

Kindle cozy by fridica knits

A cute cozy for fans of the Kindle e-reader.

Knit in the round, in worsted weight yarn, with a tiny little bit of colourwork (only 9 rounds), this is a very quick and satisfying project to make.



Finished measurements: 11x17,5cm (made to fit a basic model of Kindle)

Gauge: 19 sts and 26 rows to 10cm after blocking (row gauge is less important)

Needles: 4,5 mm (dpns or circular needle, whichever you prefer for knitting in the round)

Optional: 5 mm (dpns or circular), for the colourwork section

Yarn: Worsted weight yarn, about 15 grams in MC and 5 grams in CC. Shown in Cascade 220 Heathers (shade 9491) for the MC and Brooklyn Tweed Shelter (shade 11 Plume) for the CC.

Things to have a think about before knitting colourwork

Tension

Most knitters find that their colourwork tension tends to be tighter than single-colour tension, and if this happens your cozy may pull in at this section. To alleviate the problem, you may want to use a larger size needle for the colourwork rounds than for the rest of the pattern. Experiment a bit until you find the right tension.

Yarn dominance

Yarn dominance is an interesting phenomenon of knitted colourwork. Essentially it means that the way you hold your two yarns will affect which colour pops more. It will make a big difference to your finished object if you get the yarn dominance right. Check out this post for more information: <http://goo.gl/A0vzL>

Directions:

Cast on 44 stitches using CC, join to knit in the round, being careful not to twist the stitches.

Knit in garter stitch (1 round knit all, 1 round purl all) for 10 rounds, until you have 5 ridges.

Switch to MC and continue in stockinette stitch (knit all on all rounds) until you have 11.5 cm from cast-on edge.

Start colourwork chart, work it for the next 9 rounds. On each round, repeat 11-stitch colourwork chart four times. You should be following the chart from right to left, bottom to top.

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11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	

Chart key:

White square = MC

Black square = CC

When you are finished with the colourwork chart, work another 4 rounds in MC in stockinette stitch.

On the next round, knit all in MC until 1 stitch before the end of round. Do not knit the final stitch (the purpose of this is to make sure your colourwork motif is centred when binding off).

To finish, put first 22 stitches on one needle and the second 22 on second needle, turn work inside out and bind off using a three-needle bind-off. (If you prefer it, you can use kitchener stitch/grafting instead, it will not make a difference to the pattern.)

Block and after it's dry go make your Kindle happy! :)

A note on adjusting the pattern:

You can make the cozy wider by adding extra stitches in MC between the snowflake motifs.

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