

# The Countess of Warwick Show



## Horticultural Schedule

25th-26th August 2024

Park Road, Little Easton, Great Dunmow, Essex, CM6 2JJ

[countessofwarwickshow.org](http://countessofwarwickshow.org)

## Section A - Vegetables

### Judged for Freshness and Quality

1. Five onions (sets)
2. Five onions (seed)
3. Four leeks
4. Three parsnips, with approx 7.5cm (3") stalks
5. One cabbage, with approx 7.5cm (3") stalks
6. Three beetroot, with approx 7.5cm (3") stalks
7. Five carrots, with approx 7.5cm (3") stalks
8. Five runner beans
9. One marrow
10. One pumpkin (largest)
11. Five courgettes
12. Six shallots
13. Five tomatoes - calyx intact
14. Five tomatoes (cherry) - calyx intact
15. Five potatoes, one variety - white
16. Five potatoes, one variety - red
17. Five potatoes, one variety - red and white
18. Collection of potatoes, three distinct varieties - three of each, shown on three plates
19. Collection of six different vegetables on a tray - three of each
20. Complete lettuce - any type
21. Longest, freshly picked, runner bean (one only)
22. Any vegetable or salad item not included above
23. A 'sculpture' made from fruit and vegetables - ALL AGES



## Section B - Herbs & Medicinal

### Can be displayed in any container



1. Aloe Vera plant - potted
2. A potted herb
3. A collection of five cut herbs in one vase/container
4. Cut mint

## Section C - Dahlias

Can be displayed in any container



1. Three medium cactus dahlias - one or more colours, 10cm (4") to 15cm (6") diameter
2. Three medium decorative dahlias - one or more colours, 15cm (6") to 20cm (8") diameter
3. One specimen dahlia, 20cm (8") diameter
4. Five single bedding dahlias
5. Five semi double - double bedding dahlias - one or more colours
6. Five pompom dahlias - one or more colours, 5cm (2") diameter

## Section D - Other Flowers and Plants

Can be displayed in any container  
If known please add the  
variety of Roses

1. Mixed annuals
2. Annuals - one variety
3. Three roses - one variety
4. Three roses - separate varieties
5. One specimen rose
6. One floribunda rose spray
7. Collection of five different border perennials
8. Three spikes of gladioli - one or more varieties
9. Specimen cactus
10. Succulent pot plant
11. Spray of outdoor fuchsia
12. Your best cut garden flower
13. A foliage only pot plant
14. A flowering pot plant



## Section E - Fruit

Stalks to be left on



1. Four dessert apples on a plate/bowl
2. Four cooking apples on a plate/bowl
3. Four dessert pears on a plate/bowl
4. Four plums on a plate/bowl
5. Four gages or damsons on a plate/bowl
6. Any other fruit
7. Small bowl of soft fruit - not listed above

## Section F - Floral Art

No exhibit to be larger than 60cm x 60cm x 60cm

1. An exhibit in a jug, no oasis to be used
2. An exhibit in a recycled container
3. An arrangement to include a candle
4. A foliage arrangement in a basket
5. An exhibit to celebrate a 'Golden Wedding Anniversary'
6. An arrangement for a Harvest Festival Table



## Section G - Photography

Only 3 entries per class, per person

Must be printed on photographic paper

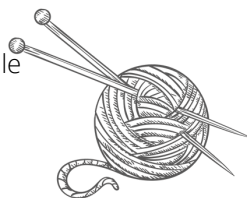
Max size 17.5cm x 12.5cm (7"x5") including mount



1. Sunrise or Sunset
2. Macro Photography
3. Sequence of 3 Photos (no theme), mounted as a sequence
4. Going for Gold, to celebrate the Olympics
5. Candid Portraits
6. Shape

## Section H - Handicrafts

1. Door wreath - seasonal
2. A baby mobile, any medium
3. Hand knitting - pattern supplied further on in schedule
4. 1 metre of bunting, any medium
5. Handmade Christmas Tree decoration
6. Woodwork
7. An item of cross stitch
8. Item of crochet
9. Item of Pottery
10. Tea cosy - any medium
11. Any other craft



# Section I - Domestic and Homecraft

All cakes and pastries must be displayed on a white plate in a resealable freezer bag

All jams and pickles must in a jar with a lid

All drinks must be exhibited in a clear glass bottle clearly labelled and the year of bottling stated

1. A traditional Victoria sandwich (men only), please follow recipe <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/grannys-victoria-sponge> (please omit the cream) 20cm/8" tin
2. Cheese Straws, 3 to be provided for judging
3. Christmas Mince Pies, 3 to be provided
4. A vegetable cake, please let us know the vegetable used on your ticket
5. Cornish Pasties, 2 to be provided
6. Parkin, 3 (5cm) squares to be provided
7. Shortbread fingers, 3 to be provided, please follow the recipe <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/shortbread-biscuits>
8. Fudge, 5 squares to be provided
9. Sourdough loaf
10. Your Favourite Bake, sweet
11. A small jar of pesto
12. Any soft fruit jam
13. Any fruit marmalade
14. Any chutney
15. Any fruit curd
16. A clear honey 1lb jar
17. 6 chicken eggs - one to be broken for judging
18. One bottle of homemade white wine. Not made from concentrate, not less than 500ml
19. One bottle of homemade red wine. Not made from concentrate, not less than 500ml
20. Homemade flavoured gin, please state the flavour
21. Any other homemade spirit or liqueur not mentioned above
22. Any homemade cordial (to be diluted by judge)
23. One bottle of homemade beer
24. One bottle of homemade cider



# Freddie the Field Mouse

Feel free to use any colour, it will not affect judging

**Suggested Yarn:** Any DK weight Yarn, I used Stylecraft DK in colour “Mocha”. You won’t need much, around (45m/50yds) 10-15g, depending on the weight of the yarn.

**Other Notions:**

- 2 x 6mm safety eyes (or you could use buttons or black yarn to sew if you wanted)
- Tapestry needle for darning in the ends
- Small amount of toy stuffing
- Some pink or black yarn for the nose
- Double Pointed Needles to knit the i-cord tail. If you don’t have any, don’t worry, see the tutorial link below for how to do this using a circular needle



**Needle Size:** 3.5mm (US 4) Straight needles, or circular needles can be used to “knit back and forth”.

**Gauge:** Gauge isn’t really important for knitting toys, just make sure that there aren’t too many gaps for the filling to show through, unless you knit really loosely, you should be fine with 3.5mm needle and DK Yarn

**Finished Size:** Freddie stands approx. 10cm tall, and is about 7cm wide

**Suitable for:** Beginners

**Finishing:** This pattern is worked flat (back and forth) and then seamed using mattress stitch

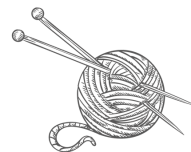
**Casting on:** Use the long-tail cast-on method for all pieces unless stated. You can find a tutorial for how to use this cast-on method here. [Jo-Creates Long Tail Cast On Tutorial](#)

**Special Techniques:** You will need to knit an **i-cord** for Freddie’s tail. This is really simple and you can find a tutorial on how to do it here. [Jo-Creates i-cord Tutorial](#)

Some of the items also say to “**pull through to cast off**”. To do this, break the yarn with enough left to thread

onto a tapestry needle. Step 1 - Starting at the opposite end, put the tapestry needle through the stitches and pull them off the knitting needle, onto the tapestry needle. Step 2 - pull the yarn through and pull tight. See Pictures below....

**Step 1 Step 2**



## Abbreviations used:

- i-cord (see instructions above)
- K, Knit
- P, Purl
- Kfb, Knit front and back
- K2tog, Knit two together
- SSK, Slip Slip Knit

## Here is the Pattern for Freddie...

### Head

Cast on 10 stitches

**Row 1:** P all stitches (10 sts)

**Row 2:** Kfb x 10 (20 sts)

**Row 3:** P all stitches (20 sts)

**Row 4:** [K1, Kfb]x10 (30 sts)

**Row 5:** P all stitches (30 sts)

**Row 6:** K all stitches (30 sts)

**Row 7-12:** Repeat row 5 & 6 three more times (30 sts)

**Row 13:** P all stitches (30 sts)

**Row 14:** K2tog x 15 (15 sts)

**Row 15:** P all stitches (15 sts)

**Row 16:** [K1, K2tog]x5 (10 sts)

**Row 17:** P all stitches (10 sts)

**Row 18:** K2tog x5 (5 sts)

Pull through to cast off (see pictures above)

## Body

Cast On 10 stitches

**Row 1:** P all stitches (10 sts)

**Row 2:** Kfbx10 (20 sts)

**Row 3:** P all stitches (20 sts)

**Row 4:** [Kfb, K1] x 10 (30 sts)

**Row 5:** P all stitches (30 sts)

**Row 6:** [Kfb, K2]x10 (40 sts)

**Row 7:** P all stitches (40 sts)

**Row 8:** K all stitches (40 sts)

**Row 9:** P all stitches (40 sts)

**Row 10-13:** repeat row 8 and 9 twice more

**Row 14:** K4, K2tog, K8, SSK, K8, K2tog, K8, SSK, K4 (36 sts)

**Row 15:** P all stitches (36 sts)

**Row 16:** K3, K2tog, K8, SSK, K6, K2tog, k8, ssk, k3 (32 sts)

**Row 17:** P all stitches (32 sts)

**Row 18:** K2, K2tog, K8, SSK, K4, K2tog, K8, SSK, K2 (28 sts)

**Row 19:** P all stitches (28 sts)

**Row 20:** K1, K2tog, K8, SSK, K2, K2tog, K8, SSK K1 (24 sts)

**Row 21:** P all stitches (24 sts)

**Row 22:** K2tog, K8, SSK, K2tog, K8, SSK (20 sts)

**Row 23:** P all stitches (20 sts)

**Row 24:** K2tog x10 (10 sts)

**Row 25:** P all stitches (10 sts)

**Row 26:** K2tog x5 (5 sts)

Pull through to cast off (see pictures above)

### **Ears (make 2)**

Cast on 8 stitches

**Row 1:** P all stitches (8 sts)

**Row 2:** K2tog, K4, K2tog (6 sts)

**Row 3:** P all stitches (6 sts)

**Row 4:** K2tog, K2, K2tog (4 sts)

**Row 5:** P all stitches (4 sts)

**Row 6:** Kfb, K2, Kfb (6 sts)

**Row 7:** P all stitches (6 sts)

**Row 8:** Kfb, K4, Kfb (8 sts)

**Row 9:** P all stitches

Cast off all stitches

(Don't use pull-through method for this one)

### **Arms (make 2)**

Cast on 5 stitches

**Row 1:** P all stitches (5 sts)

**Row 2:** Kfb x5 (10 sts)

**Row 3:** P all stitches (10 sts)

**Row 4:** K all stitches (10 sts)

**Row 5 - 10:** Repeat Rows 3 and 4 three more times

**Row 11:** P all stitches (10 sts)

**Row 12:** [K2tog, K1] x 3, K1 (7 sts)

**Row 13:** P all stitches (7 sts)

**Row 14:** K2tog x 3, K1 (4 sts)

Pull through to cast off (see pictures above)

### **Feet (make 2)**

Cast on 6 stitches

**Row 1:** P all stitches (6 sts)

**Row 2:** Kfb x6 (12 sts)

**Row 3:** P all stitches (12 sts)

**Row 4:** K all stitches (12 sts)

**Row 5:** P all stitches (12 sts)

**Row 6:** K2tog x 6 (6 sts)

**Row 7:** P all stitches (6 sts)

**Row 8:** K2tog x 3 (3 sts)

Pull through to cast off (see pictures above)

### **Tail**

Cast on 2 stitches

Make an i-cord tail to the desired length (see tutorial link above for details if you aren't sure how to make an i-cord)



That's it, you're all knitted and now all you have to do now is to make him up.

You'll find instructions on the next page for that!



## Putting Freddie together

### Body

- Using Mattress Stitch, sew up Freddie's Body and stuff with toy-filling. Make sure to put enough in to "fill" Freddie but not so much that his stitches start to come apart. Sew closed once you're happy with the amount of filling you have put in.
- The seam runs up Freddie's back and the Cast off edge is the top of Freddie's body

### Head

Using Mattress Stitch, sew up Freddie's Head and stuff, as for the body.

Before you sew Freddie's head closed, if you are using safety eyes, add them now!

- Cast off edge is Freddie's nose and seam runs under nose, front to back

### Ears

- Sew Freddie's ears around all sides, no need to stuff

### Arms

- Using Mattress Stitch, sew up Freddie's Arms, and put a small amount of stuffing in. Sew closed once you're happy with the amount of filling you have put in.
- The Cast-off Edge is the tip of Freddie's arms (where his paws are) and the seam runs along the bottom of his arms

### Feet

- Using Mattress Stitch, sew up Freddie's Feet, and put a small amount of stuffing in. Sew closed once you're happy with the amount of filling you have put in.
- The cast-off edge goes where Freddie's toes are and the seam runs along the bottom

### Assembly

Sew Freddie's Ears onto his Head...then say hello as he can hear you now!

Attach Freddie's head to his body, then attach the arms and feet

Attach Freddie's tail in the centre of his back (where his tail would be durr!)

- Finally, using a little pink (or black) wool, make Freddie a nose, so that he can sniff out all that cheese!

That's it - You have made a Freddie to live with you - Congratulations! :)

If you like this pattern, check out my blog [www.jo-creates.com](http://www.jo-creates.com), I'm working on new patterns, hints tips and tutorials and general ramblings all the time.

