Knitting Nature
Cable stitch vase instructions

Materials:
- 50 g chunky cotton macramé yarn in yellow shade
- pair of 8 mm knitting needles
- 6 mm crochet hook
- large cable needle
- toy stuffing or cotton wool
- thin card 12x24 cm
- few small pebbles

Abbreviations
k, knit; p, purl; st(s), stitch(es);
tog, together;
c4b, cable 4 back (slip next 2 sts onto cable needle and leave at back, k2, then k2 from cable needle).
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Vase

Using yellow, cast on 24 sts.

K 3 rows.
Row 4: K2, p4, k4, p4, k4, p2.
Row 5: P2, k4, p4, k4, p4, k4, p2.
Row 6: K2, p4, k4, p4, k4, p4, k2.
Row 7: P2, c4b, p4, c4b, p4, c4b, p2.
Row 8: K2, p4, k4, p4, k4, p4, k2.
Row 9: P2, k4, p4, k4, p4, k4, p2.
Repeat rows 4 to 9 twice more, then work row 4 again.
Row 23: P.
Row 24: K.
Row 25: *K2, k2tog, repeat from * to end of row (18 sts).
Row 26: Kt.
Row 27: *K1, k2tog, repeat from * to end of row (12 sts).
Row 30: K.
Row 31: K2tog to end (6sts).

Cut the yarn, pull end through remaining stitches and secure. Use the crochet hook to stitch closed along the bottom and up the side to form a pot shape. Roll the card and slot into the vase to ensure the sides stay rigid. Fill the pot with stuffing and add pebbles to weight the bottom if needed. Use the vase to create a display of your favourite knitted flowers.

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