

Star-Shaped Pillow

Any size, any yarn

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You will find the original pattern on Ravelry at <http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/sternkissen---asterisk>.

Calculating yarn requirements

I enjoy making these pillows. They are easy, quick to knit and attractive. I had some yarn in my stash that I wanted to use and knew that there was not enough for the size given in the pattern. So, with some simple math, I was able to calculate how to knit a pillow without running out of yarn.

You will need a scale to weigh your yarn to calculate how large a center you can knit.

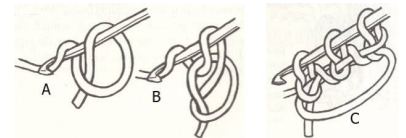
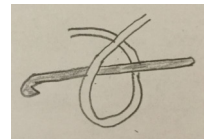
The pillow consists of 20 triangles, 5 for each center and 2 for each point, therefore one center will use 25% of the yarn. Weigh the yarn and round down (drop the numbers to the right of the decimal. Divide by 4. Begin to knit the first center weighing the remaining yarn every few rounds. When you are close to using the first 25% of the yarn (use less, not more), end with knit row. Now knit the second round until you have the same number of stitches for the first center. Continue following the directions for each point.

You can now use any size needle and any yarn you wish.

More modifications

Cast on using Emily Ocher's circular cast-on.

1. Make a ring. Do not pull it tight; keep it loose. Grasp the loop where the strands meet with your left thumb and index finger. You can make the loop with the tail going up. You will then have to weave in the tail.
 2. Insert the hook into the loop from front to back. Grab the yarn with the hook (yo) and bring through the loop. You now have one loop on the hoop.
 3. Insert the hook into the loop again; you will be going under the yarn tail as well. Hook the yarn (yo) and bring through the loop. Hook the yarn again and bring through the loop on the hook as if you were making a chain. You now have two loops on the hook. Repeat this step until you have the required number of loops.
 4. Carefully replace the hook with your needles and begin knitting in the round. After you have finished a few rounds, pull the tail to close up the circle and weave in.
- You now have a nice, tight circle with no hole in the middle.



After you have completed the required increases, knit one round.

When decreasing for the tip:

Decrease to 5 sts.

Knit one round.

Last round: (K1, CDD, k1) twice.

Small and Large Pillows

Material:

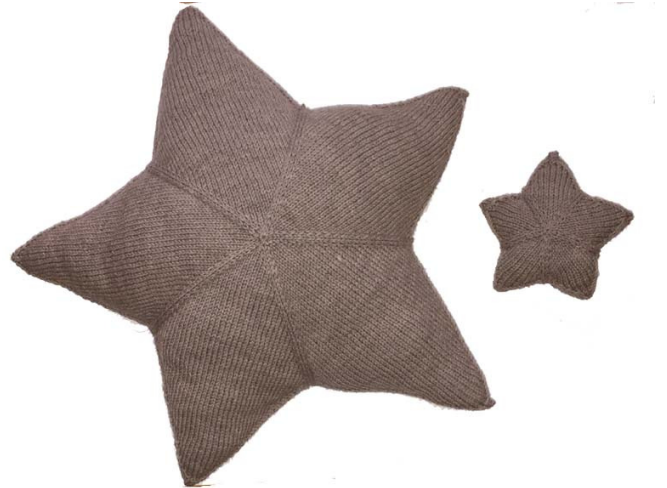
Worsted yarn, 100 gr/220 yards
US size 6 (4 mm) dpns, set of 5

Small pillow: approximately 6" across
25 grams of worsted yarn

Increase the center stitches to 75 stitches.

Large pillow: approximately 20" across
225 grams of worsted yarn

Increase the center stitches to 43 stitches.



Smallish Pillow

Size: 12"

Material:

Sample: Sirdar Snuggly Baby Fair Isle Effect DK, Shade 0169, 50g/165m/179yds, 55% nylon, 45% acrylic
Size 6 dpns

I begin with 68.1 grams of yarn. The center was knitted to 145 sts. There was x grams remaining.

Little Blue Pillow

Size: 8"

Materials:

Sample: Regia Multi Effect Color, Shade 5382, 50g/210m, 75% New Wool, 25%
Polyamide, 30 grams
Size 2.5mm dpns.

Knit the center to 135 sts

