

GRAFTING LIKE A PRO



Homework Swatches

Materials:

Yarn: Worsted weight 100% wool yarn (non-superwash). (Smooth, in light color is best.)

Needles: US 8 (5.0mm) needles, or size you typically use for worsted (circular needles or dpns needed for Swatch 3.)

Notions: Waste yarn in a contrasting color to working yarn (smooth, multi-ply yarn is best.), tapestry needle, tags.

Directions:

Swatches #1 and 2:

Work two the same: Using worsted yarn, smooth in a light color, cast on 20 sts. Working flat, work 10 rows in St st (knit on RS and purl on WS.) Cut working yarn, leaving a short tail. Join waste yarn in highly contrasting color, and work two rows. BO all sts. Tag as Swatches 1 and 2.

Swatch # 3:

Using worsted weight yarn, smooth in a light color, cast on 30 sts. Place marker and join to work in the rnd. Work 10 rnds in St st (knitting every rnd.)

Cut working yarn, leaving a long tail (about 3x the circumference). Place live sts on waste yarn. Tag as Swatch 3.

Swatches #4 and 5:

Work two the same: Using worsted yarn, smooth in a light color, cast on 20 sts. Working flat, work 10 rows in St st (knit on RS and purl on WS.) Cut working yarn, leaving a short tail. Thread live stitches onto waste yarn or stitch holders. Tag as Swatches 4 and 5.

Swatches #6 and 7:

Work two the same: Using worsted yarn, smooth in a light color, cast on 14 sts.

Row 1 (WS): *P2, k2; rep from * to last 2 sts, p2.

Row 2 (RS): *K2, p2; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Rep these last two rows 5 more times. Rep Row 1 once more. Cut working yarn, leaving a short tail. Thread live stitches onto waste yarn or stitch holders. Tag as Swatches 6 and 7.

Swatches #8 and 9:

Using worsted weight yarn, smooth in a light color, cast on 20 sts. Swatch 8: Working flat, work 16 rows in Garter stitch (knit every row). Cut working yarn, leaving a short tail. Thread live stitches onto waste yarn or stitch holders. Tag as Swatch 8. Swatch 9: Work exactly the same as Swatch 8, but work 17 rows in Garter stitch instead of 16. Tag as Swatch 9.