shaping' here, which is what is needed to create the curved edge, to make the circle of your rosette ruffle)

Row 10: knit across whole row

Row 11: purl

Row 12: knit

Row 13: purl

Row 14: knit 12 stitches, turn, purl back across the 12 stitches you have just knit

Row 15: knit across whole row

Row 16: purl

Row 17: purl (This row creates a ridge)

Row 18: purl

Now repeat row 7 to row 18, seventeen more times

Knit 8 rows of stocking stitch

Cast off

When laid out on a flat surface, your knitting should look as above, you should have created a circle.

Now for the ribbons.

Pattern for the ribbons:

Using the same needles you used for the ruffle, and the same yarn, cast on 8 stitches

Gauge is not important

The ribbons are knitted using garter stitch (every row knit), which is different to the stitch you used for the ruffle. Using garter stitch ensures the ribbons lie flat.

Pattern:

cast on 8 stitches

knit in garter stitch till the length of your knitting reaches about 13 cm

Then knit as follows:

1: Knit 4 stitches, and place the remaining 4 stitches on a stitch holder

2: Knit 4 rows

3: Knit 2 stitches together, knit remaining stitches on needle

4: knit 1 row

5: Knit 2 stitches together, knit remaining stitches on needle

6: Knit 2 stitches together, then cast off

7: Put the 4 stitches on your stitch holder, back on your knitting needle. Re-join your yarn at the centre of your knitting (not on the outside edge)

8: knit 4 rows

9: knit 2 stitches together, knit remaining stitches on needle

10: knit 1 row

11: knit 2 stitches together, knit remaining stitches on needle

12: knit 2 stitches together, cast off

Now knit a second ribbon, because you'll need two of them.



Well done! And now you're ready to create the central section for your rosette.

Fantastic! Well done! Now you're ready to...

Assemble your Rosette!

Now you've knitted, or crocheted, the ruffle and ribbons from the pattern given, I'm now going to show you how to create the central round section of your rosette, and how to put your rosette together, so that you end up with a rosette like the one in the picture above.

I'm using my knitted rosette in this tutorial. This tutorial is also to be used for your making the middle part, and assembling your crocheted rosette.

The things you will need to do everything in this tutorial are:

Thick card (like that from a cardboard box)

Thinner card (like that from a cereal box)

Small amount of fabric to cover your circle, about 14cm by 14cm (I used the fabric from a pair of baby trousers I found in a charity shop, which are jersey fabric)

- Scissors to cut your fabric
- Scissors to cut your card
- Compass to draw circles on the card and fabric
- Glue (I used crafting glue, PVA glue)
- Needle and thread to sew your fabric
- Needle to sew up the knitted or crocheted ruffle and ribbons
- Ruler
- Pencil or pen
- Safety pin or brooch back, so you can pin your rosette on to whatever you want to pin it to
- Hole punch, or something that can create holes, so you can put your safety pin or brooch back through the thinner card easily

That's it! Now you can go straight on to assembling your rosette!

Taking the ruffle part of the rosette you already made, start to sew up the ruffle like this:



First, sew the end rows together, to complete your circle.



Using the same yarn you knit or crocheted with, fold each ridge back, to half way across the section you are folding the ridge on to, and sew down, creating a fold. (I've used different coloured yarn, just so you can see what I'm doing).

Once sewn up, the ruffle should look like above.

(This is actually the back view above, turn it over, and have the other side as the front, I think it looks more like a proper ruffle).



Here you go, the front of the ruffle, above.

Now measure the diameter of the empty space, in the middle of your ruffle circle. You are doing this because I would like you to cut two little circles of cardboard, from your cardboard box. (The middle of my circle measures 5 cm, as you can see above).

I used a compass to draw the circles, made life so much easier when it came to cutting the circles.

I made two circles of card, purely to get a decent thickness, so that they lie level with the ruffle, creating a reasonably flat surface to attach the circles you'll make in a minute, that will sit on top of your ruffle circles.



You see what I mean above? Your two card circles, should be a similar thickness to the ruffle, because you will be sticking bigger circles to the front and back of these.



Now you're going to make the bigger circle for the front of your rosette. Make the diameter of your circle 1.5 cm bigger than the circle sitting in the middle of your rosette, (the circles you just made).

You should now have two little circles, and one big circle.

Now glue your two smaller circles together, and then glue those onto the middle of the larger circle, as above.

Here's the side view of your three circles stuck together, above.

Now you're going to measure for the fabric that is going to cover the larger circle of card. Make sure the diameter of the circle of fabric is 1.5 cm bigger than the larger circle of card, because you want to be able to fold the fabric round the sides and to the underside of the card circle.



My circle of fabric, above, turned out a bit wobbly, but that's not a problem, it just needs to be able to wrap around the card circle, and be able to be sewn at the back. (At this point, if you want to embroider a design, or letters, or whatever, onto this centre section of your rosette, now is the time to do it, before you stick your fabric onto your card circle).

Now glue your circle of fabric to the larger circle.



Thread your needle, and have the thread double, for strength. Now start sewing by gathering up the fabric as you go round, as I have above.

Once you've sewn all the way round, and pulled your thread firmly, it should look like above.

Turn the circle over, and you will see you have the front of the central section of your rosette finished.

Before you do the back section of your rosette, you need to sew on your ribbons.

Careful how you place your ribbons, they don't sit directly on top of each other, they are staggered, so that both ribbons can be seen nicely.

Now you're ready to finish off your rosette.



With the central section you have made, in place, turn the whole rosette over, so the back is facing you.

Now measure a circle to cover the back of your rosette. It needs to be bigger than the larger front circle. I measured mine to be 2.5 cm bigger than the small central circle.

The card I used for this back circle is different to the card I used for the other circles, it's thinner. You could use the card from a cereal box, or for something a little smarter, you could buy some nice white card, or any other colour of course.

You also need to create an attachment for your safety pin. Using a hole puncher, I punched two holes into the same card I used for the circle to go on the back of the rosette. I punched the holes a small distance apart,

cut an oval shape round them, as above. I then placed the back of the safety pin through the two holes, as above.

Now glue the circle of card just cut, with a generous great big blob of glue, to the small circle in the centre of the rosette. Position your safety pin, and glue that in place.

You're finished!

Well done! You have one complete rosette, ready to bestow on a special person! Have fun! Vanessa xxx