

WOOLLY LOOP PILLOW Berroco *Ultra Alpaca Chunky* Version

We couldn't resist covering a pillow in the woolly loop stitch! Knitted at a super-bulky gauge, it goes faster than you'd think, and you'll love snuggling up with it while you knit!

Finished Size: Fits 24 x 24"/61 x 61cm pillow form.

Yarn: 6 skeins Berroco Ultra Alpaca Chunky (131 yds/120m each). Note: Yarn is held double throughout.

Or approx. 786 yds/720m total of an equivalent chunky-weight yarn.

Needles US 11 (8mm) 24" (60mm) circular needle. & Notions: Backing fabric: 25½ x 25½"/65 x 65cm.

Sewing needle and thread.

Gauge: Approx. 8 sts = 4"/10 cm in loop stitch.

Glossary: KFB = knit into the front then back of same stitch; RS = right side; St(s) = stitch(es);

WS = wrong side.

Cast on: With yarn held double, loosely cast on 42 stitches. *Note: Yarn is held double throughout.*

Purl one row.

Loop stitch: Row 1 (RS): KFB in first st, then bind off first of these two sts. *Knit into front of stitch

(as usual) and, <u>before</u> letting stitch off left needle, bring yarn forward between needles, loop yarn under thumb or finger and pull a loop approx. 1"/2.5cm long (takes 2"/5cm of yarn), bring yarn back between needles, knit into back of same stitch. You have made 2 sts on right needle; lift first st over second st (like a bind-off). *Notes: Keep loop on thumb until lift-over is complete, then give loop a little tug. Depending on your knitting style, you may catch loop on left or right thumb or finger.**; repeat between * * until one st remains on left needle; KFB and bind off first of these two sts. [42 sts] *Note: The first and last stitches must*

be worked in this manner to maintain row height.

Row 2 (WS): Purl.

Repeat last 2 rows 33 more times or until piece, slightly stretched, measures 24"/61cm,

ending with Row 2.

Bind off loosely on RS, matching tension of cast-on edge as closely as possible.

Finishing: Cut backing fabric to make a square 25½ x 25½"/65 x 65cm. Finish edges by folding in

 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/2cm hem on each side and hand- or machine-stitching along each edge. Finished backing piece should be 24×24 "/61 x 61cm. Holding wrong sides of backing and knitted pieces together, hand-stitch together on three sides, sewing close to edges. Insert pillow

form and finish sewing last side.