

Knitting a golden feather for the dragon

This feather is made in 2 parts: A reddish brown base and a golden top feather.

For the reddish brown base you can use any reddish brown, probably medium weight yarn. The yarn should be just a little bit thicker than the gold yarn you use.

(I used Merino soft, color 608 of Scheepjes for this)

For the golden top feather I used Katia Gatsby, color 20, but you can use any brand of gold yarn you like - as long as it is gold and it is just a little bit thinner as the reddish brown yarn. As you can see in my sample, the golden feather on top should be a bit smaller than the reddish brown basic feather. If the top and basic feather are about to get the same size, you can also adjust the pattern a bit - skipping or adding some rows.

For the reddish brown yarn I used needle size 3 mm - US 2,5 and for the gold yarn I used needle size 2,5 mm - US 1,5.

In this pattern, each time stitches are added to make a picot, you will have to use the knitted cast on method. You can find video's about this at You Tube.

Terms and abbreviations:

k = knit

pb = put last stitch back on left needle

+3, -5 = cast on 3 stitches (knitted cast on), bind off 5 stitches

[+3, -5] 3x. = cast on 3 stitches, bind off 5 stitches, put last stitch back to left needle to use this stitch for the next stitches to cast on, repeat 2 times, but do not put the last stitch back to the left needle

I-cord, k3 = do not turn, but slide the stitches to the other end of the needle, with the yarn at the back, knit the 3 stitches, pulling the first stitch tight

You use the same pattern for knitting the basic feather and the top feather, but because the yarn and needle size are different the golden top feather should become a little bit smaller.

Cast on 12 stitches

1. -3, [+3, -5] 3x, k2
2. I-cord, k3
3. I-cord, k3
4. I-cord, k3
5. +11, -3, [+3, -5] 4x, k2, turn
6. +11, -3, [+3, -5] 4x, pb, turn
7. Slide the stitches to the other end of the needle, yarn to the back (starting the I-cord), k3
8. I-cord, k3
9. I-cord, k3, turn
10. +13, -3, [+3, -5] 5x, k2, turn
11. +13, -3, [+3, -5] 5x, pb, turn
12. Like 7
13. I-cord, k3
14. I-cord, k3
15. I-cord, k3, turn
16. +15, -3, [+3, -5] 6x, k2, turn



17. +15, -3, [+3, -5] 6x, pb, turn
18. Like 7
19. I-cord, k3
20. I-cord, k3
21. I-cord, k3, turn
22. Like 16
23. Like 17
24. I-cord, k3
25. I-cord, k3
26. Slide the stitches to the other side of the needle as for I-cord, bind off all 3 stitches.

Both feathers can be attached to each other at the stem. The top of both feathers (row 26) should match (see picture). I used some pins to hold them together and then I threaded a needle with the gold yarn, making small - almost invisible stitches to attach both feathers. If your gold yarn is difficult to use for this, you can also use some normal sewing yarn to attach both feathers to each other.

