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# MARCH French Knitting Pattern: Snail



# FRENCH KNITTING PATTERN: SNAIL

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**Materials** 

Scheepjes Softfun

(60% Acrylic, 40% Polyester; 50g/140m)

2466 Peach x 1 ball

French knitting dolly or French knitting mill Aluminum wire for French knitting Wirecutter

We made the pattern using the beautiful 'Peach' shade (2466), but Softfun comes in no less than 92 shades—plenty of options to choose from!

#### **Measurements**

22 cm wide x 21 cm tall



You can find the *tracing* pattern on the next page!

#### **Pattern Notes**

Snail consists of an aluminium wire frame over which you slide a French knitted cord. First make the frame and then start knitting, so you can keep an eye on the length of the cord. Make sure you don't drop any stitches while you are knitting.

# Instructions

## **FRAME**

Print out *Schematic: Snail* and place it in front of you on your worktop. Bend the aluminum wire into this shape and make sure it is completely flat. If it does not lay flat completely, you can also bend it some more later when the cord is around it. Cut the aluminum wire and set your frame aside.

# **FRENCH KNITTING**

Use a French knitting dolly or mill to knit a cord approx. 188cm long. From approx. 170cm long, check whether your cord is already long enough by placing it on top of the frame (do not slide it on the frame yet). It is better

to have a cord that is too long; you can easily frog a section. When it is long enough, take the cord off the dolly or mill, thread the yarn tail loosely through the stitches but do not pull it tight yet, to be able to frog it later.

### **ASSEMBLY**

Carefully slide the cord around the frame, bit by bit. When all wire is covered, fold over both edges of the wire to avoid sharp ends. Close both ends of the cord, it's possible that you have to unravel a bit to get the correct length of cord. Then sew the beginning of the body of the snail to the snail's shell.

#### **TO FINISH**

Bend the snail to fit your plant pot and hang it onto the pot.



