

Sweet & Simple Knitted Rosette



I've been on a knitting quest to create a rosette that is fairly simple to make, worked in one piece, but which still has the appearance of having distinct petals. Here is my version, which can be worked in a variety of yarn weights. The flower is worked as a sequence of short rows; however, there is no wrapping of stitches involved. These directions should serve as a starting point. Once you have the technique, you can vary the stitch counts & width of the piece as you wish for different effects.

Materials: For yarns fingering – aran weight– About 15 yds.

Needles: size recommended by manufacturer for your yarn

Tapestry needle

Glass beads or buttons for center (optional)

Directions:

Cast on 60 stitches.

Work short rows as follows:

Row 1-2: Knit 56, leaving last 4 stitches unworked, turn work. Knit back to end.

Row 3-4: Knit 51, turn work. (9sts unworked) Knit back to end.

Row 5-6: Knit 46, turn work. (14sts unworked) Knit back to end.

Row 7-8: Knit 40, turn work. (20sts unworked) Knit back to end.

Row 9: [Knit 7, rotate left-hand needle counter-clockwise around work (forms a twist)] 4 times; [knit 6, rotate left-hand needle counter-clockwise around work] 3 times; [knit 5, rotate needle] twice; knit 4. (9 twists – 10 “petals” formed)

Cut yarn, leaving a 15” tail. Thread yarn onto a tapestry needle. Slip tapestry needle through each stitch, pulling snugly to gather work into a spiral. Secure rosette by running the needle up through the center of the rosette & back down again. Tack the bottom of the rosette to upper layers to make it lay flatter. Embellish center of the rosette with glass beads or button, if desired.

