## FUZZY'S TOP TIPS FOR FOLLOWING A PATTERN





## HOW HARD IS YOUR PATTERN?

 Look at the abbreviations section of your pattern this is where all the stitches will be listed, what is familiar? We think its OK if there are 1-2 stitches new to you

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

• Look at the shape of the whole project if you can't see this on the pattern go to Ravelry.com and take a look at other projects in your pattern (you'll find pattern tips there too)

## PREP YOUR PATTERN

- · Read through the pattern to get familiar with, and locate, the abbreviations (they aren't always standard across patterns)
- · Choose Inches/Yards OR Metric and circle through the pattern
- Circle your size and needle/hook size through the pattern
- Circle the \* \* so you'll know that those are repeats
  - Does your pattern say "repeat X more times", or "repeat X times"
  - Use highlighter tape to mark rows (sticky notes can peel off)
- · Differentiate abbreviations/symbols in charts with different highlighter pens
- · If you're using more than one color, mark on each page what YOUR main color and contrast colors are

## GET STARTED

- When casting on, if someone tries to interrupt you, count aloud and/or use stitch markers every 25 stitches (remove on 1st row)
  - Mark the front of your project with a removable stitch marker (RS = front)
    - · Use stitch markers where ever possible, not just when called for whenever there is a stitch change, especially borders



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