

Christmas Mug Hug

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"With a little time and patience you can create this cute cosy to keep your morning cuppa warm and bring a smile to your face too! Tiny penguin buttons finish off the snow scene. Sew them on as I have or use your imagination to place them on your cosy."

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Materials

- 2 x ball Sirdar Tiny Tots DK in shade Hush (929) - (W)
- Small amount of Sirdar Snuggly DK in shade Sky (216) - (B)
- 6 x Penguin Shaped Buttons (CC423)
- 3 x star sequins
- Small amount of DMC Petra 3 in light green (5907)
- Small amount of DMC Petra 3 in dark green (5895)
- Small amount of DMC Petra 3 in red (5321)

You will also need

- 1 Pair of 3.25mm (UK10 - USA3) Knitting Needles
- 1 Pair of 4.00mm (UK8 - USA6) Knitting Needles

Measurements

To fit average size mug. Finished cosy measures 22cm in length.

Abbreviations

K - knit
P - purl
sts - stitches
inc - increase(ing)
yfwd - yarn forward (makes 1 stitch)
K2tog - knit two stitches together



Mug Cosy Instructions

Using 4.00mm needles and white (W) cast on 5 sts, knit 2 rows.
 Now inc 1 st at each end of the next and every following row until you have 17sts. Join in blue.

Note: Twist the yarns together when changing colours to ensure there are no holes in the work.

The main pattern is knitted in st st over 13 centre stitches and there is a border of 2 sts knitted in garter stitch on either side. The asterisks denote the centre panel.

Now work from the chart, reading rows from right to left. I have written out the first 4 rows to start you off:

Row 1: K2W, * K13W, * K2B

Row 2: K2B * P1B, P12W * K2W

Row 3: K2W * K12W, K1B * K2B

Row 4: K2B * P2B, P11W * K2W

Continue working from the chart to row 46. Break B and continue in W only as follows:

Decrease 1 st at each end of the next and following alt rows until you have 11sts.

Next Row: Work Button hole: k5, yfwd, k2tog, knit to end
 Continue to decrease as before on alt rows until you have 5 sts.
 Knit 1 row and cast off.

Trees

(make 2 light green and 1 dark green)

Using size 3.25mm needles and appropriate colour cast on 8 sts, Knit 6 rows.

Now k2tog at each end of next and every alt row until 2sts are left. K2tog and fasten off.

To make up

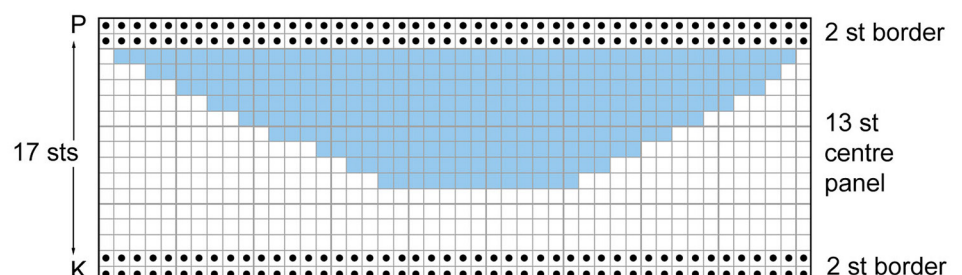
Work in any loose ends. Sew the Christmas trees on the cosy in random places, use photo as a guide.

Embroider tiny French knots on the trees in desired colours. Sew on penguin button to please. Save one button to use as the fastening for the mug. Sew on to correspond with the button hole.

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