



MAY
BONUS
SQUARE –

INDIAN TWIST STITCH, SIMPLE

The wonderful thing about sampler patterns is that you can try out new stitches without a major commitment. This stitch pattern has fascinated me for years! I decided that a sampler blanket was the perfect place to try it out!

This pattern looks a little tricky, but is really quite easy. Only two of the rows involve patterning and while slow to work they do pay you back by filling in a great deal of space. This is the simple version in that the twisted sts all line up. I am going to work another version where the rows of twisted sts offset each other.

The photo tutorial below will help with the patterning.

Materials: 4.5mm, #7 US needles, 1 or 2 colours of worsted weight yarn, sample was knit with Cascade 220.

Size: 10 in square

Gauge: approx. 19 st in 4 inches worked in garter st

Abbreviations: LH – left hand. RH – right hand.

Pattern

Note on the pattern – pattern is shown in two colours. It could just as easily be worked in a single colour or multiple colours, knitters' choice.

Cast-on 48 stitches.

Rows 1 to 6 – Knit.

Row 7 – K1, *K1, wrapping the yarn 4 times around the needle and drawing all wraps through the stitch on the needle; repeat from * until the last st, end K1.

Note: the first and last stitch are not wrapped, they are knit as a regular st. This keeps the first and last twist from being loose on the edges.

Row 8 – *sl the next 8 sts from the LH needle to the RH needle, dropping the wraps from the needle as you slip the sts. Straighten the stitches and then twist the stitches by inserting the LH needle through the fronts of the 4 far right stitches and then lift those 4 stitches over the 4 LH stitches. Slip the stitches back onto the LH needle and knit as normal. Repeat from * 5 more times across the row.

Repeat rows 1 to 8, 6 times.

Finish by repeat rows 1 to 6. Bind off in knit.

Weave in the ends and block lightly.

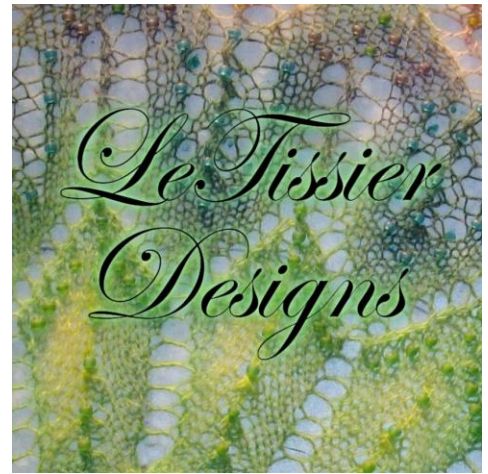


Figure 1 Insert RH needle tip into the st on the LH and wrap the RH tip 4 times before drawing the wraps through the st.



Figure 2 Wraps have been pulled through the st and are sitting on the RH needle.



Figure 3 Wraps have been pulled through the stitches and are waiting to be worked.



Figure 4 Slip sts to the RH needle, one at a time, dropping the YO's as they are slipped..



Figure 5 8 sts have been slipped and the YO's dropped.



Figure 6 Lift the 4 far right sts over the nearer 4 LH sts.



Figure 7 the 8 sts have been returned to the LH needle.

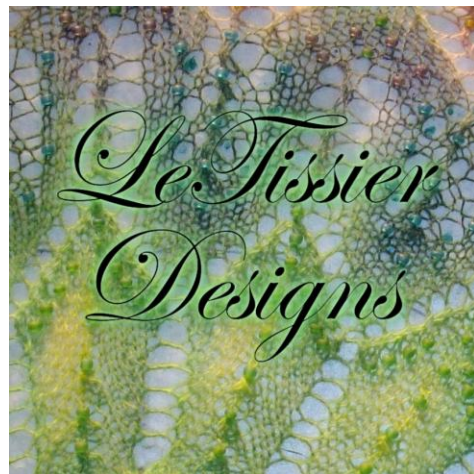


Figure 8 The sts have been knit.