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Placemats and napkin rings

Measurement of each placemat: 40cm x30cm.

Measurement of each napkin-ring:

7cm wide (measured flat) and 4cm high.

Skill Level: intermediate

How much yarn for 2 placemat&napkin-ring sets:

7 balls (each ball 50g and 125m) of **Merinocot** yarn (53% Extrafine Merino Wool, 47% Cotton), whose 1 ball shade no. 14194 cream and 6 balls orange shade no. 14524

Crochet hook: A 4.00mm hook

Sewing needle: Yarn needle with rounded point

Other items: Labels (optional)

STITCHES

Using crochet hook: Chain (ch)

Double crochet (dc)

FANCY STITCH: (work on sts even)

1st row: * 1 dc, ch1, miss 1 ch of foundation row; rep from * ending with 1 dc into last ch; turn.

2nd row: ch1 (that doesn't count as a st), 1 dc, * 1 dc into next ch1-sp, ch1, miss next dc; rep from * ending with 2 dc. Turn.

3rd row: ch1 (that doesn't count as a st), * 1 dc, ch1, miss next dc; rep from * ending with 1 dc into last dc; turn. Rep 2nd and 3rd rows throughout.

TENSION

Approx 19 stitches and 18 rows measure 10cm square over fancy st using 4.00 mm hook.

INSTRUCTIONS

Note: work using two strands of yarn held together throughout.

Two-tone placemat: with orange yarn and 4.00 mm hook ch72 and, starting from 2nd ch from hook, work in fancy st as follows: 6 rows with orange, 2 rows with cream, 38 rows with orange, 2 rows with cream and 5 rows with orange. Cut and weave in only cream yarn and cont to work with orange yarn, working 2 rounds dc all around: work 3 dc into each of 4 corner sts. At end, fasten off.

Plain colour placemat: work as two-tone placemat, using only orange yarn. At end, fasten off. If desired, add label on a placemat side as shown in picture.

Napkin ring: (work one for each placemat) with orange yarn and 4.00 mm hook ch8 and, starting from 2nd ch from hook, work in fancy st for 14.5cm; fasten off. Sew side seam, to obtain a ring.

Note: the napkin ring can also be used as cutlery binder.

Basket

Measurements: 15cm in diameter and 6cm in height.

Skill Level: intermediate

How much: 2 balls (each ball 50g and 125m) of **Merinocot** yarn (53% Extrafine Merino Wool, 47% Cotton), in orange shade no. 14524

Crochet hook: A 4.00mm hook

Sewing needle: Yarn needle with rounded point

Other items: Labels (optional)

STITCHES

Using crochet hook: Chain (ch) – Double crochet (dc)
CRAB STITCH: this is dc worked from left to right. Start at the left-hand end of the row you are working, insert the hook in the first st to the right and complete a dc stitch. Repeat in the next st to the right and continue to the end of the row. **DOUBLE CROCHET BELOW (B-DC):** work as dc, but inserting hook into center of st of previous row to obtain an effect similar to stocking stitch.

INSTRUCTIONS

Note: work using two strands of yarn held together.

Make a magic ring. Into ring work as follows: **1st round:** 6 dc. Pull yarn to close ring and cont to work rounds of dc in spiral way, working the rounds continuously but without joining each round with a slip stitch, as the round continuing into the next round. **2nd round:** 1 increase (inc= work 2 dc into same st) in each st of previous round (there are 12 dc). **3rd round:** *1 dc, 1 inc; rep from * to end (there are 18 dc). **4th round:** * 2 dc, 1 inc; rep from * to end (there are 24 dc). **5th round:** * 3 dc, 1 inc; rep from * to end (there are 30 dc). Cont to work, increasing sts as set on previous rounds, until **12th round** has been worked, then from **13th to 24th round** cont to work in double crochet below (b-dc) on 72 sts obtained. **25th round:** work in crab st. Fasten off. If desired, add label as shown in picture.