

Knit Stripes Pillow



The front of this pillow is knit in three pieces and then sewn together on a sewing machine making it great for those of us who hate seaming. Of course, you can always hand seam if you wish.

Supplies:

- 1 skien Feza Alp Natural color #709
- 1 skien Feza Alp Natural color #711
- size 2 needles
- 14" x 14" square of matching fabric
- thread
- pins
- 14" x 14" pillow insert

Gauge:

- 6 stitches per inch, 9 rows per inch (yes, this is quite tight, but you want a tight fabric for your pillow front)

Abbreviations:

- k = knit
- p = purl
- k2tog = knit two stitches together
- p2tog = purl two stitches together

Knit the Pillow Front Pieces:

Piece 1 – Using blue

Cast on 43 stitches.

Work in stockinette until piece measures 7 inches.

Bind off.

Piece 2 – Using tan

Cast on 43 stitches.

Work in stockinette until piece measures 7 inches.

For the rest of the piece you will decrease on two rows and then do one row straight until there is one stitch left.

On knit rows – knit until the last 3 stitches, k2tog, k1

On purl rows – p1, p2tog, purl until end of row

Piece 2 should be about 14 inches long.

Piece 3 – Using tan

Cast on 86 stitches

Work one row even.

For the rest of the piece you will decrease on two rows and then do one row straight until there are 42 stitches left.

On knit rows – knit until the last 3 stitches, k2tog, k1

On purl rows – p1, p2tog, purl until end of row

Bind off remaining stitches.

Sew the Pillow Together:

Steam block the pillow front pieces with an iron.



Pin the pillow pieces together with right sides facing each other. Sew all the pieces together with a 1/2" seam allowance (or as close as you can get, its a little trickier getting an exact seam allowance size with rolling knitting

edges, err to the smaller size, 1/4" to 1/2"). I found it was easiest to sew the diagonal seam first and then attach the blue square. Steam block again. Press the diagonal seam open. The straight seams can be just pressed to one side.



Cut your backing fabric into a 14" x 14" square.

Pin the fabric back of the pillow to the knit front with right sides facing each other. Stretch the knitted piece if needed and use lots of pins to make stay in place. Sew the pieces together on three sides with a 1/2" seam allowance. It was easiest to sew with the knit side up to keep the knitting from rolling.

Sew a portion of the fourth side leaving enough room to put the pillow insert through.

Turn the pillow right side out. Pull the corners out as much as you can, they will never be pointy because of the amount of fabric. Put in the pillow insert. Hand sew the opening.

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