

Easter Cross Knitted Six-Inch Square

He is not here, for He is risen, as He said. Matthew 28:6.

The cross of Easter is an empty cross, as is the tomb. Jesus died for our sins, but He did not remain dead. He gave us victory over death in His Resurrection. This is the reason to celebrate Easter.

This square is knit from the top down. (You will be knitting the cross upside down.) The first four rows are background rows, with Row 5, a right side row, setting up the top edge of the cross. By knitting those four center stitches in rows 5 and 6, a garter stitch row is created for the top of the cross. The cross is knitted in stockinette stitch with a row of purls on the top and bottom edges to keep the corners crisp.

Yarn—worsted weight

Needles—Size 6 (or size to achieve gauge)

Gauge—4 stitches and 6 rows equal 1 inch in stockinette stitch.

The even rows create the right side of the fabric.

Special stitch

Seed stitch is created by alternating knit and purl stitches in the first row, then knitting the purls and purling the knits in following rows. (For example, knit rows with an even number of stitches K1, P1, K1, P1* repeat to end and knit the next row P1, K1, P1, K1* repeat to end of row. Knit every row with an odd number of stitches K1, P1, K1* repeat to end.

Abbreviations

K—knit

P—purl

St or sts—stitch or stitches

Instructions

Cast on 24 stitches.



Version 1--Seed Stitch Easter Cross

Knit rows one through four in seed stitch.

Row 5—K10 sts in seed st, K4, K10 in seed st.

Row 6—K10 sts in seed st, K4, K10 in seed st.

Row 7—K10 sts in seed st, P 4, K10 in seed st.

Row 8—K10 sts in seed st, K4, K10 in seed st.

Row 9—K10 sts in seed st, P 4, K10 in seed st.

Row 10—K10 sts in seed st, K4, K10 in seed st.

Row 11—K10 sts in seed st, P4, K10 sts in seed st.

Row 12—K5 sts in seed st, P5, K4, P5, K5 sts in seed st.

Row 13—K5 sts in seed st, P14, K5 sts in seed st.

Row 14—K5 sts in seed st, K14, K5 sts in seed st.

Row 15—Repeat row 13.

Row 16—Repeat row 14.

Row 17—Repeat row 13.

Row 18—Repeat row 14.

Row 19—K5 sts in seed st, K5, P4, K5, K5 sts in seed st.

Row 20—K 10 sts in seed st, K4, then beginning with a purl st, K 10 sts in seed stitch.

Row 21 (wrong side)—K 10 sts in seed st, P4, K 10 sts in seed st.

Row 22 (right side)—K 10 sts in seed st, K 4, K 10 sts in seed st.

Repeat rows 21 and 22 until you have knit 16 rows from bottom edge of crossbar of the cross (Row 19) or for approximately 2 1/2 inches, ending with a right side row.

Next row (wrong side)—K 10 sts in seed st, K 4, K 10 sts in seed st.

RS row—Resume seed stitch across entire row and continue in pattern until block measures 6 inches.

Bind off and weave in ends.

Version 2 Option

A similar square can be created by substituting garter stitch for the seed stitch. With garter stitch, there's no need to worry about the corners of the cross staying crisp. The entire block is knitted in garter and stockinette stitches, making this version easier to work.

Instructions

Cast on 24 sts.

Knit four rows.

Row 5—K 10, P 4, K10.

Row 6—Knit across row.

Rows 7 to 10—Repeat rows 5 and 6 two more times.

Next row sets up top of cross bar.

Row 11 (wrong side)—K 5, P14, K 5.

Row 12—Knit.

Rows 13 to 16—Repeat rows 11 and 12.

Row 17 (wrong side)—K10, P4, K10.

Row 18 (right side)—Knit across row.

Continue knitting rows 17 and 18 until cross measures 2 1/2 inches from bottom of cross bar.

Knit (garter stitch) all remaining rows until square measures six inches.

Bind off and weave in ends.

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Version 2--Garter Stitch Easter Cross

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