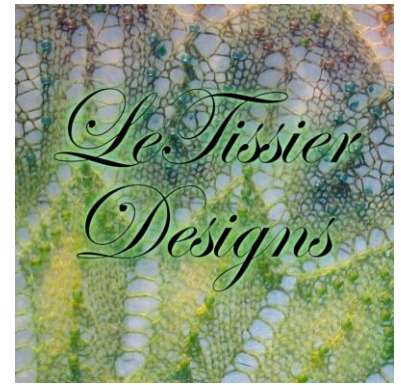


September Square – Tree Lined

I love textural stitches. Especially when I can make colour become part of the texture.

I found this stitch in one of my stitch libraries. The knitting is pretty easy, one big increase on the first row and then basic decreases on three of the following rows. Add in some slipped stitches and then we have trees! Or so I saw them.



Materials:

- ✓ 4.5mm US #7 needles, straight or circular
- ✓ approx. 40grs (80m) worsted weight yarn,
- ✓ two colours: MC (tree colour and CC
- ✓ stitch markers
- ✓ regular knitting notions

Sample was knit with Cascade 220 worsted.

Gauge: 20 sts in 4 inches in stockinette, knit on 4.5mm needles.

Size: 10 by 10 inch square

Abbreviations:

m – marker.

slm – slip marker.

YO – bring the yarn forward between your needles and then knit your next stitch as normal, allowing the yarn to loop over your RH needle to form a new stitch.

M7 – into the next st, K1, YO, K1, YO, K1, YO, K1.

K2tog – K 2 sts together.

SSK - slip the next 2 sts knitwise (one at a time), then insert the left needle across the front of your 2 slipped sts and knit them together.

P2tog – purl 2 sts together.

SSP – slip the next 2 sts knitwise (one at a time), then slip them back to the LH needle, insert the RH needle through the fronts of the slipped sts and then purl them together.



Pattern

Note: the stitch count increases substantially on the first row of each tree motif and then decreases over three of the following rows, returning to 43 sts. This is intentional.

Working with 4.5 mm needles and main colour (tree colour), cast-on 43 sts.

Knit rows 1 to 4.

Tree Pattern

Rows 5 to 16 form the pattern repeat.

Row 5 – MC – K3, pm, K2, *M7, K7; repeat from * to last 6 sts (4 times), M7, K2, pm, K3 – 73 sts.

Row 6 – knit.

Row 7 – CC – K3, slm, K1, *K2tog, K5, SSK, K5; repeat from * to last 13 sts, K2tog, K5, SSK, K1, slm, K3 – 63 sts.

Row 8 – K3, slm, P1, *SSP, P1, s1wyif, P1, P2tog, P5: repeat from * to last 8 sts, SSP, P1, s1wyif, P1, P2tog, P1, slm, K3 – 53 sts.

Row 9 – K3, slm, K1, *K2tog, s1wyif, SSK, K5; repeat from * to last 6 sts, K2tog, s1wyif, SSK, K1, slm, K3 – 43 sts.

Row 10 – K3, slm, purl to m, slm, K3.

Row 11 – MC – K3, slm, K2, *K4, M7, K3; repeat from * to last 6 sts, K3, slm, K3 – 67 sts.

Row 12 – knit.

Row 13 – CC – K3, slm, K2, *K3, K2tog, K5, SSK, K2; repeat from * to last 6 sts, K3, slm, K3 – 59 sts.

Row 14 – K3, slm, P3, *P2, SSP, P1, s1wyif, P1, P2tog, P3: repeat from * to last 5 sts, P2, slm, K3 – 51 sts.

Row 15 – K3, slm, K2, * K3, K2tog, s1wyif, SSK, K2; repeat from * to last 6 sts, K3, slm, K3 – 43 sts.

Row 16 – K3, slm, purl to m, slm, K3.

Repeat rows 5 to 16, 3 more times for a total of 4 repeats.

Repeat rows 5 to 8 once more.

Finishing

Knit 5 rows.

Bind-off on the next row.

Block square to 10 x 10 inches.

