Polygon

Designed by the Berroco Design Team / Skill level: Intermediate

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
Approximately 12" / 30 cm across after felting (18" / 45 cm across before felting)

YARN
BERROCO MERCADO (100 grs):
3 hanks #4142 Oro (MC) and 1 hank #4156 Lago (CC)
Note: Original model pictured was made with Berroco Jasper (50 grs), #3810 Copper Silk (MC) and Berroco Peruvia (100 grs), #7143 Aquamarina (CC). To recreate the striping pattern of the original yarn, make stripes using smaller amounts of different colors instead of the 3 hanks of the MC.

NEEDLES and NOTIONS
32" / 80 cm circular needle, size 9 5.5 mm *or size to obtain gauge*
6 stitch markers
6 yds narrow leather cording
Tapestry needle

GAUGE
18 sts and 22 rows = 4" / 10 cm in St st with MC (before felting)
To save time and ensure accurate measurements, take time to check gauge.

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HEXAGON (Make 2)

With CC, cast on 212 sts. Do not join.

Row 1 (RS): P1, * k35, pm; rep from * 5 times more, p1.

Row 2: K1, purl to last stitch, k1.

Change to MC.

**** Dec Row 1 (RS):** P1, * SSK, knit to 2 sts before next marker, k2tog, sm; rep from * 5 times more, p1—200 sts.

Row 4: Rep Row 2.

Row 5: P1, knit to last stitch, p1.

Dec Row 2 (WS): K1, * p2tog, purl to 2 sts before next marker, p2tog TBL, sm; rep from * 5 times more, k1—188 sts.

Row 7: Rep Row 5.

Row 8: Rep Row 2.

Rep from ** 7 times more, end on WS—20 sts.

Next Row (RS): K1, [k2tog] 9 times, k1—11 sts.

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread end into tapestry needle and draw through all stitches on needle. Pull up tightly and secure, then sew seam, sewing through 1 stitch from each end.

FINISHING

Hold the 2 hexagons with RS facing each other. Using tapestry needle and CC, sew the 2 hexagons together from center of one of the 6 sections around 3 full sections, to the center of the next section. This should leave one full section and 2 half sections unsewn at top of bag.

Felt bag in top loading washing machine using hot water and soap. Check piece often. When bag has reached the desired size, remove from washer, shape by hand, and allow to air dry. Using sharp scissors, carefully trim any extra fuzz left over from felting.

Handles: Using tapestry needle or the point of knitting needle, make a small hole in each corner of the whole unsewn section at bag top on front and back. Cut cording into 8 equal pieces. Holding 4 pieces together, insert ends from back to front through one hole on bag front. Knot securely. Insert 4 ends of the same pieces from back to front through the other hole on bag front and knot securely. Repeat with the other 4 pieces of cording on back of bag.

STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS & TERMS

beg: beginning

CC: contrasting color

CDD: Centered Double Decrease—Slip 2 together (as if to k2tog), knit 1, pass the 2 slipped stitches over

cn: cable needle

dec: decrease

dpn(s): double pointed needle(s)

end on WS: end having just completed a Wrong Side row.

end on RS: end having just completed a Right Side row

Garter St: Knit EVERY row when working back and forth in rows. Knit 1 round, purl 1 round when working in the round.

inc: increase

k: knit

k tbl: knit through the back loop(s)

k2tog: knit 2 stitches together

k3tog: knit 3 stitches together

kfb: knit in the front and back of the next st

LH: left hand

LLI: Left Lifted Increase—Insert LH needle into the purl bump one row below the st just worked on the RH needle and knit into this st (1 st inc'd)

M1: Make 1—Pick up horizontal strand between stitch just worked and next stitch from front to back, place on left hand needle, knit this stitch through the back (1 stitch increased).

M1L: Make 1 Left—Work as for M1.

M1p: Make 1 purl—Pick up horizontal strand between stitch just worked and next stitch from front to back, place on left hand needle, purl this stitch through the back (1 stitch increased).

M1pL: Make 1 purl Left—Work as for M1p.

M1pR: Make 1 purl Right—Pick up horizontal strand between stitch just worked and next stitch from back to front, place on left hand needle, purl this stitch through the front (1 stitch increased).

M1R: Make 1 Right—Pick up horizontal strand between stitch just worked and next stitch from back to front, place on left hand needle, knit this stitch through the front (1 stitch increased).

MC: main color

p: purl

p tbl: purl through the back loop(s)

p2tog: purl 2 stitches together

p3tog: purl 3 stitches together

pat(s): pattern(s)

pm: place marker

psso: pass slipped stitch over knit stitch

rep: repeat

Rev St st: Reverse Stockinette Stitch—Purl 1 row, knit 1 row alternately when working back and forth in rows. The purl side is the right side of the work. Purl EVERY round when working in the round.

RH: right hand

RLI: Right Lifted Increase—Insert RH needle into the purl bump of the next st on the LH needle and knit into this st (1 st inc'd)

rnd(s): round(s)

RS: right side

sl: slip

sm: slip marker

SSK: Slip 2 stitches knitwise, insert point of left hand needle through fronts of these 2 stitches and knit 2 together.

SSP: Slip 2 stitches knitwise, transfer these 2 stitches back to left hand needle, purl 2 together through the back loops.

SSSK: Slip 3 stitches knitwise, insert point of left hand needle through fronts of these 3 stitches and knit 3 together.

st(s): stitch(es)

St st: Stockinette Stitch—Knit 1 row, purl 1 row alternately when working back and forth in rows. The knit side is the right side of work. Knit EVERY round when working in the round.

tbl: through back loop(s)

w&t: wrap and turn, a method of concealing a hole created in short row shaping. On RS rows: With yarn held in front, slip next stitch purlwise, then bring yarn between needles to the back. Slip that same stitch back to the left needle. Turn your work. On WS Rows: With yarn held in back, slip next stitch purlwise, then bring yarn between needles to the front. Slip that same stitch back to the left needle. Turn your work. Unless otherwise indicated, each time you come to a wrapped stitch when working subsequent rows, slip the wrap back over stitch and onto needle, then work the wrap together with its accompanying stitch.

WS: wrong side

wyib: with yarn in back

wyif: with yarn in front

yo: yarn over