

A little something special

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POINSETTIA ORNAMENT

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Finished Size 5" across.

Yarn Cleckheaton Country 8 Ply (100% wool; 105 yd [96 m]/50 g): #19 oatmeal (MC) and #48 navy (CC), 1 ball each. Yarn distributed by Plymouth Yarns.

Needles Size 6 (4mm): set of double-pointed (dnp). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions Tapestry needle.

Gauge 22 sts and 29 rows = 4" in St st.

LEAVES (MAKE 6)

With MC, CO 3 sts. Distribute sts over 3 dnp, place marker (pm), and join in the rnd.

Odd rnds 1-13: Knit.

Rnd 2: K1f&b in each st around—6 sts.

Rnd 4: *K1f&b, k1; rep from * to end—9 sts.

Rnd 6: *K1f&b, k2; rep from * to end—12 sts.

Rnd 8: *K1f&b, k3; rep from * to end—15 sts.

Rnd 10: *K2tog, k3; rep from * to end—12 sts rem.

Rnd 12: *K2tog, k2; rep from * to end—9 sts rem.

Rnd 14: *K2tog, k1; rep from * to end—6 sts rem.

Rnd 15: *K2tog; rep from * to end—3 sts rem. Cut yarn. Thread tail through rem sts and cinch to close.

BERRIES (MAKE 3)

With CC, CO 1 st.

Row 1: (K1, p1, k1, p1, k1) all in same st—5 sts.

Row 2: P5.

Row 3: Pass 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th sts over first st—1 st rem.

Cut yarn and pull tail through st to fasten off. Tie two yarn tails tog.

FINISHING

Sew core of poinsettia tog by taking one of the yarn tails from a petal and weaving it through the bottom points of all petals. Weave in all ends. Sew berries to the middle of the poinsettia. Make a 4-st I-cord (see Glossary) about 8" long. Sew bottoms of cord tog to form loop. Sew bottom of loop to the back of the poinsettia core. Sew the sides of the loop three quarters of the way up the backs of two poinsettia petals to help structure and balance the ornament. ■



FUNKY GIFT BAG

AMY CLARKE MOORE

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Finished Size 16" circumference and 10" high.

Yarn Ozark Handspun (50% wool, 50% mohair; 34 yd [31 m]/100 g): #101 Antarctica (blue/white variegated), 1 skein.

Needles Size 13 (15 mm): 4 double-pointed (dnp). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions 1 yd of 1" wide satin ribbon; tapestry needle.

Gauge 9 sts and 16 rnds = 4" in patt.

BAG

CO 3 sts. Join in the rnd. The first rnd is worked like I-cord.

Rnd 1: K3, slide sts back to left end of needle and pull yarn across back to work next rnd.

Rnd 2: *K1, yo; rep from * around—6 sts. Divide sts over 3 dnp.

Rnds 3, 5, and 7: Knit.

Rnd 4: *K1, yo; rep from * around—12 sts.

Rnd 6: *K1, yo; rep from * around—24 sts.

Rnd 8: *K2, yo; rep from * around—36 sts.

Rnds 9-34: Knit.

Rnd 35 (eyelet rnd): *Yo, k2tog; rep from * around.

Rnd 36: Knit.

Rnd 37: *K2, yo; rep from * around—54 sts.

Rnds 38-40: Knit.

BO all sts.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. Thread ribbon through eyelets in Rnd 35. ■

SNOWFLAKE ORNAMENT

KATIE HIMMELBERG

SNOWFLAKE

CO 48 sts. Distribute sts evenly over 4 dpn. Place marker (pm) and join in the rnd.

Knit 1 rnd.

Rnd 1: K2, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, *k5, sl 1, k2tog, pssso; rep from * to last 3 sts, k3—36 sts rem.

Rnds 2, 4, and 6: Knit.

Rnd 3: K1, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, *k3, sl 1, k2tog, pssso; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2—24 sts rem.

Rnd 5: Sl 1, k2tog, pssso, *k1, sl 1, k2tog, pssso; rep from * to last st, k1—12 sts rem.

Rnd 7: *K2tog; rep from * around—6 sts rem.

Rnd 8: K6.

Cut yarn and pull tail through rem 6 sts. Fasten off.

EDGING

With crochet hook, join yarn to one point of snowflake, ch 1 (counts as sc), sc in next st and each st around (see Glossary for crochet instructions). Sl st in ch-1 to join—48 sc. **Next rnd:** *Ch 7, sl st in first ch, ch 3, sl st in next sc, ch 5, skip 2 sc, sc in next sc, ch 5, skip 3 sc, sc in next sc, ch 3, sl st in first ch of last ch-3; rep from * to end, sl st in base of beg ch-7 to join. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in loose ends. Wet-block piece, pinning tightly to flatten and stretch out crocheted points. ■

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Finished Size 5" across.

Yarn Knit One Crochet Too Merino Gold (94% merino, 6% metallic; 109 yd [100 m]/50 g): #642 dusky blue, 1 skein.

Needles Size 7 (4.5 mm): set of double-pointed (dpn). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions Size G/6 (4 mm) crochet hook; tapestry needle; marker (m).

Gauge 20 sts and 28 rnds = 4" in St st.

BITTY HAT AND SOCK ORNAMENT

LAURA RINTALA

HAT

With MC, CO 25 sts. Join in the rnd.

Work in 1×1 rib for ½". Work in St st until piece measures 1¼" from CO.

Rnd 1: *K3, k2tog; rep from * around—20 sts rem.

Even rnds 2-8: Knit.

Rnd 3: *K2, k2tog; rep from * around—15 sts rem.

Rnd 5: *K1, k2tog; rep from * around—10 sts rem.

Rnd 7: *K2tog; rep from * around—5 sts rem.

Rnd 9: [K2tog] twice, k1—3 sts rem.

Break yarn, leaving a 24" tail. Place each rem st on a separate toothpick. Dab glue to adhere sts to toothpicks. Roll yarn tail into ball starting from cut end and ending about 3" from toothpicks. Soak yarn ball with glue to hold and allow to dry completely. Weave in ends.

SOCK

With MC, CO 18 sts. Join in the rnd.

Work in 1×1 rib for ½". Work in St st until piece measures 1¼" from CO. **Shape heel:**

Join CC but do not break off MC. With CC, k8 onto one needle. Place rem 10 sts on 2 needles. Working back and forth on 8 sts, cont in St st for ½".

Turn heel:

Row 1: K4, k2tog, k1, turn.

Row 2: Sl 1, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 3: Sl 1, k2tog, k1, turn.

Row 4: Sl 1, p1, p2tog, p1—4 sts rem.

Break off CC. **Next rnd:** Needle 1: with MC, knit across 4 heel sts, then pick up and knit 6 sts along side of heel; Needle 2: knit across 10 instep sts; Needle 3: pick up and knit 6 sts along side of heel, k2 from Needle 1—26 sts. **Shape gusset:**

Rnd 1: Needle 1: knit to last 3 sts, k2tog,

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Finished Size Sock measures about 2½" from top of cuff to bottom of heel, and hat measures about 1¼" across.

Yarn Nature's Palette Fingering Weight (100% merino; 185 yd [170 m]/50 g): #NP-137 spruce (MC) and #NP-116 coral (CC), small amounts of each.

Needles Size 1½ (2.5 mm): set of 4 double-pointed (dpn). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions Tapestry needle; round toothpicks; clear-drying glue (such as Elmer's).

Gauge 8 sts and 10 rows = 1" in St st.

k1; Needle 2: knit; Needle 3: k1, ssk (see Glossary), knit to end—2 sts dec'd.

Rnd 2: Knit.

Rep Rnds 1 and 2 until 18 sts rem. Work even until foot measures 1½" from back of heel, break off MC. Join CC. **Shape toe:**

Rnd 1: Needle 1: knit to last 2 sts, k2tog;

Needle 2: ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog;

Needle 3: ssk, knit to end—4 sts dec'd.

Rnd 2: Knit.

Rep Rnds 1 and 2 until 6 sts rem. **Next rnd:** [K2tog] 3 times—3 sts rem. Break yarn,

leaving a 24" tail. Place each rem st on a separate toothpick. Dab glue to adhere sts to toothpicks. Roll yarn tail into ball starting from cut end and ending about 3" from toothpicks. Soak yarn ball with glue to hold and allow to dry completely. ■

CABLED GLOBE ORNAMENT

EUNNY JANG

STITCH GUIDE

Emily Ocker Circular Beginning: Form a yarn loop with the ball end crossing over the tail end, *slip crochet hook through loop and draw yarn from ball end through loop to chain 1 st, leave st on hook; rep from * 7 more times. Slip sts from hook onto dpn. Pull tail to close center hole.

ORNAMENT

Using the Emily Ocker circular beginning (see Stitch Guide), CO 12 sts. Distribute sts evenly over 3 dpn. Set-up rnd: *[K1f&b] 2 times, place marker (pm); rep from * around—24 sts.

Rnd 1: *K1tbl, p1, k1f&b, p1; rep from * around—30 sts.

Rnd 2: (cable rnd) *K1tbl, p1, sl 1 st to cn and hold in front, k1, k1 from cn, p1; rep from * around.

Rnd 3: *K1tbl, p1, k2, p1; rep from * around.

Rnd 4: *K1tbl, p1, k1f&b, M1 (see Glossary), k1, p1; rep from * around—42 sts.

Rnd 5: *K1tbl, p1, k4, p1; rep from * around.

Rnd 6: (cable rnd) *K1tbl, p1, sl 2 sts to cn and hold in front, k2, k2 from cn, p1; rep from * around.

Rnd 7: *K1tbl, p1, k2, M1, k2, p1; rep from * around—48 sts.

Rnds 8-10: *K1tbl, p1, k5, p1; rep from * around.

Rnd 11: *K1tbl, p1, k3, M1, k2, p1; rep from * around—54 sts.

Rnd 12: (cable rnd) *K1tbl, p1, sl 3 sts to cn and hold in front, k3, k3 from cn, p1; rep from * around.

Rnds 13-17: *K1tbl, p1, k6, p1; rep from * around.

Rnd 18: (cable rnd) Rep Rnd 12.

Rnd 19: *K1tbl, p1, k2, k2tog, k2, p1; rep from * around—48 sts rem.

Rnds 20-22: Rep Rnds 8-10.

Rnd 23: *K1tbl, p1, k1, k2tog, k2, p1; rep from * around—42 sts rem.

Rnd 24: (cable rnd) Rep Rnd 6.

Rnd 25: Rep Rnd 5.

Rnd 26: *K1tbl, p1, k2tog, k2tog, p1; rep from * around—30 sts rem.

Rnd 27: Rep Rnd 3.

Rnd 28: (cable rnd) Rep Rnd 2.

Rnd 29: *K1tbl, p1, k2tog, p1; rep from * around—24 sts rem.

Rnd 30: *Ssk (see Glossary); rep from * around—12 sts rem.

Break yarn and thread tail through rem sts; cinch to close.

FINISHING

Make twisted cord (see Glossary) with doubled length of yarn; knot both ends and sew to top of ball, adjusting length as desired. Stuff through bottom opening until ball is firm and uniformly stuffed. Draw bottom tight with tail and weave in all ends. ■

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Finished Size 9" circumference, stuffed.

Yarn Berroco Pure Merino (100% merino; 92 yd [85 m]/50 g): #8520 cadet, 1 ball.

Needles Size 6 (4 mm): set of double-pointed (dpn). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions Crochet hook; markers (m); tapestry needle; cable needle (cn); wool roving, fabrics scraps, or polyester filling for stuffing.

Gauge 24 sts and 24 rows = 4" in patt.



Crochet Chain (ch)

Make a slipknot on hook. Yarn over hook and draw it through loop of slipknot. Repeat, drawing yarn through the last loop formed.

I-Cord



With double-pointed needle, cast on desired number of stitches. *Without turning the needle, slide the stitches to other end of the needle, pull the yarn around the back, and knit the stitches as usual; repeat from * for desired length.

Raised (M1) Increases

Left Slant (M1L) and Standard M1



Figure 1



Figure 2

With left needle tip, lift strand between needles from front to back (Figure 1). Knit lifted loop through the back (Figure 2).

Right Slant (M1R)



Figure 1



Figure 2

With left needle tip, lift strand between needles from back to front (Figure 1). Knit lifted loop through the front (Figure 2).

Purlwise (M1P)



Figure 1



Figure 2

With left needle tip, lift strand between needles, from back to front (Figure 1). Purl lifted loop (Figure 2).

Single Crochet (sc)

Insert hook into an edge stitch, yarn over hook and draw a loop through stitch, yarn over hook (Figure 1) and draw it through both loops on hook (Figure 2).



Figure 1



Figure 2

Slip-Stitch Crochet (sl st)



Insert hook into stitch, yarn over hook and draw loop through stitch and loop on hook.

Ssk Decrease



Figure 1



Figure 2

Slip two stitches knitwise one at a time (Figure 1). Insert point of left needle into front of two slipped stitches and knit them together through back loops with right needle (Figure 2).

Twisted Cord



Figure 1



Cut several lengths of yarn about five times the desired finished cord length. Fold the strands in half to form two equal groups. Anchor the strands at the fold by looping them over a doorknob. Holding one group in each hand, twist each group tightly in a clockwise direction until they begin to kink. Put both groups in one hand, then release them, allowing them to twist around each other counterclockwise. Smooth out the twists so that they are uniform along the length of the cord. Knot the ends.



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