

4 inch Mini Knitted Cave Nest Pattern

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

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

3 - 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.)

At this point you should have 16 sts. on each needle

Rows 8 to 15 Knit

16 th. Cast off 14 sts., knit to end. (34 sts.)

17th. Purl row

18th. Knit to end.

19th. Purl

Repeat 18th. and 19th. rows, 5 times each. This makes the opening in the nest.

30th. Cast on 14 sts.. Knit to end. (48 sts.)

31st. to 33rd. Knit.

34th. Knit 6 sts., knit 2 tog., repeat to end.

35th. Knit 5 sts., knit 2 tog., repeat to end.

36th. Knit 4 sts., knit 2 tog., repeat to end.

37th. Knit 3 sts., knit 2 tog., repeat to end.

38th. Knit 2 sts., knit 2 tog., repeat to end.

39th. Knit 1 st., knit 2 tog., repeat to end.

40th. Knit 2 together 6 times

You should have 6 stitches remaining.

Draw up and tie off the stitches.

Sew in the yarn ends.

