

Stashbuster Sachet

a simple and fun way to protect your clothes from moths using leftover yarn by Pamela Schultz



Using just a tiny bit of sock weight yarn, these sachets are the perfect way to use up leftover yarn and protect your stash. Fill with lavender or cedar chips to ward off moths. You'll love making these sachets, whether they end up in your sock drawer, with your handknit sweaters, or...back in your stash!

Yarn

Sock weight yarn in contrasting colors:

Color A: about 40 yards Color B: about 30 yards

Needles

Size 1 US/2.25 mm 32" circular needles, or dpns

Gauge

29 sts and 36 rows = 4" in pattern Measurement taken from relaxed fabric after steam-blocking.

A Note On Gauge

Gauge is not essential to this project, but if you're going to fill your sachet with lavender or cedar chips, you don't want the gauge to be too loose.

Finished Measurements

Approximately 4" square. You may make the sachets smaller or larger depending on your needs. The stitch pattern is worked over multiples of 4.

Notions

Stitch marker Tapestry needle Scissors

Additional Supplies

Lavender seeds or cedar chips, about 1/4 cup

Stitch Pattern

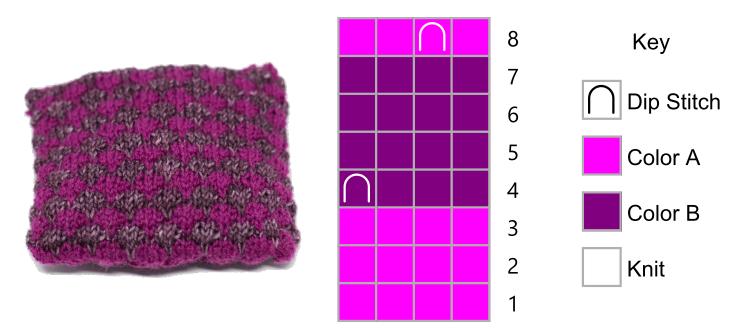
This project uses the dip stitch. To do the dip stitch, insert your right-hand needle into the front of the stitch 3 rows below your next stitch. Knit into this stitch, then knit the next stitch on the left-hand needle and pass the extra stitch over it.

Resources

Knittingstitchpatterns.com has an excellent video showing how to do the stitch pattern.

This project uses Judy's Magic Cast On. Tutorials available on Knitty and YouTube.

This project uses Kitchener Stitch, also known as grafting. Tutorials available on Knitty and YouTube.



Pattern

Using Judy's Magic Cast On, cast on 64 stitches. Place a marker to indicate the beginning of the round.

Round 1: With color A, knit.

Round 2: With color A, knit.

Round 3: With color A, knit.

Round 4: With color B, *knit 3, dip stitch, repeat from * to end.

Round 5: With color B, knit.

Round 6: With color B, knit.

Round 7: With color B, knit.

Round 8: With color A, *knit 1, dip stitch, knit 2, repeat from * to end.

Finishing

If you would like to block your work, you can place it on a stitch holder to steam block. Be sure to leave a yarn tail long enough for grafting.

Using the working yarn, cut a yarn tail about three times longer than your work. Using your tapestry needle, graft about half the stitches together. Once you have grafted half the stitches together, fill the sachet with the lavender or cedar chips. Graft remaining stitches together.

Weave in ends and enjoy!