

March Swatch Patterns by Lindsey Melvin

BEGINNER: MOSS/Seed STITCH

This pattern is very straight forward! No borders to worry about! Just repeat the one row of pattern until square!

Cast on 45 Stitches

K1, P1 across row (the entire pattern, including your border, is knit in moss stitch)

Repeat until swatch is square (equal in length and width).

Bind off loosely. Close up: Moss Stitch



EASY: DOUBLE MOSS STITCH

Cast on 45 stitches.

Border rows 1-5: K1, P1 across

Pattern:

Row 1: (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1) K1 *P1, K1 repeat from * to end (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1)

Row 2: (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1) P1 *K1, P1 repeat from * to end (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1)

Row 3: (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1) P1 * K1, P1 repeat from * to end (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1)

Row 4: (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1) K1 *P1, K1 repeat from * to end (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1)

Repeat these 4 rows until approx 9 inches from cast on.

Repeat Border rows 1-5

Bind off (loosely so your edge isn't too tight).



Close up: Double Moss Stitch

March Swatch Patterns by Lindsey Melvin

INTERMEDIATE: LINEN STITCH

A COUPLE NOTES ABOUT LINEN STITCH:

~This pattern creates a very striking and pretty fabric.

However, it is VERY tight and dense. This swatch will have to be blocked in order to make it a uniform square (as you can see, this swatch was not blocked before the pictures were taken). It will pucker without blocking. I will post a tutorial on blocking sometime next week.

~Note that you are "wrapping" stitches for this pattern. Have no fear! Just follow the instructions as they are written (you are slipping, not knitting, half the stitches for each row).

~Also, it will take about twice as many rows to complete the block, so be sure to measure your square (make the square as flat and straight as you can for measuring) instead of relying on a row count for the finished product.

Cast on 44 stitches

Border Row (1, 3, 5): K1, P1 across

Border Row (2, 4): P1, K1 across

Pattern:

Row 1: (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1) *K1, move yarn to front of work, slip 1 stitch as if to purl, move yarn to back repeat from * across to last 5 sts (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1)

Row 2: (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1) *P1, move yarn to back of work, slip 1 stitch as if to purl, move yarn to front repeat from * across to last 5 sts (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1)

Repeat these 2 rows until square measures approx 9 inches from cast on edge.

Repeat border rows 1-5.

Bind off (loosely so edge isn't too tight).



Close up: Linen stitch

Don't like the linen stitch? Flip it over, the back of this swatch (wrong side) is called Tweed Stitch. It looks like a very dense Moss stitch! Same pattern- two different results!



Close up: Tweed Stitch