## Yarnspirations"

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HEART

20
KNIT
SKILL LEVEL
EASY

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What you will need:
RED HEART ${ }^{\oplus}$ With Love ${ }^{\oplus}: 1$ skein 1621 Evergreen or 1909 Holly Berry

1 Set Susan Bates DoublePointed Knitting Needles: 5mm [US 8]

Cable needle
Yarn needle
$2-4^{\prime \prime}(10 \mathrm{~cm})$ Styrofoam $^{\oplus}$ balls
GAUGE: 16 sts $=4$ " ( 10 cm ); 22 rows $=4 "(10 \mathrm{~cm})$; in Stockinette stitch. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.

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RED HEART ${ }^{\oplus}$ With Love ${ }^{\circledR}$, Art. E400 available in solid color $70 z$ (198g), $370 \mathrm{yd}(338 \mathrm{~m})$ and multicolor 50 z ( 141 g ), 230 yd (211m) skeins


## Cabled Holiday Balls

Knit cabled balls are perfect for a table arrangement, as shown, to fill a basket or glass container, or to hang on the tree!

Cabled Holiday Ball measures: 4" (10 cm) in diameter.

## Notes

Cover the Styrofoam ${ }^{\circledR}$ balls with clear plastic wrap, this makes it easier to insert the balls into the knitted fabric covers.
Cover is worked as 3 repeats ( 1 for each needle).

## Special Stitches

4- Stitch Cable = Slip 2 sts to cable needle and hold in back of work, k2, k2 from cable needle.
M1 = Make 1 (Increase). Lift strand between needles to left-hand needle and work strand through the back loop, twisting it to prevent a hole, knit or purl as indicated by pattern st.
K2tog $=$ Knit 2 sts together.

## CABLED HOLIDAY BALL COVER

Cast on 12 stitches (place 4 sts on each of 3 needles).
Join, being careful not to twist sts.
Round 1: Knit.
Round 2: *K1, m1, k2, m1, k1; repeat from * twice more - 18 sts.
Round 3: Knit.
Round 4: *K1, m1, k4, m1, k1; repeat from * twice more - 24 sts.
Round 5: *K1, p1, 4-st cable, p1, k1; repeat from * twice more.
Round 6: *K1, m1, p1, k4, p1, m1, k1; repeat from * twice more - 30 sts.
Round 7: Knit, purling sts on either side of cables.
Round 8: *K2, m1, p1, k4, p1, m1, k2; repeat from * twice more - 36 sts.
Round 9: Knit, working 4-st cable and purling sts on either side of cables.
Round 10: *K3, m1, p1, k4, p1, m1, k3; repeat from * twice more - 42 sts.

Round 11: Knit, purling sts on either side of cables.
Round 12: *K1, m1, k3, p1, k4, p1, k3, m1, k1; repeat from * twice more - 48 sts.
Round 13: Knit, working 4-st cable and purling sts on either side of cables. Round 14: *K2, m1, k3, p1, k4, p1, k3, m1, k2; repeat from * twice more - 54 sts. Round 15: Knit, purling sts on either side of cables.
Round 16: *K3, m1, k3, p1, k4, p1, k3, m1, k3; repeat from * twice more - 60 sts.
Round 17: Knit, working 4-st cable and purling sts on either side of cables.
Round 18: Knit, purling sts on either side of cables.
Round 19: Knit, purling sts on either side of cables.
Round 20: Knit, purling sts on either side of cables.
Round 21: Knit, working 4-st cable and purling sts on either side of cables.
Round 22: Knit, purling sts on either side of cables.
Round 23: Knit, purling sts on either side of cables.
Round 24: Knit, purling sts on either side of cables.
Decrease Rounds
Round 25: *K1, k2tog, k4, p1, 4-st cable, p1, k4, k2tog, k1; repeat from * twice more - 54 sts.

Round 26: Knit, purling sts on either side of cables.
Round 27: *K1, k2tog, k3, p1, k4, p1, k3,
k2tog, k1; repeat from * twice more - 48 sts.
Round 28: Knit, purling sts on either side of cables.
Round 29: *K1, k2tog, k2, p1, 4-st cable, p1, k2, k2tog, k1; repeat from * twice more - 42 sts.

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Round 30: Knit, purling sts on either side of cables.
Round 31: *K1, k2tog, k1, p1, k4, p1, k1,
k2tog, k1; repeat from * twice more - 36 sts
Round 32: Knit, purling sts on either
side of cables.
Round 33: Knit, working 4-st cable and purling sts on either side of cables.

## FINISHING

Cut a length of yarn and thread tail through yarn needle. With yarn needle, run remaining 36 sts through. Slip cabled ball cover over Styrofoam ${ }^{\circledR}$ ball and pull stitches closed. Knot to secure. Using yarn needle, draw cast on stitches together. Knot to secure.
Weave in all ends.

## ABBREVIATIONS

cm = centimeters; k = knit; mm = millimeters; $p=$ purl; $\operatorname{st}(\mathbf{s})=$ stitch(es); * $=$ repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.


