

Bacon Cheeseburger (with lettuce, tomato, onions)

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My friend, Laura, could not find a Cheeseburger knitting pattern that she liked so I decided to write one for her. This pattern is dedicated to Laura and all the hamburger/cheeseburger/bacon lovers who knit!

Materials:

Cascade 220, 100% Peruvian Wool, :small amounts of worsted weight yarn

Bun: off white (CC) and light brown (MC)

Hamburger: Van Dyke Brown, #7822 (CC1)

Lettuce Leaf: Primavera, #8903 (CC2)

Tomato: Bright Red, #8414 (CC3), Koi, #9565 (CC4), and Citron #8910 (CC5)

Bacon: Burgundy #2401 (CC6), Camel #8622 (CC7), and Beige #8021 (CC8)

KnirPicks Palette, 100% Peruvian Highland Wool, 231 yd/50 gr

Cheese: Custard, #0184, one yard of smooth fingering weight yarn in contrasting color

Raw Onion Rings: Cream, #10

5" dpns, US 6 (4 mm)

5" dpns, US 4 (3 mm)

6" dpns, US 2 (2.5 mm)

US 6 (4 mm) straight needles (for bacon)

tapestry needle

piece of cardboard or plastic canvas 3" round

small amount of fiberfill



Gauge:

Though gauge is not critical for this project, it is still important. You do not want to end up with giant hamburger. Work through rnd 15 and the piece should be approximately 3" in diameter.

Finished size: approximately 3" in diameter

Abbreviations:

Kf&b Knit into the front of the st. Do not remove from left needle. Knit into the back of the same stitch.

Inc Lifted increase: Knit the purl bump of the stitch below the next stitch, then knit the stitch.

M1L Produces a left-leaning stitch. With left-hand needle, pick up the strand between the needles from front to back. Knit in back loop.

M1P-L Creates a purl stitch with a left-leaning stitch on the knit side. With left-hand needle, pick up strand between the needles from front to back. Purl in back loop.

M1P-R Creates a purl stitch with a right-leaning stitch on the knit side. With left-hand needle, pick up strand between the needles from back to front. Purl in front loop.

Notes:

- Suggestions for when to work in tails are included.
- Several of the yarns were from my stash. Try to use the yarns you have.

Bun Bottom:

Beginning at the center of the bottom of the bottom, with MC and US 6 needles, cast on 4 sts and join being careful not to twist the stitches.

Rnds 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13: Knit.

Rnd 2: Using a lifted increase, increase in each stitch. (8 sts)

Rnd 4: Repeat rnd 2. (16 sts)

Rnd 6: *K1, inc in next stitch; rep from * around. (24 sts)

Rnd 8: *K2, inc in next stitch; rep from * around. (32 sts)

Rnd 10: *K3, inc in next stitch; rep from * around. Work in beginning tail. (40 sts)

Rnd 12: *K4, inc in next stitch; rep from * around. (48 sts)

Rnd 14: *K5, inc in next stitch; rep from * around. (56 sts)

Rnd 15: K.

Rnd 16: Change to CC and k.

Rnd 18: Lift the MC st from the row below to the needle and k tog with 1st st on needle; k4, k2tog, * k5, k2tog, rep from * to end of rnd. (48 sts)

Rnds 19, 21, 23, 25, 27: K.

Rnd 20: *K4 k2tog; rep from * around. (40 sts)

Rnd 22: *K3, k2tog; rep from * around. Work in tails. (32 sts)

Rnd 24: *K2, k2tog; rep from * around. (24 sts)

Rnd 26: *K1, k2tog; rep from * around. (16 sts)

Rnd 28: *K2tog; rep from * around. (8 sts)



Bottom and top of bun

Cut yarn leaving a 10" tail. Using the tapestry needle, pull tail through the 8 remaining sts and pull it snug. Pull through the first 3 or 4 sts again. Insert needle in other side of the cookie, catching a bit of yarn. (This helps the bun lie flat. You can use matching thread and sew a couple of stitches on each side of the bun instead). Bury the tail inside the bun.

Bun Top

Beginning at the center of the bottom of the top, with CC and US 6 needles cast on 4 sts.

Repeat Rns 1 – 14 of Bun Top

Rnd 15: Change to MC, k.

Rnd 16: Lift the CC st from the row below to the needle and k tog with 1st st on needle; k4, k2tog, * k5, k2tog, rep from * to end of rnd.

Rnd 17: K.

Rnd 18: *K5 k2tog; rep from * around. (48 sts)

Rnds 19 – 20: K. Work in all tails.

Rnd 21: *K4 k2tog; rep from * around. (40 sts)

Rnds 22 – 23: K.

Rnd 24: *K3, k2tog; rep from * around. (32 sts)

Rnd 25: K.

Rnd 26: *K2, k2tog; rep from * around. (24 sts)

Lightly stuff to give the Bun Top a domed appearance.

Rnd 27: K.

Rnd 28: *K1, k2tog; rep from * around. (16 sts)

Rnd 29: K.

Rnd 30: *K2tog; rep from * around. (8 sts)

Cut yarn leaving a 10" tail. Using the tapestry needle, pull tail through the 8 remaining sts and pull it snug. Pull through the first 3 or 4 sts again

Hamburger Patty

You will be working garter stitch in the round. Beginning with Rnd 6, a wrap and turn is introduced so that the knitter can avoid purling.

Notes:

- Lifted increase (inc): Knit the purl bump of the stitch below the next stitch, then knit the stitch.
- W&T: Bring working yarn to the front; slip the next stitch; bring working yarn to the back; slip wrapped stitch back to original needle. TURN. Pull wrap tightly.



Directions:

With CC1 and US 6 needles, cast on 4 sts and join being careful not to twist the stitches..

Rnds 1, 3, 5: P.

Rnd 2: Using a lifted increase, increase in each stitch. (8 sts)

Rnd 4: Repeat rnd 2. (16 sts)

Rnd 6 (right side): *K1, increase in next stitch; rep from * around; W&T. (24 sts)

Rnds 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35: K; W&T.

Rnd 8: *K2, inc in next stitch; rep from * around; W&T. (32 sts)

Rnd 10: *K3, inc in next stitch; rep from * around; W&T. (40 sts)

Rnd 12: *K4, inc in next stitch; rep from * around; W&T. (48 sts)

Rnd 14: *K5, inc in next stitch; rep from * around; W&T. (56 sts)

Rnd 16: *K6, inc in next stitch; rep from * around; W&T. (64 sts)

Rnd 18: *K7, inc in next stitch; rep from * around; W&T. (72 sts)

Rnd 22: *K7, k2tog; rep from * around. (64 sts)

Rnd 24: *K6, k2tog; rep from * around. (56 sts)

Rnd 26: *K5, k2tog; rep from * around. (48 sts)

Rnd 28: *K4, k2tog; rep from * around. (40 sts)

Rnd 30: *K3, k2tog; rep from * around. (32 sts)

Rnd 32: *K2, k2tog; rep from * around. (24 sts)

Rnd 34: *K1, k2tog; rep from * around. (16 sts)

Rnd 36: *K2tog; rep from * around. (8 sts)

Cut yarn leaving a 10" tail. Using the tapestry needle, pull tail through the 8 remaining sts and pull it snug. Pull through the first 3 or 4 sts again. Insert needle in other side of the hamburger, catching a bit of yarn. (This helps the hamburger patty lie flat. You can use matching thread and sew a couple of stitches on each side of the hamburger instead). Bury the tail inside the hamburger.

Lettuce Leaf

Special instructions for yo. This yarn over is used on the bind-off row to increase the ruffling of the edge. This is the method for yarning over between purl stitches, but the lettuce leaf is bound of in knit. Bring the yarn over the needle from back to front and then between the needles to the back.

Directions:

With CC2 and US 6 needles, cast on 4 sts. Join, being careful not to twist the stitches.

Row 1: Kf&b in each st. (8 sts)

Row 2 and all even rows: K.

Row 3: *Inc, k1, rep from * to end of round. (16 sts)

Row 5: K1, *inc, k2, rep from * to end of round, ending with k1. (24 sts)

Row 7: K2, *inc, k3, rep from * to end of round, ending with k1. (32sts)

Row 9: K3, *inc, k4, rep from * to end of round, ending with k1. (40 sts)

Row 11: K4, *inc, k5, rep from * to end of round, ending with k1. (48 sts)

Row 13: K5, *inc, k6, rep from * to end of round, ending with k1. (56 sts)

Row 15: *Inc, k1, rep from # to end of round (112 sts)

Bind off: K1, * yo, k1; bring 1st k1 on right-hand needle and the yo over 2nd k1 as to bind off; rep from * to end of round.

Weave in all ends.



Cheese

Using a tubular cast on 54 sts. (See directions on page 6).

Work in double knitting for nn “.

Bind off using a tubular bind off method. (See directions on page 7.)



Cheese



Raw Onion Rings

With 2.5 mm needles and Cream yarn, cast on between 38 and 90 stst.

Being careful not to twist, join. Bind off.

Weave in ends.

Large Tomato Slice (about the size of the patty)

Notes:

- Be sure to carry the yarn loosely across the back when changing colors.
- All knit stitches are completed in CC3; all purl stitches, CC4.

Use Judy Becker's Cast-on (directions are on page 6), with CC3 and US 6 needles cast on 8 sts.

Rnd 1: K.

Rnd 2: *K2, M1L*, repeat between * * to end of round.

Rnd 3: *K3, M1P-L*, repeat between * * to end of round.

Rnd 4: *K3, p1*, repeat between * * to end of round.

Rnd 5: *K3, M1P-L, p1, M1P-R*, repeat between * * to end of round.

Rnd 6: *K3, p3*, repeat between * * to end of round.

Rnd 7: *K3, p1, M1P-L, p1, M1P-R, p1*, repeat between * * to end of round.

Rnd 8: *K3, p5*, repeat between * * to end of round.

Rnd 9: *K3, p2, M1P-L, p1, M1P-R, p2*, repeat between * * to end of round.



Three sizes

Rnd 10: *K3, p7*, repeat between * * to end of round.
Rnd 11: *K5, M1L*, repeat between * * to end of round.
Rnd 12: K.
Rnd 13: *K6, M1L*, repeat between * * to end of round.
Bind off in k.

Medium Tomato Slice

Follow the directions for the large slice using US 4 needles.

Small Tomato Slice

Using US 4 needles, work as for the large slice through Rnd 8.
Rnd 9: *K4, M1L*, repeat between * * to end of round.
Bind off in k.

Finishing all tomato slices

Weave in all ends.

Block. (Suggested method: Place tomato slice in tepid water until complete wet—about 30 minutes. Pin on a blocking board forming a circle. Let completely dry.)

With CC5, embroider 3 to 5 short stitches (see images) in the purl sections of the slices. These are the seeds.



Half Strips of Bacon (make at least 2)

With size 6 (4 mm) needles and CC6, cast on 20 sts.

Rows 1 – 2: K.

Rows 3 – 5: With CC7, k.

Row 6: K8, change to CC8, k to end of row.

Rows 7 – 10: K.

Bind off unevenly. Bind off some sts tightly. K2tog a couple of times across the row.

Judy Becker's Cast-on on double-pointed needles

- Make a slip knot and put it on the bottom needle.
- Wrap the working yarn around the needles two times by going to the back of the top needle and then over the top and towards you (Figure 1).
- With working yarn, knit the two stitches on the top needle.
- Rotate the needles so the slip st is on the top needle.
- Remove slip knot and undo so that you can knit with the yarn tail. With both yarn tail and working yarn, knit the 2 stitches on each needle. You now have 8 stitches. (Figure 2)



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

Tubular Cast-on for Single-Color Double Knitting

Cast on

- Cast on half the desired number of stitches with a smooth yarn in a contrasting color the same weight as the main color.
 - Purl 1 row.
 - Knit 1 elongated row: *K 1, wrap the yarn around the right needle twice, repeat from * ending with K1.
 - With main yarn, purl 1 row dropping the wrapped yarn.
 - With main yarn, beginning with a knit row, work 3 rows in stockinette stitch.
 - To add another loop of main yarn that shows through the elongated stitch, using the beginning tail of the main yarn, complete the stitch by threading it through the first stitch in the row below the needle (Figure 1) This is important for an even number of stitches.
 - 1. Pick up the first purl bump of the main yarn, place it on the left-hand needle and knit it. (Be sure to get that first bump created when you completed the stitch in the prior step.
 - 2. With yarn forward, slip the next st.
 - 3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 to the end of the row.
 - *K1; with yarn forward, sl 1, repeat across row.
- After working several rows, remove waste yarn.



Figure 1

Tubular Bind-off

Knit 2 rows in tubular st st.

- a. Row 1: *sl1 1 pwise wyif, K1 rep from * across row.
- b. Row 2: K the slipped stitches and sl the k sts wyif.

Graft the front layer (the knit stitches) to the back (the purl stitches).

- a. Place the front (knit) stitches on a double pointed needle (dpn); place the back (purl) stitches on another dpn.
- b. Thread a yarn or tapestry needle with a length about 4 times the width of the edge to be bound off.
- c. Insert the needle into the first stitch of the front needle as if to purl. Pull the yarn through and leave the stitch on the knitting needle.
- d. Insert the needle into the first stitch on the back needle as if to knit. Pull the yarn through and leave the stitch on the knitting needle.
- e. *Insert the needle into the first stitch of the front needle as if to knit. Slip the stitch off the knitting needle and onto the yarn needle.
- f. Insert the needle into the next stitch of the front needle as if to purl. Pull the yarn through and leave the stitch on the knitting needle.
- g. Insert the needle into the first stitch of the back needle as if to purl. Slip the stitch onto the yarn needle. Insert the tapestry needle through the next stitch on the back needle as if to knit. Pull the yarn through leaving the stitch on the needle.
- h. Repeat from * until all stitches are joined.

The yarn should be pulled so that the stitches have the same tension as the knitted stitches.