

# Pincushion Cactus Pattern:



## Supplies:

- Yarn: Small amount of any green fingering weight yarn. Shown here in Dale of Norway Baby Ull.
- Needles: 4 double pointed needles appropriate size to get gauge (about 8 stitches per inch in stockinette). Shown here knit using size 3 double pointed needles.
- fiber fill (just a small ball)
- finishing needle.
- Pot: shown here 9 inches in circumference around the outside of the top, 2.5 inches tall.

## Pattern:

(Do a gauge swatch with your yarn. You want to cast on enough that your knitting will just stretch bigger than the rim of your pot. The directions given below fit my pot, my yarn, my gauge.)

Cast on 48 stitches. Divide onto 3 needles. Join in the round, being careful not to twist your stitches.

Work in a rib pattern, knit 1 purl 1 for 23 rows. Cut the yarn leaving a 12 inch tail. Thread the tail through a needle, and catch all of the stitches off the needle. Pull the stitches snug to cinch them together. Bury the end in the middle of the work. The little ball is now half formed, with one side closed.

Stuff as much filling as you can get into it. Then thread the tail into the needle, and close the bottom. Work your way around picking up the stitches in your cast-on evenly to create a nice graceful closure. Or, don't, if you like the other side, then it's good enough! Only one side needs to face up. Just close it up, and voila, you have your cactus.

You can just sit it in the pot. Or, if you want to you can glue it down, and use it as an actual pin cushion.

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