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A KNITTING PATTERN



# IN THIS PATTERN

## STITCHES

Knit (K)

Purl (P)

Cable (C2B, C2F, C4B, C4F)

## STUFF FOR KNITTING

Bulky weight cotton yarn (Knit Picks Billow)

A Light shade (Ice Lily) - 2 hanks

B Dark shade (Comfrey) - 3 hanks

Knitting needles - US size 10 / 6.0 mm

Large blunt-tipped sewing needle

## STUFF FOR SEWING

1 yardmeter heavy weight fabric (corduroy)

16" x 26" pillow form (Ikea Fjädrar)

16" coil zipper

Thread, measuring tape, scissors, pins

## BLOCKED SIZE

A Light shade - 13" wide by 16" high

B Dark shade - 2 pieces, each 7" wide by 16" high

## GAUGE

12 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm) square



# LET'S GET KNITTING

## KNIT THE CABLES\*

Using A, cast on 55 stitches. Repeat the pattern below 10 times and then bind off:

**Row 1:** K1, P2, C2B, P2, C4B, C4F, P2, C2B, P2, K6, P1, K6, P2, C2F, P2, C4B, C4F, P2, C2F, P2, K1

**Row 2:** P1, K2, P2, K2, P8, K2, P2, K2, P6, K1, P6, K2, P2, K2, P8, K2, P2, K2, P1

**Row 3:** P3, C2B, P2, K8, P2, C2B, P2, C6B, P1, C6F, P2, C2F, P2, K8, P2, C2F, P3,

**Row 4:** K3, P2, K2, P8, K2, P2, K2, P6, K1, P6, K2, P2, K2, P8, K2, P2, K3

**Row 5:** K1, P2, C2B, P2, C4F, C4B, P2, C2B, P2, K6, P1, K6, P2, C2F, P2, C4F, C4B, P2, C2F, P2, K1

**Row 6:** P1, K2, P2, K2, P8, K2, P2, K2, P6, K1, P6, K2, P2, K2, P8, K2, P2, K2, P1

**Row 7:** P3, C2B, P2, K8, P2, C2B, P2, K6, P1, K6, P2, C2F, P2, K8, P2, C2F, P3

**Row 8:** K3, P2, K2, P8, K2, P2, K2, P6, K1, P6, K2, P2, K2, P8, K2, P2, K3

\*Cable sequence based on a free knitting pattern: Hayfield 9683 - Cable Detail Poncho



## KNIT THE SIDES

Using B, cast on 30 stitches.

Work 80 rows in the following sequence:

**Row 1:** K30

**Row 2:** P30

Bind off and repeat to make the 2nd side.

## BLOCK YOUR KNITS

Wetting your knits and letting them air dry lets you tell your stitches where to sit.

Spray your 3 knit pieces with water and gently shape your project to the below dimensions, then let them air dry.

A Light shade (cables) - 13" wide by 16" high

B Dark shade (sides) - 2 pieces, each 7" wide by 16" high

## STITCH 'EM TOGETHER

Lay out the 3 knit pieces with the dark pieces to either side of the lighter cabled piece. Stitch together with a slip stitch.





## LET'S GET SEWING

Cut 2 rectangles from your heavy weight fabric - 16" high by 26.5" long.

### ADD A ZIPPER

1. On the wrong side of one fabric piece, draw a line 3" down from the top of your fabric. The line should be 14" wide, centered in the middle.
2. Draw a parallel line 1/2" below the first.
3. Draw a line down the middle of these 2 lines, and draw a triangle from the corners out to the center line 1/4" in (figure 1).
4. Stitch around the outside of your rectangle with a short stitch length.
5. Clip along the center line until you reach the triangle, then snip into the corners - close to your stitching.
6. Press the edges under neatly and pin the zipper in place (figure 2).
7. With your zipper foot, stitch around the edge of the zipper in a rectangle.

If you'd like more detailed instructions on how to add a zipper, I learned this method from So Sew Easy's article called "How to add a zipper pocket to any purse pattern".

## PUT IT ALL TOGETHER

Now that you've got all the pieces knitted, blocked, and prepped, we're ready to stitch everything together and finish up!

1. Unzip your zipper so you can turn the pillow right-side-out once it's sewn.
2. Pin your layers together. One piece of fabric should be on either side of the knit, with wrong sides facing out (figure 3).
3. Stitch around all edges with a 1/4" seam allowance, ensuring all 3 layers are caught in the seam.
4. Turn right side out.

## QUESTIONS? PHOTOS?

Love the pattern? I'm so glad! If you have questions, the best way to get in touch is through my website or on Instagram:

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