

KNITTED

Felted Flowerpot Cozy

Designed by Linda Taylor

SIZE: Finished size = 6 ½” tall x 6 ½” across.
LEVEL OF EXPERIENCE: Intermediate.
MATERIALS: *Rhapsody*, 100g ball, 205 yards per ball.
1 ball of MC
1 ball of CC
U S Size 11 and 10 ½, 24” circular knitting needle
U S Size 11 double pointed knitted needles (dpn)
2 stitch markers
2 point protectors.
GAUGE: Approx 3 sts = 1”

TECHNIQUES:

m1 – make 1: Pick up loop lying **between** st just worked and next st. Knit into the back of the loop.

pick up: Insert needle, right to left through one “leg” of st.

inc – increase: Knit in the front and the back of the next st.

ssk – slip, slip, knit: Slip the next two sts knitwise, one at a time. Insert left needle, left to right through the slipped sts and knit.

Applied I-cord: After casting on 3 sts to dpn, * slip 1 st from spare circ to dpn, slide all 4 sts to opposite end of dpn, k2, k2tog tbl (through back loop)*. Repeat ** until all sts on circ have been worked.



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With larger circular needles and MC, cast on 60 sts. Join in round being careful not to twist sts. Place marker (m) for beg of rnd.

Rnds 1 & 3: Knit.

Rnds 2 & 4: Purl.

Rnd 5: K, placing additional m after st 30.

Rnds 6-11: Knit.

Rnd 12: K2, m1, k to 2 sts before m, m1, k2, sl m, k2, m1, k to 2 sts before end of rnd, m1, k2 (62 sts).

Rnds 13-22: Knit.

Rnd 23: Repeat Rnd 12 (68 sts).

Rnds 24-33: Knit.

Rnd 34: M1, k to m, remove m, m1, k to end of rnd.

Rnds 35-40: Knit.

Setup For Ruffle: * Place point protectors on larger needle. With smaller circular, pick up 70 sts in rnd before last rnd worked. Place m for beg of rnd. Transfer pt protectors to smaller needle.* Return to larger needle and work 6 rnds.

Top Ruffle: Attach CC at beg of rnd on smaller needle.

Rnds 1, 3, & 5: Knit.

Rnd 2: *K1, inc, rep * around, (105 sts).

Rnd 4: *K1, inc, rep * to last st, k1 (157 sts).



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Rnd 6: Repeat Rnd 4, (235 sts).

Rnd 7: Knit.

Bind off loosely.

Repeat ** of Setup For Ruffle. Return to larger needle and work 4 rnds.

Bottom Ruffle: Transfer pt protectors to larger needles. Attach CC at beg of rnd on smaller needle.

Rnds 1,3, & 5: Knit.

Rnd 2: Inc in every st (140 sts).

Rnd 4: *K1, inc, rep * around (210 sts).

Rnd 6: Repeat Rnd 4, (315 sts).

Rnd 7: Knit.

Bind off loosely.

Bottom Decreases: Return to larger needle. Switch to dpns when work becomes tight on circular.

Rnd 1: *K8, k2 tog, rep * around.

Rnds 2, 3, & 5: Knit

Rnd 4: *K7, ssk, rep * around.

Rnd 6: *K6, k2 tog, rep * around.

Rnd 7: *K5, ssk, rep * around.

Rnd 8: *K4, k2 tog, rep * around.

Rnd 9: *K3, ssk, rep * around.

Rnd 10: *K2, k2tog, rep * around.

Rnd 11: *K1, ssk, rep* around.

Rnd 12: *K2 tog, rep * around (7 sts). Break yarn, bring tail through rem sts. Tie and work tail to inside.

Top Trim: With smaller needle, pick up 60 sts around cast on edge of flowerpot. With one strand each of MC and CC, cast on 3 sts to dpn. Work applied I-cord around top of flowerpot. Bind off and work in tails.

Felting: Set washer for heavy-duty cycle, low water level and hot water Add a few drops of liquid laundry soap to the water. Place flowerpot in zippered pillow case and drop into washer. Agitate. Check on progress of felting after 5 minutes, then every 2-3 minutes until it is desired size. Reset the agitation cycle as often as needed to accomplish this. Continue with either method described below to finish felting process.

“Faint of Heart Method”: Remove flowerpot from washer. Squeeze out excess water – do not wring. Place in sink or tub of cool water and rinse by hand. Squeeze out excess water. Shape ruffles and flowerpot and let dry.

“Living Dangerously in the Spin Cycle Method”: (*Disclaimer: Do not attempt this method while talking on the phone, polishing your nails or disciplining children. Your undivided attention is an absolute necessity!*). Let the washer proceed to rinse cycle. Agitate for 10-20 seconds. Stop washer. Reset washer to pump out water and spin. Once spinning begins, spin for about 20 seconds. Stop washer. Position flowerpot in tub so that it is flat against the tub wall. Spin for another 20-30 seconds. Most of the water will be spun out and there should be on unsightly creases. Shape ruffles and flowerpot and let dry.

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