

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.

