

August Square - Bead Stripe Square - Blackberry Season



My colour inspiration this month came directly from the local landscape – the blackberries are ready early this year – the heat has brought them on in all their glorious colour. I love the contrast of the dark berries and green leaves and I thought that the bead stripe pattern would work well!

This colourwork square was created with a slip stitch technique so that only one colour will be worked with in any row and you will need only 2 colours of yarn. Instead of carrying colours, stitches are slipped and the working yarn is carried across the back of the slipped stitches.

Materials: 4.5mm US #7 needles, straight or circ, approx. 20 grs 40m, 44yds each of two colours of worsted weight yarn. Sample was knit with Cascade 220.

Gauge: 20 sts in 4 inches in stockinette

Size: 25cm 10-inch square

Abbreviations: **s1** – slip 1 st. **s1wyif** – slip 1 st with yarn in front.



Pattern

Working with main colour yarn, cast-on 47 sts.

Commence working from chart or written instructions. Remember to carry the yarns loosely across the back of the work.

Written Bead Stripe Square

Row 1 (RS): with main – Knit. (47 sts)

Row 2 (WS): with main – K1, p3, (k3, p3) 7 times, k1.

Row 3: with contrast – K1, (sl × 3, k3) 7 times, sl × 3, k1.

Row 4: with contrast – K2, sl wyif, k1, (k4, sl wyif, k1) 7 times, k1.

Row 5: with contrast – Knit.

Row 6: with contrast – K4, (p3, k3) 7 times, k1.

Row 7: with main – K1, (k3, sl × 3) 7 times, k4.

Row 8: with main – K1, p3, (p1, sl wyif, p4) 7 times, k1.

Repeat rows 1 to 8, 9 times up the square.

Finishing

Bind-off with main and block to size.

