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4PLY
WEIGHT



3MM

Sew delicious

Faye Perriam's pin cushion is a sweet treat.

Quick
&
Easy

This cupcake pin cushion will be the envy of any crafter's sewing box – it looks good enough to eat!

MATERIALS

YOU WILL NEED

- Rowan, Pure Wool 4ply (100% superwash wool, 50g/160m)
 - 1 ball of each:
Yarn A Vintage (449)
 - Yarn B Porcelain (412)
 - Approx 5g
Yarn C Toffee (453) (or similar colour 4ply yarn)
 - A set of 3mm DPNs
 - A tapestry needle
 - A set of candy coloured dressmaking pins
 - A 5cm diameter circle of card
 - Polypropylene granules
 - Polyester toy stuffing
- For yarn stockists contact Rowan 01484 681881 www.knitrowan.com

TENSION

Yarn used knits as 4ply to this tension: 30 sts and 40 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4 in) over st st using 3mm needles

Here at *Simply Knitting* we have a bit of a soft spot for knitted food. But when it serves a functional purpose as well we can only just contain ourselves! This cupcake pin cushion is large enough that you won't lose your trusty pins, and so delicious that your friends will all want one of their own. You may find that you are taking orders...

Designer Faye Perriam says, "This is a great pattern to start with if you've never used DPNs before. Using an i-cord cast on means that you don't have to join in the round and so there's no worry about twisting your stitches. It's also small enough that you'll be able to see your success in no time at all."

Start knitting here...

CAST

Cast on 6 sts using 3mm DPNs and yarn A. Slip these sts to the other end of the needle, which positions the yarn behind the last st. Pulling the yarn tightly across the back, kfb into each of these sts (6 sts increased). [12 sts]

Distribute sts evenly over 4 needles.

Round 1 (K1, kfb) rep to end. [18 sts]

Round 2 (K2, kfb) rep to end. [24 sts]

Round 3 (K3, kfb) rep to end. [30 sts]

Round 4 (K4, kfb) rep to end. [36 sts]

Round 5 (K5, kfb) rep to end.

[42 sts]

Round 6 (K6, kfb) rep to end.

[48 sts]

Round 7 Purl.

Rounds 8-12 (K2, P1) rep to end.

Round 13 (K2, pfb) rep to end.

[64 sts]

Work 8 rounds in K2, P2 rib.

Next round Knit.

Next round Purl.

Cast off knitwise.

CAKE

Using 3mm DPNs and yarn C, pick up and knit 65 sts into the purl bumps on the inside of the cupcake case. Knit 3 rounds.

ICING

Change to yarn B.

Round 1 (K6, P2) rep to last st, K1.

Round 2 (K5, P2, K1) rep to last st, K1.

Round 3 (K4, P2, K2) rep to last st, K1.

Round 4 (K3, P2, K3) rep to last st, K1.

Round 5 (K2, P2, K4) rep to last st, K1.

Round 6 (K1, P2, K5) rep to last st, K1.

Round 7 (P2, K6) rep to last st, P1.

Round 8 (P1, K6, P1) rep to last st, P1.

Round 9 (K5, p2tog, P1) rep to last st, K1.

[57 sts]

Round 10 (K4, P2, K1) rep to last st, K1.

Round 11 (K3, P2, K2) rep to last st, K1.

Round 12 (K2, P2, K3) rep to last st, K1.

Round 13 (K1, P2, K4) rep to last st, K1.

Round 14 (P2, K5) rep to last st, P1.

Round 15 (P1, K5, P1) rep to last st, P1.

Round 16 (K4, p2tog, P1) rep to last st,

K1. [49 sts]

Round 17 (K3, P2, K1) rep to last st, K1.

Round 18 (K2, P2, K2) rep to last st, K1.

Round 19 (K1, P2, K3) rep to last st, K1.

Round 20 (P2, K4) rep to last st, P1.

Round 21 (P1, K4, P1) rep to last st, P1.

Round 22 (K3, p2tog, P1) rep to last st,

K1. [41 sts]

Round 23 (K2, P2, K1) rep to last st, K1.

Round 24 (K1, P2, K2) rep to last st, K1.

Round 25 (P2, K3) rep to last st, P1.

Round 26 (P1, K3, P1) rep to last st, P1.

Tip

When you have finished the cupcake, use the dressmaking pins to make the icing swirls stand out.





“The swirl in the icing is made with purl stitches at regular intervals that create a ridge of garter stitch.”

Commissioning Editor Kirstie McLeod



TO MAKE UP

Leaving work on the needles, turn the cupcake inside out and weave in all ends excluding the working yarn. Turn the cupcake right side out and place the 5cm card circle in the bottom. Fill the case with polypropylene granules until you reach where the cake begins, to add weight and shape to the base. Fill the rest of the cake with polyester stuffing.

Cont to work in the round as follows:

Round 27 (K2, p2tog, P1) rep to last st, K1. [33 sts]

Round 28 (K1, P2, K1) rep to last st, K1.

Round 29 (P2, K2) rep to last st, P1.

Round 30 (P1, K2, P1) rep to last st, P1.

Round 31 (K2, P2) rep to last st, K1.

Round 32 (K1, P2, K1) rep to last st, K1.

Round 33 (P2, K2) rep to last st, P1.

Rep rounds 30-33 once more.

Next round (P2tog) rep to last 3 sts, p3tog. [16 sts]

Next round (P2tog) rep to end. [8 sts]

Break yarn and sew through last 8 sts

twice more, then pull through cake to hide end.

Arrange the dressmaking pins to follow the icing swirls, catching them in the round below – this will make the pattern really stand out. 🧵



Picking up sts into the purl bumps below the cast off creates a ridge.



Placing a piece of cardboard in the base will make it much more stable.

STEP-BY-STEP INCREASE 1 BY KNITTING INTO FRONT AND BACK



1 Insert the tip of the right-hand needle into the front of the stitch and knit as normal, but don't drop it from the left-hand needle.



2 Then take the right-hand needle behind the left and insert the tip of the needle down through the back of the stitch on the left-hand needle.



3 Wrap the yarn round the tip of the right-hand needle to knit the stitch. Bring the needle through to make the stitch, keeping it on the right-hand needle.



4 Take the stitch off the left-hand needle. You will have increased one stitch by knitting twice into the original stitch, first at the front, then at the back.