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Fall 2020/Winter 2021 Berroco Yarn Tasting Kit Cowl

Supplies: One 6-yarn Sample Kit from Berroco Yarns for Fall 20/Winter 21, Circular Needles 16", US Size 8, plus, a Size 10.5 or 11 (any size or kind of needle useful for binding off loosely...just use it in your right hand for bind off only).

Arrange your yarns in the following order:

Yarn 1: Lanás, 2: Millefiori Light Luxe, 3: Tiramisu, 4: Ariel, 5: Mochi 6: Artesia Hand Dyed (not used here, but still wonderful, and you can use it if you like at any point in the cowl!!!) Feel free to add in any other interesting yarn scraps you might have Don't be afraid to get creative!

->Using the **Lanás ("Yarn 1")**, Cast on 76 stitches and, being careful not to twist, join, begin K2, P2 in the round for 14 rounds. (place a ring marker at beginning of row as you start or at the beginning of your second row)

->Begin using **Millefiori Light Luxe, ("Yarn 2")**

Row 1: K all stitches Row 2: (YO, K2TOG) around Row 3-6: Repeat rows 1 and 2 twice, increasing by 8 stitches evenly (KF&B on approx every 8th stitch on either row 3 or 5, which are plain knit rows. This will bring the total stitches to 84 at this point. Now, work 12 rows of Garterstitch (K 1 row, P 1 row), increasing evenly to 96 stitches in the last knit row (KF&B every 7th stitch) The piece measures approx 5" in length at this point.

Row 19: (YO, K2TOG around) Row 20: K all stitches. Repeat rows 19 and 20 twice, increasing evenly (KF&B Approx every 4 stitches) to go up to 120 sts overall.

->Begin using **Using Tiramisu and Ariel Held Together ("Yarn 3" and "Yarn 4")**



Row 1-3 K all stitches Row 4: P all stitches Row 5: (K1, YO 2X) (double wrap on right hand needle after every knit stitch) Row 6: K around, dropping all YOs

Row 7: P all stitches Row 8-10: K all stitches

->Begin using **Mochi ("Yarn 5")**

Increase by 24 in first row by KF&B of every 5th stitch. Stitch count is now 144.

Work 10 rounds of K4, P2 Ribbing, then bind off with a larger needle. I used a size 10.5.

Weave in ends and enjoy your new Cowl!

NOTE: In some balls, there is enough yarn to make the sections taller, just keep in mind it takes about 2 yards to complete a row and as much as 3 or 4 yards for binding off, so plan ahead to avoid yarn chicken.

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Berroco Yarn Tasting Mitts in Knit or Crochet

Materials: One Sample Yarn Tasting Kit from Berroco Yarns for Fall & Winter

Notes: These Mitts are designed to use any combination of the yarns in a Berroco Yarn Tasting kit, other than anything super thick.

If you have some that suggest a “wooly” look, why not use them for the cuff on the crochet pair, and dimensional stripes on the knitted style. In our samples, we made both pairs from one Yarn Tasting kit and had more left over! It’s a great idea to combine thinner yarns to make an altogether new yarn!

Chose your smoothest yarns for flatter areas. There is not alot of yarn on the small sample balls, so to make a pair, you might have to combine two to three different yarns to make the mitts. Don’t worry too much about color combinations, they are meant to be “artsy”. Mix & Match, Be Creative! Don’t be afraid to add something else from your stash.

The knitted mitts were made on two 8” DPNs, worked flat then sewn up. They can also be done in the round on DPNs, very short circulars or flexiflips, or worked flat on straights or 16” circulars or magic loop....YOUR option.

Needles/Hooks used: US Size 5 8” DPNs, US Size H Crochet Hook for Crochet Mitts

KNIT MITTS (for mitts approx 8”/9” in diameter...follow 2nd number for larger mitts): Suggested yarns for Knit Mitts this season: Start and end with Lanias, and work stripes with Millefiori Light Luxe or Artesia, and alternating with stripes of doubled Aerial (use beginning and ending strands to double the yarn straight from the ball).



Using bottom cuff yarn and needles US size 5, cast on 48/52 and work in K2P2 Rib until piece measures approx 1 ¼” in length, ending with a right side row. Without cutting starting yarn, add another yarn and work a wrong side (purl) row, decreasing by 12/14 to 36/38 stitches by working P2, P2tog across. Work 1 row Knit, then, without cutting yarn, add another yarn and work 2 rows stockinette stitch. You now have 3 yarns working. At the beginning of right side rows, switch to another yarn after every two rows maintaining stockinette stitch.

If you wish, you can work purl or seed stitch rows to create texture on the RS of your mitt. When it measures about 5-6” in length, work an increase row: (K2, KF&B) across to increase by 12/14 back to 48/52 stitches. Then use your final yarn to create the top cuff: K2P2 rib for 5-6 rows, then bind off loosely in rib pattern. Then sew them up the side according to finishing instructions for both styles.



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CROCHET MITTS Suggested yarns for Crochet Mitts this season: Start with Mochi, and work the main body of the mitts with Millefiori Light Luxe.



Ch – Chain SC – Single Crochet HDC – Half Double Crochet DC – Double Crochet

For mitts approx 8" in diameter, using bottom cuff (wooly) yarn and US Size H (5mm) hook, chain 27, turn

Row 1: SC in 2nd chain and all the way across (26 sc) turn

Row 2-3: Ch 1, SC across

Cut wooly cuff yarn, then start using Main Yarn for body of mitts

Row 4: Ch1, SC across, turn (26 SC)

Row 5: Ch 2, HDC across, turn (26 HDC)

Row 6: Ch3, *skip 2 HDC, 5 DC in next HDC, skip 2 HDC, SC in next HDC, repeat from * to last 3 sts, then skip 2 HDC and work 3 DC in final HDC, turn

Row 7: Ch3, *5 DC in 1st SC from previous row, SC in 3rd DC of 5-DC shell in previous row, repeat from * across to final 5 DC shell in row, then work 3 DC in starting Ch3 of previous row, turn

Repeat row 7 until piece is approx 6" in length (10 rows of shell pattern), then bind off, leaving a tail for sewing up.

FINISHING FOR BOTH KNIT AND CROCHET STYLES:

Sew up the side completely for simple wristlets (with no thumbhole). For Mitts, sew down 1 ¼" from the top, and 3" up from the bottom, leaving a thumb hole approx 1 ½" in length. Weave in all ends and enjoy!

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