



## SPRING HAS SPRUNG

It has been a long wet winter in the UK, battered with strong winds and storms. Devon and Cornwall took a real beating as did most of the west coast and Ireland but now that the clouds have parted and the clocks have sprung forward, It's like a breath of fresh air to wake up to sunlight streaming through the blinds in the morning.

Out in the fields the cute lambs are with their mums and the meadows and grass verges are sprinkled with brightly coloured petals as pretty flowers spring up from their winter slumber, resembling confetti littered church courtyards on a saturday afternoon.

These easily recognisable signs of new life in the British countryside let us know that spring has definitely sprung and [Easter](#) is just around the corner. According to [The Royal Horticultural Society website](#) flowers are not only beautiful but also have a language all of their own with different flowers representing different meanings.

Available now on [Green Dog Dolls website](#), [Patreon](#) and [Ravelry](#) is a free knitting pattern and tutorial to make these pretty hand knitted flowers based on a [Gerbera Daisy](#) (RHS Meaning: Innocence). Create a beautiful display of everlasting flowers in your home. They are versatile enough to suit many decor styles and are really quick and easy to make. A great stash busting project that can be made using oddments of yarn leftover from other projects. Why not try a minimalistic style with individual, delicate, daisy-style flowers. Simple white petals with sunshine yellow centres. Alternatively give your home the WOW factor with an eye-catching display of colour by making a feature wall of flowers using every colour in the rainbow.

Whatever your style I hope you have fun making these flowers and enjoy having them around your home for many years to come.



# DRESSING-UP IS NOT JUST FOR DOLLS!

As a child I loved playing with vintage style paper dolls that came complete with a full cut-out wardrobe and set of accessories. Usually based around a theme like 'Winter Wonderland' or 'A day out at the Farm' they provided hours and hours of creative play and probably contributed to me studying fashion and textiles at university. These [Teddy Dolls](#) along with the, soon-to-be-released [Dress-Me-Up Wardrobe](#) including accessories and play-sets, have been designed with a similar sense of fun and nostalgia in mind. A great slow-sewing summer project that can be added to year after year.



Teddy Dolls are cute and cuddly, soft body, fabric dolls with teddy bear heads and sweet embroidered faces.

I learned to sew at a very young age by making my own toys and designing clothes and accessories for them. In many ways this is the perfect project to improve your sewing skills like I did. There are numerous helpful links to free resources included, as well as practical notes and pro-tips to assist you at every stage. Having said that, there's lots to keep even the more advanced interested. I really had a lot of fun with this project and I love that you can add to the wardrobe and accessories.

The FREE sewing pattern and tutorial includes easy to follow step-by-step instructions with over 80 detailed photos and a printer friendly PDF pattern. And is available now on [Green Dog Dolls](#) and [Patreon](#).

