

Knitting Basics: How to Read a Knitting Pattern

New to knitting? No sweat! Our easy-to-follow tutorial will show you how to read a knitting pattern with ease, so you can move on to the fun part—knit, purl...you go, girl!

INFORMATION COVERED IN VIDEO:

- Skill level
- Abbreviations
- Finished size
- Materials
- Gauge
- Assembly and finishing

GLOSSARY OF KNITTING ABBREVIATIONS:

- **CO** - cast off
- **BO** - bind off
- **K** - knit
- **P** - purl
- **St** - stitch
- **Gst** - garter stitch
- **St St** - stockinette stitch
- **Rep** - repeat
- **Beg** - beginning
- **Tog** - together
- **RS** - right side
- **WS** - wrong side
- **YO** - yarn over
- **SSK** - slip, slip, knit
- **K2tog** - knit two together
- **PM** - place marker

EXAMPLE

GLOSSARY

St st = Stockinette stitch
CO = Cast on
BO = Bind off
MC = Main color
CC = Contrasting color

Pillow front is knit flat, then sewn with coordinating fabric.

finished size:

11" x 11"

materials:

- Yarn Bee Baby Bee Sweet Baby Delight 60% Acrylic/40% Polyamide, 4 oz/113g, 367yds/336m, 1 skein #80 Chocolate, 1 skein #70 Infant Teal
- 1/2 yard coordinating fabric
- Knitting needle size US #7 (4.5mm)
- Thread
- Needle

gauge:

21 sts and 28 rows = 4" on US #7 (4.5mm) needles

front:

With #7 needle CO 65 stitches in Chocolate and knit in st st for 12 rows.
K13, then begin Fleur de Lis Chart Row 1, K13.
P13, work chart row 2, P13.
Continue as set until entire chart has been worked.
Knit 12 rows in st st in Chocolate. BO.

assembly and finishing:

Cut two pieces of fabric 1" longer and 1" wider than front. Hand-baste knitted panel to one piece, then with right sides together, pin to other fabric piece. Stitch around all 4 sides and sew opening closed.



TIPS & TRICKS:

- Always knit a gauge swatch.
- Buy enough yarn for your entire project so you can be assured of consistent color.
- Write out the abbreviations on your pattern until they become second nature.