

Call for Leaves

Please help me knit a Tree of Life to be featured in my upcoming book, *Knit It Together*. I made a lovely little bonsai-sized prototype, but my editor wants a big tree to photograph. And that means I need leaves. Lots and lots of leaves. And I need them, like, now.



**Here's the little one.
Help me knit a big one.**

If you have time this month, would you please knit me up one or two (or 12 or 20) leaves out of whatever greenish yarn you have lying around? I would really really appreciate it.

Please pop the finished leaves in the mail to me:

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I have to assemble the tree and have it photographed by mid-October, so please send them to *arrive* no later than **Oct 11, 2008**.

If you have any questions, please email me at knitsurf@yahoo.com. I'll post updates on the project on my blog: suzynaj.blogspot.com.

Please forward this to any other knitters you know.
A thousand thanks!! You've made my day!

Tree of Life—Leaves

Design by Suzyn Jackson

Inspired by the Knit a River and Nike Petition projects, I designed this knitted tree. It could be used as anything from a protest piece to raise awareness of ecological issues to a decoration for a child's room.

Materials

Yarn: Any yarn you like, so long as it's green. This is a great way to use up odds and ends in your stash.

Needles: Whatever needles work with your yarn.

Gauge

Not critical—whatever works for your chosen yarn

Special Abbreviation

S2KP2: Sl 2 st together knitwise, k1, pass the slipped stitches over; this makes a centered double-decrease.

Instructions

Leaving a 4-6" tail, CO 3 sts.

Row 1 (WS): P3.

Row 2 (RS): Sl 1, yo, k1, yo, k1—5 sts.

Row 3 and all WS rows except where indicated:

Sl 1 purlwise, purl to end.

Row 4: Sl 1, k1, yo, k1, yo, k2—7 sts.

Row 6: Sl 1, k2, yo, k1, yo, k3—9 sts.

Row 8: Sl 1, k3, sl 1, k4.
(On Rows 8 & 9, you're slipping the center stitch.)

Row 9 (WS): Sl 1, p3, sl 1, p4.

Row 10: Sl 1, k2, S2KP2, k3—7 sts.

Row 12: Sl 1, k1, S2KP2, k2—5 sts.

Row 14: Sl 1, S2KP2, k1—3 sts.

Row 16: S2KP2—1 st.

Cut yarn, leaving a 4-6" tail for attaching the leaf to the tree. Fasten off last st.