

Mitred Phone Cosy



A quick project suitable for using up all those leftover bits of gorgeous sock yarn. It is particularly good for handpainted yarn because of the garter stitch which mixes up the colours, and because the row length is constantly changing so colours are much less likely to pool. The garter stitch also makes the fabric just a little thicker which protects your phone better. You can either use the same yarn for the whole project or use different yarns for each square for a brighter effect.

The pattern is designed for a 12x6cm phone (I have a HTC OneV) but is easily adapted for different sized phones either by making the ribbing longer or by making the mitred squares slightly bigger (add stitches in twos). Don't go overboard though; it is designed to be snug so it doesn't fall off!

So dig out those small balls of leftover sock yarn that were too gorgeous to get rid of, and share the woolly cosiness with all your friends' phones too!



Materials

About 10g fingering weight yarn - I used Longdendale Yarns Etherow sock, colourway 'heather'
3.25mm dpns - 2 for the mitred squares/triangles and 4 or 5 for the top

Techniques

Different decreases, picking up stitches, knitting and purling, ribbing.

Directions

Directions are given for picking up stitches looking at a square on point with the cast on edge at the bottom and the decrease line going vertically up the centre. This gives the diamond four edges - top left, top right, bottom right and bottom left. It's easier than it sounds when you get going!

Abbreviations

k - knit
p - purl
cdd - centred double decrease - slip 2 as if to knit, k1, pass slipped sts over
k2tog - knit 2 together
ssk - slip 2sts as if to knit, put them back on left needle, knit together thro' back loop
co - cast on

Gauge

13sts to 2" in garter stitch.

General mitred diamond instructions

CO 21sts.

1. k10, p1, k10
2. k9, cdd, k9
3. k9, p1, k9
4. k8, cdd, k8
5. k8, p1, k8
6. k7, cdd, k7
7. k7, p1, k7
8. k6, cdd, k6
9. k6, p1, k6
10. k5, cdd, k5
11. k5, p1, k5
12. k4, cdd, k4
13. k4, p1, k4
14. k3, cdd, k3
15. k3, p1, k3
16. k2, cdd, k2
17. k2, p1, k2
18. k1, cdd, k1
19. k1, p1, k1
20. cdd

Make loop of last st large, pull ball through st and fasten off. Either use yarn for next square without cutting or cut end.

General mitred triangle instructions

CO 21sts

1. k10, p1, k10
2. ssk, k7, cdd, k7, k2tog
3. k8, p1, k8
4. ssk, k5, cdd, k5, k2tog
5. k6, p1, k6
6. ssk, k3, cdd, k3, k2tog
7. k4, p1, k4
8. ssk, k1, cdd, k1, k2tog
9. k2, p1, k2
10. Slip 3 together as if to knit, k2tog, pass 3 slipped sts over (centred quadruple decrease!)

Fasten end as above.

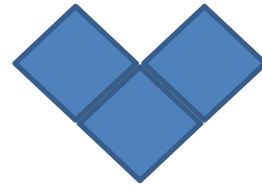
Instructions

Make one mitred diamond.

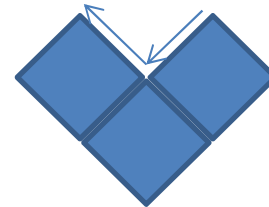
Looking at the front pick up 10sts down top left edge, CO 11 and knit another diamond on these stitches.

CO 11sts onto one needle, using that needle then pick up 10sts up top right edge of the first diamond, and knit another diamond on these stitches.

You should now have a piece looking like this:



Pick up 10sts down top left edge of third diamond, 1st from top point of first diamond, and 10 more stitches up top right edge of second diamond, and knit another diamond.



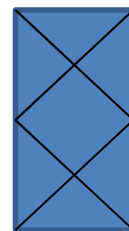
Fold in the two side triangles and fold up the bottom triangle to make an envelope shape, and sew the seams.



Pick up stitches as before on the front to make another diamond. Pick up stitches on either side to make two more side diamonds.

Pick up stitches on the front as if to make another diamond, but make a triangle instead. Do the same on the back.

The piece should now be a rectangle made up of diamonds and triangles:



Pick up 28sts around the top edge and knit 1inch of 2x2 rib. Bind off with a stretchy bind off.