

August Swatch by Lindsey Melvin

Easy: Bias Square by Lindsey Melvin

Cast on 3 sts

Row 1: K1, kfb, K1 (4sts)

Row 2: K1, kfb, K2 (5sts)

Row 3: K1, kfb, K3 (6 sts)

Row 4: K3, yo knit to end of row

Repeat row 4 until square is approx 10 inches along one edge or half the size of your desired finished product (Check out "A Good Way To Measure" at the end of this pattern- I increased until there were about 45 stitches on my needles).

Row 5: K2, k2tog, yo, k2tog, knit to end of the row

Repeat row 5 until you get down to 7 sts

Row 6: K1, k2tog, K4 (6 sts)

Row 7: K1, k2tog, K3 (5 sts)

Row 8: K1, k2tog, K2 (4 sts)

Row 9: K1, k2tog, K1 (3 sts)

Bind off all stitches.



"A Good Way To Measure" this square is to thread your knitting onto a piece of scrap yarn (be careful not to drop any stitches). Spread the stitches out evenly, don't let them bunch up or get too far apart, you want to mimic the natural shape of the knitting. Lay your work on top of another one of your squares. Pick one that is pretty average in size (not too big or too small). This square should be close to half the size (slightly smaller is ok as there will be some stretching with blocking) of your finished square.

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Mitered Square by Lindsey Melvin

For this square you will need one stitch marker.

Cast on 72 stitches

Row 1: Knit 34, ssk, place marker, k2tog, k34

Row 2: Purl all stitches

Row 3: Knit to two stitches before marker, ssk, slip marker, k2tog, k to end of row

Row 4: Knit all stitches

Repeat these four rows until 4 stitches remain.

Row 5: ssk, remove marker, k2tog

Row 6: k2tog, cut yarn and thread through the stitch remaining.



Close-up of the Mitered Swatch

KEY

yo: yarn over- A single increase. Move the yarn to the front of the work, the same action as if you were to purl, then wrap the yarn over the top of the needle and resume your knitting. This creates a hole or an eyelet in the fabric. Also known as a yarn forward.

kfb: knit in front and back- a single increase. Knit into the front loop of the stitch, then without dropping the stitch off the needle knit into the back loop of the same stitch. This is a single increase.

k2tog: knit 2 stitches together- a decrease. Insert the needle into the next two stitches as if to knit, and knit these stitches together.