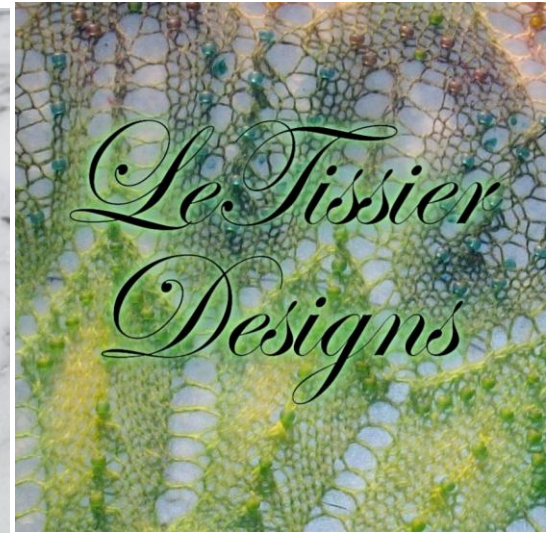




May Fancy - Louise's Lavender Sachet

Last fall my friend gifted me with a few lavender sachets, made with lavender from her garden. I love lavender, it is one of my favourite scents and I have been missing my own garden plants. I always have a few sachets scattered in with my shawls and sweaters.

I decided that I needed to knit a sachet or two for the lavender. I used a Fringe Cast-on to create flower petals along the top edge, so that, once the edge had been gathered up and closed, the top would look like a flower. My sachets are smaller than hers, so I have lots of lavender. I will have to make a few more!

These little sachets are useful for more than lavender. Think small gift bags or maybe bigger bags, make with bigger needles and heavier yarn.

I hope that you have fun with your knitting.

Materials: 2.75mm US #2 dpn's; 2 shades of Cascade 220 Fingering weight yarn, a few yards for the fringes (I am going to use flower colours) and 20 grams or so for the bag; 3.0mm crochet hook.

Size: approx. 3.5 inches long and 2.5 inches wide, excluding fringes

Gauge: approx. 18 sts in 2 inches in stockinette.

Notes on working with the fringe cast-on or bind-off. I went a little more organic with my fringe knitting. Some of my fringes were longer or shorter than each other. If you want to change the length of some of the fringes, just make sure that you cast-off 2 sts less than you cast-on for the start and that you cast-off 2 sts more than you cast-on for the finish.

Method for Fringe Cast-on – *Cable cast-on 10 sts, Cast-off 8 sts, slip stitch from right hand needle back to left hand needle. Repeat from * to end of cast-on. Each piece of fringe results in 2 stitches on the LH needle.

Method for Fringe Bind-off – *Cable cast-on 8 sts, Cast-off 10 sts, slip stitch from right hand needle back to left hand needle. Repeat from * to end of bind-off.

Pattern

Working with a fringe cast-on and flower colour cast-on 24 sts (12 pieces of fringe) and join into a round.

Purl 1 round.

Change yarn colour, and work the next round as follows: *K1, YO; repeat from * to the end of the round – 48 sts.

Knit in the round for the next 3.5 inches.

Creating the Bottom Fringe

Divide the sts so that there are 24 sts on each of 2 needles. Slip the stitches purlwise from the middle needle. One half to the first needle and one half to the third needle.

Holding the two needles side by side and working with the flower yarn and a third needle, K2 sts tog, 1 from the front needle and 1 from the back needle resulting in 1 stitch on the RH needle.

Continue in this manner until there are 24 sts on the RH needle.

Work a fringe bind-off – 12 pieces of fringe.

Finishing

Push all ends to the inside and weave in all ends.

Working with the crochet hook and a strand of each colour, crochet a twelve inch chain. Cut the yarn and pull through the last chain stitch. Cut the ends to ½ inch and fuzz them up a little. Fill the sachet with lavender.

