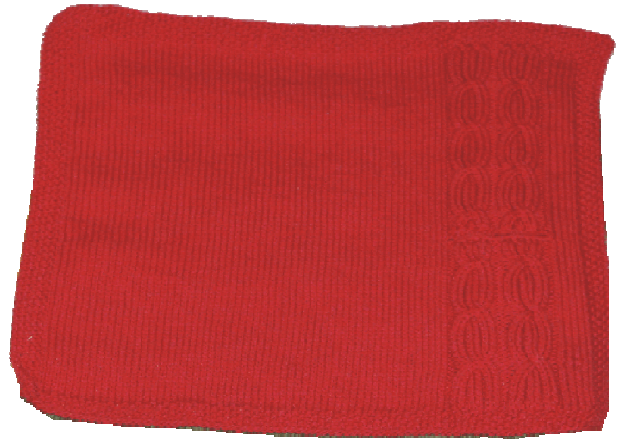# Pocket Placemats

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This placemat has a pocket in which to place utensils. The pocket is made by sewing a piece of the fabric to the back of the finished piece from just above the slit in the cable portion to the top of the bottom border.

Finished size 18" x 14"

Materials:

      Berroco Weekend, 75% Acrylic, 25% Peruvian Cotton,
          3.5 oz./100 g, 205 yds, 2 skeins each of
      2 cable needles
      size 7 (mm) straight needles
      tapestry needle
      ½ yard of cotton fabric
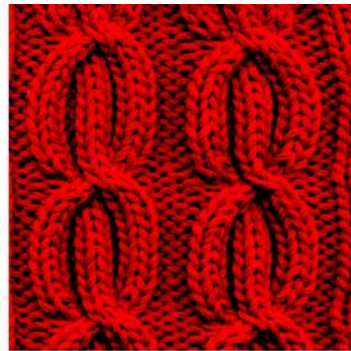
Gauge: 21 sts = 4" on size 7 (4.5mm) needles

Abbreviations

K	knit
Kfb	knit in front and back of stitch
P	purl
Pfb	purl in front and back of stitch
sts	stitches

Cables: Work the cable of your choice in the placemat. Or make 4 placemats, each a different color and with a different cable.

    Cable 1

        Slip 2 sts to 1st cn and hold in front.
        Slip next 6 sts to 2nd cn and hold in back.
        K 2sts from left hand needle.
        P 2 sts from 2nd cn.
        K 2 sts from 1st cn.
        Move the last 2 p sts on cn to left-hand needle; move
          cn to the front.
        P 2 sts from left-hand needle.
        K 2 sts from cn.

    Cable 2

        Slip 2 sts on to 1st cn and hold in back.
        Slip 2 sts on to 2nd cn and hold in back.
        K2 sts from left-hand needle.
        Move the 1st cn to the front.
        P 2 sts, K2 sts from left-hand needle.
        P2 sts from the 2nd cn.
        K2 sts from the 1st cn.

Cable 3

Slip 4 sts to 1st cn. Hold in back.
Slip 2 sts to 2nd cn. Hold in front
Slip 2 more sts to 1st cn.
K 2 sts.
Slip the last 2 P sts on 1st cn to the left-hand needle and P.
K2 sts from 2nd cn.
Slip 2 sts from 1st cn to left-hand needle. Hold cn to front of left-hand needle. P 2 sts from left-hand needle.
K 2 sts from cn.

Cable 4

Slip 8 sts to cn.
K 2 sts.
Slip last 2 sts on cn to the left-hand needle and P.
K2, P2, K2 from cn.

Directions

Using size 7 needles, cast on 91 sts.

Seed st row: K1, *p1, k1, rep from * to end
Rep this row 6 times more
The first and last 5 stitches of each row is worked in seed stitch for the border.

Next row: Seed stitch 5 sts, P59, K2, work into front and back of next 5 sts, K3, work into front and back of next 5 sts, K2, P5, seed stitch to end.101 sts.

Now work in Seed st with cable panel as follows:
Row 1 (rs): Seed stitch for 5st, K5, (P2, K2) 3 times, P3, (K2, P2) 3 times, K59, seed stitch to end.
Row 2: Seed stitch 5 sts, P59, (k2, p2) 3 times, K3, (p2, k2) 3 times, P5, seed stitch to end.
Rows 3 to 10: Work rows 1 and 2 four times.
Row 11 Seed stitch for 5st, p2, work cable, p3, work cable, p2, K59, seed stitch to end.
Row 12: Rep row 2.

Rep Rows 1 – 12 twice more and the work the first 2 rows again.

Next row: Seed stitch for 5st, K5, p2, k2 tog, (p2 tog, k2 tog) twice, p3, k2 tog, (p2 tog, k2 tog) twice, P2, K59, seed stitch to end. 91 sts

Pocket row 1: Seed stitch 5 sts, P59, cast off 17 purlwise, P5, seed stitch to end.
Pocket row 2 Seed stitch for 5st, K5,cast on 17 stitches, K59, seed stitch to end. 101 sts.
Next row: Seed stitch 5 sts, P59, K2, (Pfb, Kfb) 2 times, Pfb, K3 (Pfb, Kfb) 2 times, Pfb, work in pattern to end of row.

Continue in pattern with cable panel until row 7 of the 8th patt has been worked. (7 cables have been completed.)

Next row Seed stitch 5 sts, P59, K2, p2 tog, (k2 tog, p2 tog) twice, k3, p2 tog, (k2 tog, p2 tog) twice, K2, P5, seed stitch to end. 91 sts.
Now work the seed st row 7 times. Bind off in pattern.

Weave in ends. Block to size.

Sew fabric pocket to the back.