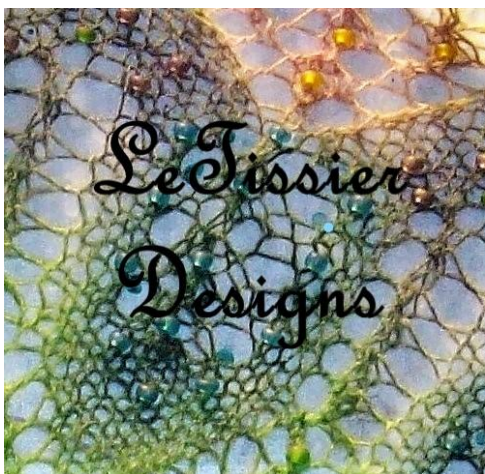




Squaring Around

Meet the Pouf Square! A double sided thrummed beauty!

As knit, this is a great hot pad, something to save your hands, table or counter top. This square can be made larger or maybe make 4 of them for a seating pad at the game! It is only going to get warm with your body heat (even if it is raining). Wouldn't 2 of them length wise make a great warm pocket for a hoodie! Oh, the ideas are endless.

Materials: approx. 25 grs, 50 yds of aran weight wool in 2 colours (100 Yds of same colour), and maybe 15 yds of yarn for I-cord (I forgot to weight the yarn) and maybe 5 - 10 grs of wool fibre. Samples were knit with 3 shades of Juniper Moon Santa Cruz and Malabrigo Nube. 4.5mm US #7 needles, 2 buttons, markers and the regular notions.

Size: Approx 8.75 inches square and $\frac{3}{4}$ inch thick once connected.

Gauge: 18 sts in 4 inches over thrumming pattern

Abbreviations and Techniques: MT – make thrum

I-cord bind-off – when working I-cord remember to pull the yarn tightly from the back st to roll the cord.

With RS facing, add 3 simple loops to the front needle containing the sts.

- *K2, knit the next loop together with the first st that was on the front needle and the first st that was on the back needle
- Slide the 3 sts on the RH needle back onto the LH needle and repeat from * all around the square
- I added a row of unattached I-cord at each corner to help turn the corner – not sure it made any difference

Make a thrum – see back page for photo tutorial to placing the thrum

Set up for knitting by first making a bowl of thrums, approx. 2.5 to 3 inches long and not too thick. Play around with the thickness as you knit for the best results.



Pattern — consists of two different squares for best thrum coverage.

Square 1

Cast-on 39 sts.

Knit 1 row

Purl 1 row

{ Make thrum row 1 – K1, (MT, K5) 6 times, MT, K1.

Purl 1 row

Knit 1 row

Purl 1 row

Make thrum row 2 – K4, (MT, K5) 5 times, MT, K4.

Purl 1 row

Knit 1 row

Purl 1 row }

Repeat from { to } 6 times.

Finish with:

Make thrum row 1 – K1, (MT, K5) 6 times, MT, K1.

Purl 1 row

With RS facing pick-up and knit 39 sts up the next side of the square (approx. ratio pick-up 3 sts from 3 rows and then skip a row), turn the corner and pick-up and knit 39 sts from the cast-on, turn the corner and pick-up and knit 39 sts from the remaining side – 156 sts. Cut yarn leaving an 8-inch tail. Weave in the ends.

Leave stitches live on the needle for I-cord bind-off.

Square 2

Cast-on 39 sts.

Knit 1 row

Purl 1 row

{ Make thrum row 2 – K4, (MT, K5) 5 times, MT, K4.

Purl 1 row

Knit 1 row

Purl 1 row

Make thrum row 1 – K1, (MT, K5) 6 times, MT, K1.

Purl 1 row

Knit 1 row

Purl 1 row }

Repeat from { to } 6 times.

Make thrum row 2 – K4, (MT, K5) 5 times, MT, K4.

Purl 1 row



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Leave stitches live on the needle for I-cord bind-off.

Finishing

Place squares together with the insides (thrums) facing to the middle and start the I-cord bind-off at the open ends of the needle. Weave the tail from the finish through the cast-on once all sides have been bound together.

Step by Step – Knitting in a Thrum



Thrumming and knitting ready to go. Needle going into stitch below. Pulling the thrum through.



Thrum lifted onto left hand needle. Right hand needle going through New stitch pulling through stitch



New stitch on right hand needle with the thrummed stitch showing on the row below the needle.