

color stripe vessels

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These handy mini-bowls are the perfect thing for storing or displaying little things. Knit and felting takes less than one hour. Please take a look at the survey worksheet on the next page before you begin, so you'll know what information to collect as you begin knitting and felting.

materials

Cascade 220 Wool (100% wool; 220 yards [201 meters]/ 100 grams): color #8012, taupe, 1 skein and bits of red, rust, yellow, green, turquoise.

tools

US 10.5/6.5 mm double-pointed knitting needles (dpns), or size needed to achieve gauge
Yarn needle

gauge

Gauge before felting: 14 sts and 18 rows = 4" (10 cm) in Stockinette stitch

finished dimensions

Finished size after felting: 1.25" tall and 3.75" wide

abbreviations

KFB- knit into the front and back of a stitch to increase one stitch
K2tog- knit two together to decrease one stitch

felting

Read the worksheet and fill in pre-felting information. To felt, add a squirt of dish soap to a dishpan and fill it with really hot water. Put the piece in the water and let it soak a bit. Now roll and squeeze it in your hands, swish it around or knead it like bread dough. At first the piece grows and gets larger, but soon the stitches start coming together and shrinking.

Continue felting until the stitches disappear, and then keep going! Felting the piece completely is necessary for the vessel to be sturdy, so don't stop prematurely. Keep going until the piece is firm and feel noticeably thicker.

the pattern

Cast on 36 stitches, with contrasting color yarn.

Row 1. Switch to main color yarn. Rather than turning your work, act like you're going to join in the round with the new color. Knit 1 row. Knot ends of contrasting color and main color tightly. Weave in later.

Round 2. Join in round. Work 1 round.

Round 3. *Knit 5, KFB, repeat from * end. [42 sts]

Round 4. Knit.

Round 5. *Knit 6, KFB, repeat from * end. [48 sts]

Round 6. Knit

Round 7. *Knit 7, KFB, repeat from * end. [54 sts]

Rounds 8-11. Knit 4 rounds

Round 12. *Knit 7, K2tog, repeat from * end. [48 sts]

Round 13. *Knit 6 K2tog, repeat from * end. [42 sts]

Round 14. *Knit 5, K2tog, repeat from * end. [36 sts]

Round 15. *Knit 4, K2tog, repeat from * end. [30 sts]

Round 16. *Knit 3, K2tog, repeat from * end. [24 sts]

Round 17. *Knit 2, K2tog, repeat from * end. [18 sts]

Round 18. *Knit 1, K2tog, repeat from * end. [12 sts]

Round 19. *K2tog, repeat from * end. [6 sts]

Pull yarn through stitches. Weave in securely.

Rinse in cold water to remove any soap and then roll in a towel to remove excess water. Shape to your liking, when the piece is totally dry, it will maintain that shape. If you like, remove excess fuzz by "shaving" the piece with a disposable razor.

Please go here and fill out the survey- <http://www.duofiberworks.com/felting-survey> by February 20, 2012 and be entered to win a \$50 gift certificate to Webs and a set of Color Stripe Vessels.

survey worksheet

Use this page to jot down notes, so you'll have the info you need to fill out the survey.

Knitting

About how long did it take you to knit?

What yarn did you use?

What size needles did you use?

If you measured your gauge, what was it?

What were the approximate measurements of the piece before felting?

Water and soap

What was the approximate water temperature?

About how much water did you use?

Did you use soap?

If so, what kind?

Did you soak the piece for a bit before felting? If so, how long?

Felting process

About how long did it take you to felt the piece to your liking?

Did you use any cold water?

Did most of your agitation happen "under water" or out of the water?

Did you add more hot water or was one batch of water enough?

Did you stop and take breaks mid-felting?

Did you have any holes in the finished piece?

Did your finished piece end up sturdy and able to support itself?

What motions did you use- rolling between hands, kneading, crumbling into a ball, swishing, pounding?

Did you use any tools- potato masher, plunger, etc...?