

Aran Cable Cushion – donated by Artesano Yarns



This smart cushion has a striped border. It is knitted all in one piece with a striped border panel knitted halfway and then completed with a pointed flap to close. If knitting for the Woolsack2012 project, omit the flap as the edges will need to be stitched together to hold the stuffing.

It uses cables and also vertical stripes which need the yarn to be carried across the back of the work where the stripes are, at either edge of the cushion, and some care not to get all the ends tangled together! To make life easier, wind off half of Shade B into a separate ball if using 100g balls of yarn.

The original design, as pictured, had an extra twisted rib row up each side between the stripes and the cables, but this has been removed to reduce the size from 18" to 16" square. Similarly one cable pattern repeat has been removed for the same reason.

Materials

300 gms British Aran yarn – Shade A, original was Artesano Ash
100 gms British Aran yarn – Shade B, original was Artesano Walnut
1 pair 5.0mm needles
1 Large button (if not for Woolsack2012)
1 cable needle
Crochet hook – size 3.50mm
2 poppers

Tension

14sts and 22 rows to 4" (10cms) over pattern after pressing

Measurements: 18" (50cms) long, 16" (46cms) wide

Abbreviations

k – knit

p – purl

st(s) – stitch(es)

beg – beginning

LH - left hand

RH – right hand

tog - together

CB6 – place next 3sts onto cable needle at back of work, k3, then k3 from cable needle

TW2R – twist 2 right – knit into front of second and then first st on LH needle

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Instructions

Using 5.00mm needles and Colour A, cast on 76sts

Join in 2 balls Colour B for striped borders

1st row: (k2B, p2A) twice, k2B. In colour A – k6, (p2, TW2R, p2, k6) to last 10sts, p2, TW2R, p2, k2B, (p2A, k2B) twice

2nd row: (p2B, k2A) twice, p2B. In colour A – p6, (k2, p2, k2, p6) to last 10sts, k2, p2, k2, (p2B, k2A) twice, p2B

3rd row: as 1st row

4th row: as 2nd row.

5th row: (k2B, p2A) twice, k2B. In colour A – k6, (p2, TW2R, p2, CB6) to last 10sts, p2, TW2R, p2, k2B (p2A, k2B) twice

6th row: as 4th row

Repeat last 6 rows 14 times more and 1st and 2nd rows once

Work 14 rows in striped rib across all stitches

Resume cable pattern and work rows 1 – 6, 15 times more and 1st and 2nd rows once

Work 12 rows in striped rib ending on WS row

Shape Front Flap – NB: a neater finish is achieved if all decreases are worked in Colour B

1st row: k2B, p2tog, (k2B, p2A) to last 4sts, p2tog, k2B

2nd row: p2B, k2tog (p2B, k2A) to last 4 sts, k2tog, p2B

Repeat last 2 rows until 14sts remain, ending on WS row

Next row: k2B, p2tog, k1B, cast off 4sts, k1B, p2tog, k2B

Next row: p2B, k2tog, cast on 4sts, k2tog, p2B

Next row: k2B, p2tog, k2B, p2tog, k2B

Next row: p2B (k2tog) twice, p2B

Next row: k2B, p2tog, k2B

Next row: p2, k1, p2

Cast off.

Finishing

Sew in all ends. Press or block work.

Using fine back stitch, join side seams.

Using 3.50mm crochet hook, work 2 rows of double crochet across top front edge in yarn B.

Sew on button to correspond with buttonhole (not needed for Woolsack2012)

If necessary stitch poppers to underside of flap at top of borders (not needed for Woolsack2012)