

Celtic Knot Cushion – donated by Artesano Yarns



This attractive cushion has a central square panel on the front, with a Celtic Knot design, framed by four mitred panels using a twisted rib stitch to add texture. The back is all done with twisted rib ridges.

This is an interesting project as it uses a wide range of techniques: cables, twisted rib, picking up stitches along edges, a double crochet edge and an I-cord for piping.

The original design was made for 5mm knitting needles and was 17" (43cm) square and the pattern has been downsized and made more dense by reducing the needle size to 4.5mm.

Materials

300gms British Aran yarn – original done in Artesano Ash shade
1 pair 4.5mm needles
2 dpns size 3.50mm
Cable needle
Crochet hook 3.50mm
Poppers or hooks and eyes for closure

Tension

15sts and 26 rows over 4" (10cms) square on 5.00mm needles over pattern after pressing

Measurement

16" (40cms) square on 4.5mm needles over pattern

Abbreviations

k – knit
p – purl
St(s) – stitch(es)
Inc – increase
RS – right side
WS – wrong side
st.st. – stocking stitch
RH – right hand
LH – left hand
Beg – beginning
sl – slip



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Glossary

C3BK – slip 1st onto cable needle at back, then k2, then k1 from cable needle
C3R – slip 1st onto cable needle at back, k2, then p1 from cable needle
C3FK – slip 2sts onto cable needle at front, k1, then k2 from cable needle
C3L – slip 2sts onto cable needle at front, p1, then k2 from cable needle
C4F – slip 2sts onto cable needle at front, p2, then k2 from cable needle
C4B – slip 2sts onto cable needle at back, k2, then purl 2 from cable needle
C4R – slip 2sts onto cable needle at back, k2, then k2 from cable needle
C4L – slip 2sts onto cable needle at front, k2, then k2 from cable needle
TW2R - twist 2 front, knit into front of 2nd and then first st on LH needle
m2k – knit into front, back and front of next stitch
m2p – purl into front, back and front of next stitch

Celtic Knot Panel

Using 4.5mm needles, cast on 31sts

Work 4 rows in st.st.

Next row: knit

Next row: p5, k21, p5

Repeat last 2 rows once

1st row: k8, (m2k, k6) twice, m2k, k8. (37sts)

2nd row: p5, k3, p1, (m2p, p1, k6, p1) twice, m2p, p1, k3, p5 (43sts)

3rd row: k10, p1, C4F, k3, c3R, p1, c3L, k3, C4B, p1, k10

4th row: p5, (k3, p2) 6 times, k3, p5

5th row: k10, p3, C4F, C3R, p3, C3L, C4B, p3, k10

6th row: p5, k3, p2, (k5, p4) twice, k5, p2, k3, p5

7th row: k8, C3L, p4, C4R, p5, C4R, p4, C3R, k8

8th row: p5, k4, p2, k4, p4, k5, p4, k4, p2, k4, p5

9th row: k8, p1, C3L, p2, C3R, C3L, p3, C3R, C3L, p2, C3R, p1, k8

10th row: p5, k5, p2, (k2, p2) twice, k3, (p2, k2) twice, p2, k5, p5

11th row: k8, p2, C3L, C3R, p2, C3L, p1, C3R, p2, C3L, C3R, p2, k8

12th row: p5, k6, p4, k4, p2, k1, p2, k4, p4, k6, p5

13th row: k8, p3, C4L, p4, place next 3sts on cable needle at front, k2, slip 1pst from cable needle onto LH needle and purl it, k2 from cable needle, p4, C4L, p3, k8

14th row: as 12th row

15th row: k8, p2, C3R, C3L, p2, C3R, p1, C3L, p2, C3R, C3L, p2, k8

16th row: as 10th row

17th row: k8, p1, C3R, p2, C3L, C3R, p3, C3L, C3R, p2, C3L, p1 k8

18th row: as 8th row

19th row: k8, p1, k2, p4, C4R p5, C4R, p4, k2, p1, k8

20th row: as 8th row

21st row: as 9th row

22nd row: as 10th row

23rd row: as 11th row

24th row: as 12th row

25th row: as 13th row

26th row: as 12th row

27th row: as 15th row

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28th row: as 10th row

29th row: as 17th row

30th row: as 8th row

31st row: k8, C3R, p4, C4R, p5, C4R, p4, C3L, k8

32nd row: as 6th row

33rd row: k10, p3, C4R, C3L, p3, C3BK, C4L, p3, k10

34th row: as 4th row

35th row: k10, p1, C4R, k3, C3FK, p1, C3BK, k3, C4L, p1, k10

36th row: p5, k3, p2, k1, p2, k6, p2, k1, p2, k6, p2, k1, p2, k3, p5

37th row: k8, * sl2ksts, sl1pst (this will be the centre stitch), pass 2nd stitch on RH needle over centre st, and return to LH needle, sl first st from LH needle over centre st and return to RH needle, sl first st from RH needle over centre st, and return to LH needle, sl first st from LH needle over centre st, purl centre st. (This will now be termed "dec 4sts", k6,. Repeat from * once, dec 4sts, k8. (31sts)

38th row: p5, k21, p5

39th row: knit

40th row: as 38th row

Beg with k, work 4 rows in st.st. Cast off loosely

Sides (work 4)

Note: each side is picked up off one edge of the Celtic knot panel and they are shaped to mitre away from the centre to complete the front of the cushion

With RS facing, using 4.5mm needles pick up 31sts from one edge of Celtic Knot Panel.

Beg with k, work 3 rows reversed st.st, inc 1st at beg of every row

RS facing, cont as follows:

1st row: inc in first st, (TW2R, p3) to last 3sts, TW2R, p1

2nd row: inc in first st, (p2, k3) to last 4sts, p2, k2

Cont as set until there are 52sts on needle, taking extra sts into pattern

Next row: inc in first st, purl to end

Next row: inc in first st, knit to end

Next row: inc in first st, knit to end

Next row: inc in first st, purl to end

Repeat last 2 rows, twice more (60sts). Cast off

Back

Using 4.5mm needles, cast on 60sts

1st row: p4, (TW2R, p3) to last 6sts, TW2R, p4

2nd row: k4, (p2, k3) to last 6sts, p2, k4

Repeat last 2 rows until work measures 16" (41cms) from beg.

Cast off.

Finishing

Sew in ends. Press or block work. Join mitred corners on front.

Using fine back stitch, join front to back on 3 sides.

Using 3.50mm crochet hook, work 2 rows double crochet on open edge of back.

Piping

Using dpns needles, cast on 4sts, * knit 1 row, slide sts back to RH end of needle, pulling yarn behind sts.

Repeat from * until piping is long enough to fit round all four sides.

Sew in place over seams and across open edge of front.

Stitch poppers or hooks and eyes to underside of piping on front and crochet on back.

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