

Many thanks to Carolyn Walsh for creating this pattern for knitted cave nests and making the first one to ensure it would work :) I have had many knitters attempt to create one without success. I am so happy to be able to share this with all of our knitters who have been patiently waiting for it.

### **Knitted Cave Nest**

I don't use a circular needle for this pattern. I use 7 inch double edged needles.

Since the needles are short, I use 7 needles (6 have stitches and 1 to work with).

If you use a circular needle, it would be for only part of the nest.

size 5 mm needles

2 strands of yarn

Cast on 6 sts. ( 2 on each needle) Join in round

1st Knit 1, increase 1, repeat to end of round. (4 sts. on each needle,12 sts. in total.)

2nd. Knit 2 sts., increase 1 st., repeat to end of round.(18 sts. in total)

3rd. Knit 3 sts., increase 1 st., repeat to end of round.( 24 sts.)

4th. Knit 4 sts., inc. 1 st., repeat to end. ( 30 sts.)

5th Knit 5 sts., increase 1 st., repeat to end. (36 sts.)

6th. Knit 6 sts., increase 1 st., repeat to end. (42 sts.)

7th Knit 7 sts., increase 1 st., repeat to end. (48 sts.)

8th. Knit 8 sts., increase 1 st., repeat to end. ( 54 sts. )

It is at this point when I change from 3 needles with stitches to 6 needles.

9th. Knit 9 sts., increase 1 st., repeat to end.( 60 sts.)

10th. Knit 10 sts., increase 1 st., repeat to end. ( 66 sts. )

11th. Knit 11 sts., increase 1 st., repeat to end. (72 sts. )

12th. Knit 12 sts., increase 1 st., repeat to end. (78 sts.)

13th. Knit 13 sts., increase 1 st., repeat to end. ( 84 sts.)

At this point you should have 14 sts. on each needle ( 28 sts. if you are using 3 longer needles)

Rows 14 to 21 Knit

22 nd. Cast off 16 sts., knit to end. ( 68 sts. )

23rd. Purl row

24th. Knit to end.

25th. Purl

Repeat 24th. and 25th. rows, 5 times each. This makes the opening in the nest.

36th. Knit to end of round, then cast on 16 stitches ( 84 sts. )

37th. to 40 th. Knit.

41st. Knit 12sts., knit 2 together, repeat to end.

42nd. Knit 11sts., knit 2 tog., repeat to end.

43rd. Knit 10 sts., knit 2 tog., repeat to end.

44th. Knit 9 sts., knit 2 tog., repeat to end.

45th. Knit 8 sts., knit 2 tog., repeat to end.

46th. Knit 7 sts., knit 2 tog., repeat to end.

47th. Knit 6 sts., knit 2 tog., repeat to end.

48th. Knit 5 sts., knit 2 tog., repeat to end.

49th. Knit 4 sts., knit 2 tog., repeat to end.

50th. Knit 3 sts., knit 2 tog., repeat to end.

51st. Knit 2 sts., knit 2 tog., repeat to end.

52nd. Knit 1 st., knit 2 tog., repeat to end.

53rd. Knit 2 together 6 times

You should have 6 stitches remaining.

Draw up and tie off the stitches.

Sew in the yarn ends.

