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Easy short row garter stitch baubles for this year's tree, why not! These can be worked almost with any needles and you can add embellishments as desired. Quick and easy - just perfect for all the wool people.



materials

Yarn: 1 skein of Merino Worsted by Malabrigo Yarn (100% Merino, 210 yards [192 meters] /100 grams). Approx. 50 (60) yards [45 (55) meters] of worsted weight yarn for one bauble.

Needles: US 6 [4 mm] pair of needles of any kind.

Other: Tapestry needle, small crochet hook, wool or syntetic fibre for filling and ribbons or other embellishments if desired (optional).

sizing

Small (large)

Finished circumference: 7½ (11)" [19 (28) cm].

Note: It's also easy to change the size of the ornaments with different needle sizes and yarn weight.

gauge

18 sts and 26 rows = 4" [10 cm] in garter stitch.



bauble

Note: the ornament is worked sideways in garter stitch and shaped with short rows. You don't need to pick up the wraps as they will blend in garter stitch nicely. If you want, you can work a cable or other textures for the middle stitches.

CO 15 (20) stitches. Knit one row (WS).

Short rows

Short rows 1 and 2 (RS and WS):
Knit until 2 sts remain, W&T.

Short rows 3 and 4 (RS and WS): Knit until 1 st before previous wrapped st remain, W&T. Repeat $short\ rows\ 3$ and 4 - 3 (5) times more and knit to end on next two rows.

Work *-* 5 more times (the short row sequence and then knit two rows to end). BO sts on next row, but leave yarn attached to the last loop.

finishing

Weave in all yarn ends. Fill the bauble with fibre and seam the opening with single crochet (or sew if desired). Continue with crochet chain for additional 4" [10 cm] to form a loop for displaying the bauble. Fasten off securely to the top of the ornament.

glossary

abbreviations

co: cast on

BO: bind off

st(s): stitch(es)

RS: right side

WS: wrong side

k: knit
p: purl

garter stitch: knit on RS and WS

W&T: wrap and turn - Knit to the point where pattern says W&T. Bring your yarn to the front of the work, slip the next st from the left hand needle, take your yarn to the back of the work, slip the st back to the left hand needle. Turn your work. Do not pick up wraps later, they will blend in garter stitch nicely.