

CAP'N CRUNCH

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We all need stash busting projects, sometimes just to keep our Mojo moving on those bigger knits! We also need last minute Christmas gifts as well. Cap'n Crunch is a bit of both. I wrote this pattern for use at our yarn shop Twist, and our celebration of "Christmas in July." From beginning to end this basket weave pidge took me 3 hours to knit. And while struggling for a catchy name my husband walked in and declared, "that looks like a bowl of Cap'n Crunch! I'm hungry." So, there you go!

Materials Checklist:

Yarn Suggested: 1 skein Manos Del Uruguay Pure Wool Worsted or Malabrigo Merino Worsted, doubled

Yarn Used: 1 skein, Manos, #40 colorway, Goldenrod

US size 10 straight needles or circulars of same size

tapestry needle

2 extra-large buttons

Gauge: 3 stitches per inch

Finished Measurements: (adult small) 22 inches by 6.5 inches

Note: this pidge gains a lot of length during blocking. The finished measurements are POST blocking, so keep that in mind. If you want a longer pidge simply omit 4 or 8 stitches from the basket weave pattern. Also, if using Manos del Uruguay, blocking is a must. I soaked mine in wool wash for over an hour (I accidentally forgot about it...) and there is also the option of soaking in conditioner as well for Manos. Just don't forget to rinse!

You will slip the first stitch of every row, both Right and Wrong Sides. When finished, the Right Side of your pidge should face up, toward your chin. The Wrong Side should face down, toward your jacket.

Basket Weave repeat: (the slipped first stitch should correspond with the stitch if you were knitting it, so slip Knitwise for knit stitches and Purlwise for purl stitches.)

Rows 1 and 2: Sl 1, K 1, P 2, *K 2, P 2; repeat from * to end of row.

Rows 3 and 4: Sl 1, P 1, K 2, *P 2, K 2; repeat from * to end of row.

To begin Pidge:

Using both the center pull yarn end and the outside yarn end, cast on 22 stitches. Work pattern for 1.5 inches. On next Right Side Row work pattern for Button Hole Row.

Button Hole Row:

Sl 1 knitwise, K1, P 2, YO, k 2 tog, work basket weave pattern across row to last 6 stitches, YO, k 2 tog, P 2, K 2.

Continue next Wrong Side Row of pattern as written and continue pattern until you run out of yarn or knit measures 20 inches.

Weave in ends and block piece to desired length. Attach buttons and find some tissue paper. Wrap that baby up and give yourself a high five for finishing a Christmas gift, in July!



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