

I was looking for something whimsical. My practical side wouldn't be ignored. I wanted something fun, fast and simple to knit. Still, it had to be practical. Being recently unemployed, I have a lot of time to think about silly projects like this one. Silly or practical? You decide.

I obviously have too much time on my hands.

This project is knit in one piece from the top down. There are no seams and only two ends to weave in at the end.

SIZE

While I believe size matters, in this case it's one size fits most.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Length: 7 inches not including handle

MATERIALS

Lorn's Laces Shephard Worsted in Watercolor

100% superwash wool 225 yards/skein;

color: Watercolor;

One cosy takes less than one skein

Machine washable yarn will be a plus.

1 set US #4/3.5mm double-point needles

notions required [4 stitch counters, tapestry needle]

GAUGE

20 sts/28 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch

PATTERN

The cosy is knit in one piece from the hanging handle to the tip.

We start with the handle knit flat.

CO 12 stitches on one dpn.

Knit 4 rows (garter stitch).

Next row: k4, cast off 4 st, k4. This creates the opening for hanging the cosy. You could also use your favorite four stitch button hole technique here.

Turn.

Knit 4, cast on four stitches, k4

Knit four rows (garter stitch).

This completes the hanging handle.

Now we're going to start the body of the cosy. Knit one row and cast on six stitches at the end. Turn.

Knit the six stitches just cast on. Knit the 12 stitches of the handle. Cast on 6 additional stitches. (24 st)

Evenly distribute these 24 stitches onto 3 dpn.

Join into a circle, taking care the stitches are not twisted. Mark the start of the round.

Row 1: knit

Row 2: purl

Row 3: knit

Row 4: purl

This makes four rows of garter stitch for the top border.

Now you're to the simple part. Knit every row until cosy measures 7 inches or desired length.

Tip Shaping

Marking round: k6, place a marker, repeat to end

Row 1: SSK, k2, k2tog, slip marker, SSK, k2, k2tog, slip marker, SSK, k2, k2tog, slip marker, SSK, k2, k2tog [16 st]

Row 2: SSK, k2tog, slip marker, SSK, k2tog, slip marker, SSK, k2tog, slip marker, SSK, k2tog [8 st]

Break yarn with long (~12 inch) tail

FINISHING

Thread tail onto tapestry needle. Run needle through remaining 8 stitches and pull tight. Weave end into wrong side of fabric. Trim remaining yarn.

There will be one other end to weave in from the cast on edge.

That's it. You're done. Fill with something appropriate and hang this near your bed.

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