

Pattern of the Month

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Easy, In-the-round

Spring Basket

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Gauge: 3.25 sts/in and 4.5 rows/in = 13 sts/4" and 18 rows/4" in St st pre-felted
Needles: Size 11(8mm) 16" or 24" circular ndls and dpns OR size to obtain gauge
Yarn: 220 from Cascade yarns, 100% wool, 100g/220 yds
Amount: partial ball; small amounts of contrasting color for stripes (optional)
Size: Approximately 4" H x 6.5" W
Supplies: Tapestry ndl, size 11 dpns

With size 11 (8mm) circular ndl and long-tail cast on, CO 80 sts. PM at beg, join without twisting and knit for 22 rnds, about 5".
 Divide sts with 20 sts on each of 4 dpns for bottom shaping. Mark beg with a marker in the fabric.
 Rnd 1: *K8, k2tog; rep from * to beg. 72 sts.
 Even Rnds 2-8: Knit
 Rnd 3: *K7, k2tog; rep from * to beg. 64 sts.
 Rnd 5: *K6, k2tog; rep from * to beg. 56 sts.
 Rnd 7: *K5, k2tog; rep from * to beg. 48 sts.
 Rnd 9: *K4, k2tog; rep from * to beg. 40 sts.
 Rnd 10: *K3, k2tog; rep from * to beg. 32 sts.
 Rnd 11: *K2, k2tog; rep from * to beg. 24 sts.
 Rnd 12: *K1, k2tog; rep from * to beg. 16 sts.
 Rnd 13: *K2tog; rep from * to beg. 8 sts.
 Rnd 14: *K2tog, rep from * to beg. 4 sts
 Cut yarn, leaving a 7-10" tail. With a tapestry ndl, thread yarn through rem sts. Apply I-cord to top edge.
 For handle, create three 12" I-cords. Braid together and attach to basket at opposite sides.
 Work in ends. Felt.

Applied I-Cord

With RS facing you, cast 3 sts onto a dpn or circular ndl. *PU st at edge, push the 4 sts to the right end of the ndl and k2, k2tog; rep from *. Keep tension loose enough and the number of sts picked up appropriate so edge lies flat.

Felt

Using hot water, set the washing machine for a heavy cycle, with the water level set for a small load. Add felted project, soap and an old pair of jeans or athletic shoes. Fill machine and begin agitating. It takes about 10 minutes for anything to happen and it may require resetting to beg of cycle. Once felting begins, check frequently and measure to achieve the appropriate finished size. Take the piece out, place on a bowl or plastic container of the proper shape and size and let dry.

I-cord

Cast on 2 sts onto dpns. *Without turning ndls, push sts to the opposite end of the needle and knit. Cont from * until desired length. BO. Cut yarn and pull tail through

Abbreviations

"/in	inch(es)	k2tog	knit 2 together	st(s)	stitch(es)
%	percent	mm	millimeter	yds	yards
beg	beginning	ndl(s)	needle(s)		
BO	bind off	PU	pick up		
dpns	double point ndls	rem	remaining		
g	gram(s)	rep	repeat		
k	knit	rnd	round		

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