

Yarnstorming is knitting as street art and to celebrate the Arts Festival's 18th birthday we want to festoon Hebden Bridge with colourful knitted cakes, buns, bunting and paper chains! Knitters and crocheters of all ages and experience are encouraged to get involved - you just need a sense of fun and a bit of imagination! Spread the word and lets yarnstorm HX7!

Big Bollard Buns by Helen Baron

Now I was going to wait before sending out this pattern so that I could add some crochet patterns with it, the crochet patterns are on their way but not quite finished yet. I could not wait to circulate this amazing big bun for covering the black metal bollards in Hebden Bridge, I tested one out, see picture, and it looked fab. Any problems pop into Ribbon Circus and ask either Amy or Helen.

These buns are knitted with a super chunky weight of yarn on big needles, I mostly doubled or trebled up the ball ends that I had around. 3 strands of DK, 2 or 3 strands of aran and 2 of chunky will be fine. You could add a strand of a fluffy mohair yarn for extra icing texture and I liked to use the extra textured thick yarns that I always seem to have half a ball of somewhere. Remember that tension and neatness are not really that important! Use a 7mm to a 12mm knitting needle, whichever feels most comfortable for you. (If you are a circular needle user you should be easily able to convert to rounds rather than rows, remembering that for the icing every other row is knit without decreases)

Choosing a yarn or combination of yarns that are cake coloured, cream, beige, pink, brown, **cast on 50 stitches**

Knit 1 row

next row - K1 P1 25 times, repeat this **row 13 more times**

row 16 - P to end (right side)

row 17 - leaving a very long end of the 1st yarn change to a yarn or combination of yarns that are icing coloured, pink, yellow, blue any colour in fact, P to end

row 18 - K to end

row 19 - P to end

row 20 - K to end

row 21 - P to end

row 22 - K5 K2together, repeat this **6 more times**, K1

row 23 - P to end

row 24 - K4 K2together, repeat this **6 more times**, K1

row 25 - P to end

row 24 - K3 K2together, repeat this **6 more times**, K1

row 25 - P to end

row 24 - K2 K2together, repeat this **6 more times**, K1

row 25 - P to end

row 24 - K1 K2together, repeat this **6 more times**, K1

row 25 - P to end

row 24 - K2together, repeat this **6 more times**, K1. 8 stitches

Cut yarn at about 20cm and using a large needle thread the end through these 8 sts and pull tight, sew down the side of the icing part and secure thread.

Using the cake coloured yarn end sew down the side of the cake part and secure. you will have a long tail of yarn which can be loosely threaded in and out of the cast on row and the end left long, this is to secure the bun to the bollards. Sew a red bobble, button or pompom securely to the top! Cherrytastic.



Completed Big Bollard Buns can be brought along to:

Hebden Bridge Arts Festival Office, New Oxford House, Albert Street, Hebden Bridge, HX7 8AH

Ribbon Circus haberdashery and knitting supplies, 8 Albert Street, Hebden Bridge HX7 8AH

Word of Mouth Crafts and Supplies Unit 4, 38 Hangingroyd Lane (entrance on Valley Rd), Hebden Bridge. HX7 7DD

