



iFelt Cozy



Finished Size

8" x 10"

Materials

- 2 skeins Shibui Merino Alpaca or approximately 185 yds heavy worsted non-superwash wool or wool-blend yarn
- 2 24" size 10 (6 mm) circular needles (or 1 40" size 10 circular needle for Magic Loop method)
- Stitch markers
- Waste yarn or stitch holder
- Tapestry needle

Gauge (pre-felted)

15 sts/18 rows = 4 inches (gauge will shrink by approximately 30% after felting)

Notes and Techniques

Turkish Cast-On: Use two circular needles. Make a slip knot on one of the circular needles. Hold both needles parallel in your left hand, with the needle tips pointing to the right. Hold the free needle (ndl 1) above the needle with the slip knot (ndl 2). Beginning with working yarn in back, wrap the yarn clockwise loosely around both needles. Wrap until you have one half the number of required cast on sts (64 sts = 32 wraps). Do not count the slip knot as a wrap. After completing wraps, pull ndl 2 to the right so that the wraps are resting on the cable. Let ndl 2 dangle. Using the free end of ndl 1, knit the loops on ndl 1. Turn work. On ndl 2, slide the loops from the cable back onto the tip of the needle. Slide the loops from ndl 1 off the tip and onto the cable and let ndl 1 dangle. Slide the slip knot off ndl 2 and untie it. Using the free end of ndl 2, knit across the loops on this needle. Slide loops from ndl 2 off the tip and onto the cable. Turn work. Slide loops on ndl 1 from the cable back onto the needle tip. Cast on is complete.

3-Needle Bind-Off: With right sides facing each other, insert the tip of a third needle into the first stitch of one needle, then into the first stitch of the other needle. Knit two stitches together. *Knit the next stitch from each needle together. Pass the previous stitch over this stitch. Repeat from *

Pattern

Using Turkish Cast-On method, CO 64 sts, divided evenly between 2 circulars. PM at beginning of round.

Rounds 1 and 2: [K1, kfb, k until 2 sts remain on needle, kfb, k1] twice. 72 sts.

K until piece measures 12.5".

BO first 36 sts of round and place remaining sts on waste yarn. Break yarn.

CO 36 sts. K back and forth until flap measures 3", ending with RS row. Pick up sts on waste yarn and join to work in the round again. K 3 rounds.

Next 2 rounds: *K1, k2tog, k until 3 sts remain on needle, k2tog, k1] twice. 64 sts.

Turn work inside out. Using 3-Needle Bind-Off, BO 64 sts and break yarn.

Sew sides of flap to sides of cozy. Weave in all ends thoroughly.



Felting

To felt, place finished cozy in your washing machine. (If desired, put the cozy in a pillowcase first, and for extra agitation, toss a couple pairs of jeans or an old pair of sneakers in the wash along with it). Add detergent and use hottest water and most heavy-duty cycle available. If using a top-loading machine, you can check the cozy's progress periodically and remove when it has shrunk to your liking (mine took two heavy wash cycles in a front loading machine). It should shrink by about 30%. Block if desired and let dry thoroughly.