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This bolster style cushion is designed to give support to the small of the back or the neck. The cushion cover is knitted in the round using 3 colours in a textured stitch but will also look great in a multitude of colours, 2 colours or just one. The button closure at each end allows the cover to be easily removed but is also a decorative addition. Instructions on how to make the cushion pad are also included.

Yarn

Rowan Pure Wool Worsted

Colour A: Ivory (101) 1 x 100g

Colour B: Cardinal Red (136) 1 x 100g

Colour C: Umber (110) 1 x 100g

Needles

5 x 4.5mm (US 7) double pointed needles.

4.5mm (US 7) circular needle.

4mm (US G/6) crochet hook.

Buttons

48 x 16mm shell buttons.

Cushion Pad

Cotton sheeting or broadcloth measuring 110cm x 55 cm (44" x 22").

430g (15.2 oz) of Polyester Fiberfill.

Tension

20 sts and 25 rows to 10 cm measured in st st using 4.5mm (US 7) needles.

Finished Size

Width: 50 cm (19.5"), height: 24 cm (9.5").

Circular End No.1

Using 4mm (US G/6) crochet hook and Colour A cast on 8sts using Emily Ocker's circular cast on method. (See page 3 for instructions).

Evenly distribute these 8sts evenly on four 4.5mm (US 7) dpns. Change to 4.5mm circular needle when necessary.

Join round placing a marker to indicate beginning of round.

Note: Slip all stitches purlwise.

Rnd 1: *kfb, rep from * to end. (16 sts)

Rnd 2: K16.

Rnd 3: *K1, kfb, rep from * to end. (24 sts)

Rnd 4: K24.

Rnd 5: *K2, kfb, rep from * to end (32 sts)

Change to Colour C.

Rnd 6: *sl2, k2, rep from * to end.

Rnd 7: *sl2, p1, pfb, rep from * to end. (40sts)

Change to Colour A.

Rnd 8: k40.

Rnd 9: *k4, kfb, rep from * to end. (48sts)

Change to Colour B.

Rnd 10: *sl2, k4, rep from * to end.
Rnd 11: *sl2, p3, pfb, rep from * to end. (56sts)
 Change to Colour A.
Rnd 12: k56.
Rnd 13: *k6, kfb, rep from * to end. (64sts)
 Change to Colour C.
Rnd 14: *sl2, k6, rep from * to end.
Rnd 15: *sl2, p5, pfb, rep from * to end. (72sts)
 Change to Colour A.
Rnd 16: k72.
Rnd 17: *k8, kfb, rep from * to end. (80sts)
 Change to Colour B.
Rnd 18: *sl2, k8, rep from * to end.
Rnd 19: *sl2, p7, pfb, rep from * to end. (88sts)
 Change to Colour A.
Rnd 20: k88.
Rnd 21: *k10, kfb, rep from * to end. (96sts)
 Change to Colour C.
Rnd 22: *sl2, k10, rep from * to end.
Rnd 23: *sl2, p9, pfb, rep from * to end. (104sts)
Rnd 24: *sl2, k11, rep from * to end.
Rnd 25: *sl2, p10, pfb, rep from * to end. (112sts)
 Change to Colour A.
Rnd 26: k112.
Rnd 27: *k13, kfb, rep from * to end. (120sts)
 Change to Colour B.
Rnd 28: *sl2, k13, rep from * to end.
Rnd 29: *sl2, p12, pfb, rep from * to end. (128sts)
Rnd 30: *sl2, k14, rep from * to end.
Rnd 31: *sl2, k13, pfb, rep from * to end. (136sts)
 Change to Colour A.
Rnd 32: k136.
Rnd 33: *k16, kfb, rep from * to end. (144sts)
 Change to Colour C.
Rnd 34 (Buttonholes): k1, *k4, yfwd, k2tog, rep from * to last 5 sts, k4, yfd, k1.
Rnd 35: *kfb, rep from * to end. (288sts)
 Change to Colour B.
Rnd 36: k288.
Rnd 37: Cast off all sts purlwise.

Circular End No.2

Work as given for *Circular End No.1* except substitute Colour B for Colour C and substitute Colour C for Colour B. Use Colour A as for *Circular End No. 1*.

Middle Section

Using 4.5mm (US 7) circular needle and Colour A cast on 144sts. Join round placing a marker to indicate beginning of round.

Work 4 rounds in st st. (knit all rounds).

Garter Rectangles Group 1

Change to Colour C.

Rnd 5: *sl2, k6, rep from * to end.

Rnd 6: *sl2, p6, rep from * to end.

Repeat rounds 5 and 6 two more times (six rounds in total).

Change to Colour A.

Rnd 11 and 12: k144.

Garter Rectangles Group 2

Change to Colour B.

Rnd 13: k4, *sl2, k6, rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Rnd 14: p4, *sl2, p6, rep from * to last 2 sts, p2.

Repeat rounds 13 and 15 two more times (six rounds in total).

Change to Colour A.

Rnd 19 and 20: k144.

Rounds 5 to 20 form the garter rectangle pattern. Repeat these rounds keeping Colour A as set working the garter rectangles groups in the colour pattern below.

Groups 3 and 4: Colour C

Group 5: Colour B

Group 6: Colour C

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Groups 7 and 8: Colour B

Group 9: Colour C

Groups 10 and 11: Colour B

Group 12: Colour C

Groups 13 and 14: Colour B

Group 15: Colour C

Group 16: Colour B

Groups 17 and 18: Colour C

Group 19: Colour B

Group 20: Colour C

Finishing

Secure and weave in all loose ends. Close the cast off edge on the circular ends to make a smooth line.

On the middle section of the cushion cover, sew 24 buttons on each end approximately 3 rows from cast on/castoff edge lining up with the buttonholes on circular ends.

Lining for Cushion Pad

Lay out the cotton sheeting on a flat surface and using a ruler and a pencil mark and cut out a rectangle measuring 47cm x 71cm (18.5" x 28"). Using a compass mark and cut out two circles measuring 24cm (9.5") in diameter.

Fold the rectangle in half lengthwise.

(See *Diagram 1*).

Sew along the open edges 0.6cm (0.25") from edge leaving a 15cm (6") opening to allow for filling.

Press open the seam all the way along, including the seam allowance of the opening. Be sure to make a crease where the 'stitches' would be if you had sewn along the entire edge. This will be your sewing guide later on.

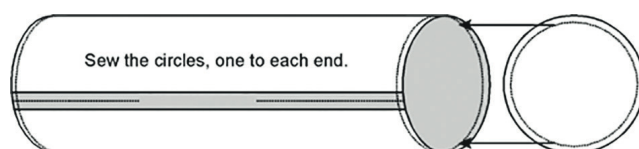
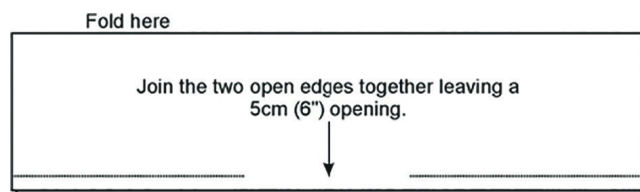
Sew the two circular pieces to each end.

(See *Diagram 2*).

Finish the raw edges with zig-zag stitch and secure loose ends.

Turn the lining right side outwards and fill with the polyester fiberfil until you have fully stuffed the cushion pad.

Finally, close the opening using blind stitch (also known as ladder stitch) along the creased seam allowance.



Fitting Cover over Cushion Pad

Attach one circular end to the middle section using the buttons. Insert the cushion pad while stretching the cover so it reaches the other end of the pad. Now attach the other circular end. It might appear that the cover is slightly too small at first but when the final button is closed you will find it is a nice snug fit. Puff and pull the cushion into shape tweaking the frilled edge around the buttons (see right).



Emily Ocker's Circular Cast On Technique

Make a loop of yarn with the short end hanging down.



With a crochet hook, *draw a loop through main loop, then draw another loop through this loop. Repeat from * for each stitch to be cast on.



When you have cast on the required number of stitches, pull on the short end (shown by arrow) to tighten the loop and close the circle. This can also be done later when you have knitted a few rows or when weaving in the loose ends.

(Courtesy of Elizabeth Zimmermann's *Knitter's Almanac* (Dover, 1981))



Abbreviations

cm: centimetres

k: knit

kfb: make one stitch by working into the front and back of the same stitch knitwise.

pfkb: make one stitch by working into the front of the stitch purlwise and then working into the back of the same stitch knitwise.

p: purl

Rnd: round

sl: slip

st(s): stitch(es)

st st: stocking stitch

tog: together

yfwd: yarn forward