



Color Block Felted Pillows

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Directions for pillow front:

Cast on 352 stitches using size 9 needles and main color. Join in round being careful not to twist stitches.

Round 1: *K 87 sts, place marker, K1, place marker. Repeat from * to end of round.

Round 2: *Knit to 2 sts before marker, SSK, slip marker, K1, slip marker, K2tog. Repeat from * to end of round.

Round 3: Knit

Round 4: *Knit to 2 sts before marker, SSK, slip marker, K1, slip marker, K2tog. Repeat from * to end of round.

Round 5: Knit

Round 6: *Knit to 2 sts before marker, SSK, slip marker, K1, slip marker, K2tog. Repeat from * to end of round.

Round 7: Knit using next color according to chart.

Repeat rounds 2-7 following color chart for color changes until you have 16 stitches.

Cut yarn, leaving a 10" tail, and thread through remaining stitches. Weave in and secure tail.

Trim all ends leaving approx 2".

Directions for knit pillow back:

NOTE: You can easily use a piece of fabric for the pillow back after felting just the front. Cut it to the same size as the felted front and stitch together with sewing needle and thread as described for knit pillow back.

Finished Sizes:

Before Felting: approx 20" x 20"

After Felting: approx 14½" x 14½"

Yarn:

Knit Picks *Merino Style* (100% Merino Wool; 123 yards/50 grams):

Colorway #1

Main color: Frost 23459, 2 balls.

Color 1: Butternut 23466, 1 ball.

Color 2: Strawberry 23447, 1 ball.

Color 3: Mint 23445, 1 ball.

Optional: For knit pillow back you will need 3 balls of 1 matching color.

Colorway #2

Main color: Hollyberry 23455, 2 balls.

Color 1: Moss 23463, 1 ball.

Color 2: Dusk 23458, 1 ball.

Color 3: Cinnamon 23462, 1 ball.

Optional: For knit pillow back you will need 3 balls of 1 matching color.

Needles Size 9: 24" circular

Size 9: set of dpn

Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

Notions

Yarn needle, sewing needle & thread, or sewing machine.

Top loader washing machine

Small amount of laundry detergent

Stuffing or pillow form

Gauge:

4sts = 1" using size 9 needles measured over stockinette stitch knit in the round. Check your gauge before you begin.

Cast on 352 stitches using size 9 needles and main color. Join in round being careful not to twist stitches.

Round 1: *K 87 sts, place marker, K1, place marker. Repeat from * to end of round.

Round 2: *Knit to 2 sts before marker, SSK, slip marker, K1, slip marker, K2tog. Repeat from * to end of round.

Round 3: Knit

Repeat rounds 2 & 3 until you have 16 stitches. Cut yarn, leaving a 10" tail, and thread through remaining stitches.

Trim all ends leaving approx 2".

Felting:

Put both sides of the pillow into your top loading washing machine.

Set your machine on a wash cycle with the hottest water temperature that is available. Add approx 1 tablespoon of washing detergent. Run the machine for a few minutes, and then check the progress of the felting.

When the pieces have felted to desired size and texture remove them from the washing machine, wring out excess water by rolling in a dry towel and then spread both pieces out on a separate towel. Stretch and shape each piece to desired size, making sure that they are both about the same size.

Leave to dry.

Piecing pillow together:

With a long piece of matching yarn and yarn needle stitch pillow front and back together with right sides facing.

If you are using a pillow form:

Stitch three sides together, do not cut yarn. Turn the pillow right side out.

Place pillow form inside. You can now carefully stitch the fourth side of the pillow together. Try to make stitches as invisible as possible. Tie off yarn and weave in end!

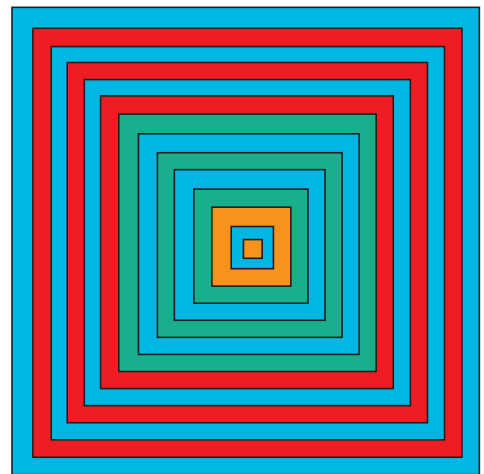
If you are using stuffing:

Stitch all sides together, leaving about 4" open on one side. Do not cut yarn.

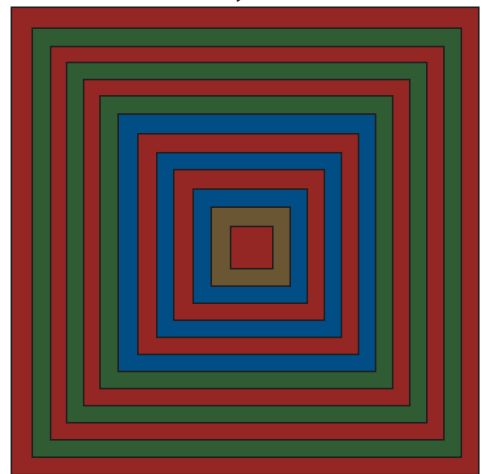
Turn the pillow right side out. Place stuffing inside until the pillow is as firm or soft as you like. You can now carefully stitch the last 4" of the pillow together.

Try to make stitches as invisible as possible.

Tie off yarn and weave in all ends!



Colorway #1 Chart



Colorway #2 Chart

Note: The center color is used for two sets of Rounds 2 - 7

Abbreviations	cm	centimeter(s)	P, p	purl	skp	sl, k, pssso: 1 st dec
"	inches	cn	p2tog	purl 2 sts together	sl	slip
()	rep inst bet ()'s as many times as noted afterward	CO	pat	pattern	sl st	slip stitch(es)
*	rep inst foll single * as directed	cont	pm	place marker	sl1k	slip 1 kwise
**	rep inst bet **'s as many times as noted after	dec	pop	popcorn	sl1p	slip 1 pwise
[]	rep inst bet []'s as many times as noted after	dpn	pr	previous row	SSK	sl, sl, k these 2 sts tog
alt	alternate	fl	prev	previous	sssk	sl, sl, sl, k these 3 sts tog
approx	approximately	foll	pssso	pass slipped stitch over	st st	stockinette stitch
beg	begin/beginning	Inst	pwise	purlwise	sts	stitch(es)
bet	between	K, k	R	row	tbl	through back loop
BO	bind off	k2tog	rem	remain(ing)	tfl	through front loop
CA	color A	kwise	rep	repeat	tog	together
CB	color B	LH	Rev st st	reverse stockinette stitch	WE	work even
CC	color C	lps	RH	right hand	WS	wrong side
		m	rnd(s)	round(s)	wyib	with yarn in back
		M1	RS	right side	wyif	with yarn in front
		MC	sk	skip	yd(s)	yard(s)
		mm	sk2p	sl 1, k2tog, pass	yfwd	yarn forward
		ndl(s)		slipped stitch over	yo	yarn over
		oz		k2tog: 2 sts dec	yon	yarn over needle
		P up			yrn	yarn around needle