

A Day Out Blanket

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WEEK 10 - Our destination, the Craft Barn - Borders



Hints and Tips

One of the most common phrases you hear knitters say is 'I hate sewing up'. Well I am a bit of an oddity in the world of knitting as I actually quite enjoy it. Hopefully I can help you share the love with these tips.

1. Embrace sewing up. Give yourself the right to enjoy it. Pour a glass of wine, make a cup of tea, put on your favourite box set or film. I tend to watch something I've watched before so I don't have to concentrate.
2. Take your time. There is a lot of sewing up on this blanket, don't rush it. You have spent hours knitting your squares, giving it the best finish possible is going to take some time.
3. Use locking stitch markers (these are probably the most used things in my knitting kit) to match the pieces and only remove them when you are at this point. I find this really useful when I am sewing up pieces with different numbers of rows.
4. Enjoy the magic of mattress stitch. If you haven't used this technique before, be prepared to be blown away. Pulling it together never ceases to amaze me.

NB. Mattress stitch will leave you with a little ridge underneath. I did over sew two squares together to see how this looked and it did look neater underneath but not as nice on the right side. I then undid this and mattress-stitched them all together.

The Border

Making a border is boring, there is no getting away from it. You have to knit a really long piece of the same repetitive pattern, there is no escaping it! However, this is a lovely pattern that looks super effective.

This is the first time I have done short row shaping and initially I wasn't very good at it! Lynne's video was a lifesaver. Please watch it if you get stuck.

Sara xx

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