

# April Swatches by Lindsey Melvin

Check out the Year of Swatches Blog for great instructions on making bobbles.

<http://yearofswatches.blogspot.com/2011/04/april-swatches.html>

## BEGINNER: Spaced Knots



Note: Don't count your stitches after row 5 or 11, they won't match your cast on number!

Cast on 45 stitches

Border rows 1-5: K1, P1 across

Pattern rows:

Row 1, 3: (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1) knit to last 5 sts (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1)

Row 2, 4: (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1) purl to last 5 sts (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1)

Row 5: (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1) K5, \* (K1 into the front of the stitch, without dropping the yarn off the needle K1 into the back of the same stitch) two times (making 4 total stitches out of 1), K5 repeat from \* to last 5 stitches (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1) {Refer to steps 2 and 3 in the Bobble Tutorial above}

Row 6: (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1) P5 \*slip the next 3 stitches, move yarn to the back K1, pass the 3 slipped stitches, one at a time, over the last knit stitch (knot completed), P5 repeat from \* to last 5 sts (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1)

Row 7, 9: Repeat Pattern Row 1

Row 8, 10: Repeat Pattern Row 2

Row 11: (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1) K2, \* (K1 into the front of the stitch, without dropping the yarn off the needle K1 into the back of the same stitch) two times (making 4 total stitches out of 1), K5 repeat from \* ending with a K2 (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1)

Row 12: (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1) P2, \*slip the next 3 stitches, K1, pass the 3 slipped stitches, one at a time, over the last knit stitch (knot completed), P5 repeat from \* ending with a P2 (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1)

Repeat these 12 rows until swatch measures approximately 9 inches from cast on edge ending with either row 4 or 10.

Repeat border rows 1-5.

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

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## EASY: Bobble Stitch

Making this bobble: Follow the pattern until you get to the stitch you are supposed to make a bobble in. Increase 5 stitches in this one by knitting into the front, back, front, back, and front of the same stitch. Turn work, purl across these 5 stitches. Turn work, knit across these 5 stitches. Turn work, purl across these 5 stitches. Turn work, knit across these 5 stitches. Finally, slip the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th stitches over the first stitch on the right hand needle.



Cast on 45 stitches

Border rows 1-5: K1, P1 across

Pattern rows:

Row 1: (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1) knit to last 5 sts (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1)

Row 2: (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1) purl to last 5 sts (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1)

Row 3: (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1) K5 \* make bobble (see instructions and tutorial above), K11 repeat from \* ending with a K5 (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1) 3 Bobbles made

Rows 4, 6, 8: (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1) purl to last 5 sts (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1)

Rows 5, 7: (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1) knit to last 5 sts (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1)

Row 9: (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1) K11 \* make bobble, K11 repeat from \* to last 5 stitches (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1) 2 Bobbles made

Rows 10, 12: (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1) purl to last 5 sts (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1)

Row 11: (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1) knit to last 5 sts (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1)

Repeat these 12 rows until swatch measures approximately 9 inches from cast on edge.

Repeat Border Rows 1-5

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

## INTERMEDIATE: BOBBLE STRIPE

Making this bobble: The bobble for this swatch is slightly smaller than the one in the Tutorial. You can follow the steps above, substituting the different amounts. First, follow the pattern until you get to the stitch you'll be making the bobble in. Increase in this stitch by knitting into the front, back, front, and into the back of the same stitch (increase to 4 stitches). Turn work, purl across these four stitches. Turn work, knit across these four stitches. One at a time, pass the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th stitches over the first stitch on the right hand needle. Continue in pattern.



Cast on 45 stitches

Border rows 1-5: K1, P1 across

Pattern Rows:

Row 1: (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1) P2, K1 \*P4, K1 repeat from \* ending with a P2 (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1)

Row 2: (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1) K2, P1 \*K4, P1 repeat from \* ending with a K2 (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1)

Row 3: (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1) P2 \* make bobble (see instructions above), P4, K1, P4 repeat from \* ending with a P2 (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1)

Row 4: (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1) K2, P1 \*K4, P1 repeat from \* ending with a K2 (K1, P1, K1, P1, K1)

Repeat these 4 rows until swatch measures approximately 9 inches from cast on ending with Row 1.

Repeat border rows 1-5

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