Smushion

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A cosy cushion cover knit in a soft chunky yarn with a cabled front and moss stitch reverse with button closure.

Materials:

Approx. 250g Rowan Cocoon (80% merino wool, 20% kid mohair)

7mm circular needle (I used 24"/60cm length) or size needed to obtain correct gauge

Cable needle

16" x 16" cushion pad (I used a feather cushion which can be fuller than polyester)

4 x 1" buttons

Gauge:

14sts and 16 rows = 10cm in st st. Matching exact gauge isn't crucial but might affect the fit of the cushion cover on your cushion.

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Directions:

Cast on 94 stitches. Join in the round, being careful not to twist stitches. Place marker at beginning of round.

Work first row of chart over 52 stitches. Place second marker. Work next 42 stitches in moss stitch to end of row.

Continue to work chart between two markers to create the front of the cushion cover, working moss stitch for the back.

Work 9 repeats of chart.

Work rows 1 and 2 again. Work row 3 across front of cushion cover, and then cast off 42 stitches in pattern across back. Remove markers.

Work front of cushion cover (52 sts) in moss stitch for 3". (You will be working back and forth now rather than in the round.) This will create the flap for your button closure.

Next row: work four 4-stitch buttonholes. I like to use Barbara Breiter's buttonhole; the tutorial can be found here:

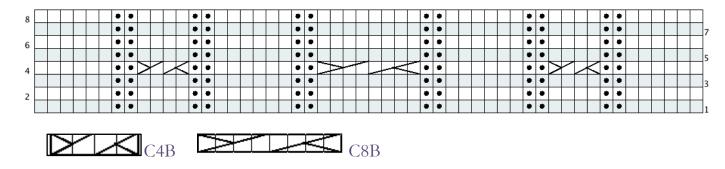http://www.knittingonthenet.com/learn/bh5.htm

Buttonhole (BH) placement will be as follows: work 8 sts in moss stitch, place 4-stitch BH, work 7 sts, place 4-stitch BH, work 6 sts, place 4-stitch BH, work 7 sts, place 4-stitch BH, work 8 sts.

Work in moss stitch for another inch. Cast off in pattern.

Sew lower edges of cover together. I turned the cover inside out and used mattress stitch to seam the two sides together.

Weave in ends and attach buttons.

Stuff with your cushion pad, and there you have it! A smoosh-worthy cushion with removable cover.

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