

RAFFIA PILLOW COVERS

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I've needed outdoor pillows for the garden and finally came up with the solution - pillow covers knitted from rayon "raffia." Available in spools of 100 yds and lots of fun colors; it's the perfect mindless summer knitting project!

Skills Needed

General knitting skills.

Sizes

small (large)

- Small covers a 12 – 14" square pillow
- Large covers an 18 – 20" square pillow

Materials

Yarn

6 (8) spools of rayon raffia (100% rayon, 100 yds) used doubled. Available from

papermart.com. See raffia ribbon, matte colors. Small sample knit in color kraft, large sample knit in color sage.

Needles

#13 circ needles 24" for small (36" for large) or size needed to obtain gauge.

Gauge

10 sts and 14 rows = 4" square in St st using two strands raffia held together.

Abbreviations

For a complete glossary of terms, see cocoknits.com.

Directions

CO 68 (96) sts. Join for knitting in the round, being careful not to twist and work St st in the rnd until piece is long enough to accommodate your pillow. (Whip stitch the bottom closed and try the cover on your pillow to ensure that it is long enough).

Begin Envelope Shaping

Rnd 1: p 34 (48), k 34 (48).

Rnd 2: BO 34 (48), k 34 (48).

Work back and forth on rem sts:

Row 1 (WS): k4, p to last 4 sts, k4.

Row 2 (RS): k4, ssk, k to last 6 sts, k2tog, k4.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 six (10) times then work the following:

Row 1 and 3 (WS): k4, p to last 4 sts, k4.

Row 2 (RS): k4, sssk, k to last 7 sts, k3tog, k4.

Row 4: k4, ssk, k to last 6 sts, k2tog, k4.

Repeat rows 1 – 4 until 12 sts rem.

Finish Point

Row 1 (WS): k4, p4, k4.

Row 2: k4, ssk, k2tog, k4.

Row 3: k4, p2, k4.

Row 4: k3, ssk, k2tog, k3.

Row 5, 7: k

Row 6: k2, ssk, k2tog, k2.

Row 8: k1, ssk, k2tog, k1.

Row 9: k1, k2tog, k1.

Row 10: sl 2 sts tog knitwise (as if to k2tog but slip them), k1, pass the 2 slipped sts over. 1 st rem, do not cut yarn.

Make Cord

*Onto rt. Needle, yo, pull the rem st over the yo (as if to BO). Repeat from * until cord is 6" or desired length. Cut yarn, pull it through last st to secure, then knot the end of the cord. Use the cord to secure envelope closure by knotting it through the fabric of the pillow cover.

Enjoy!

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