

Tile Stitch Napkin Ring

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This is the fifth napkin ring that I designed for what became a “sampler” set of six napkin rings.

As with the previous four patterns for the sampler set, I chose tile stitch because it was simple and had nice texture, and I thought it would complement the napkins I fancied. These napkins were quite colorful and had both writing and figures on them (see top photo).

While the set of napkin rings would be a sampler, I did want a balanced and cohesive set, so I tried to choose a mix of vertically- and horizontally-oriented patterns. What most appealed to me about tile stitch, and why I ultimately chose it over other patterns, was the fact that it had both vertical and horizontal elements. The “tiles” are made by offsetting blocks of Stockinette stitch with vertical columns of purl stitches. These tiles appear side-by-side in a band around the napkin ring’s center and rounds of purl stitches create the tiles’ tops and bottoms.

If you use Lorna’s Laces Green Line DK, as I did, you can make six napkin rings from just one hank—a beautiful bargain!

YARN

1 hank Lorna’s Laces Green Line DK (100% organic merino wool; 145 yd/2 oz), shown at right in Chocolate (top) and Growth (bottom).

NEEDLES & NOTIONS

US 4 (3.5 mm) dpns, set of 4.

Stitch marker.

Napkin ring inserts, 44 mm diameter
(optional; see **NOTES**).

Darning needle to finish.

GAUGE

6 sts and 8 rows = 1” in St st, however gauge is not critical (see **NOTES**).

FINISHED SIZE

Before edges folded and seamed over insert, approx 3” high and 6.5” around center.



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NOTES

The napkin ring's interior is formed by the beginning five rounds and ending five rounds (in St st). If you don't want to use inserts, visit MakerKnit.com and search "napkin ring" for suggestions on changing the pattern and for other finishing alternatives.

The stated gauge will produce a knitted tube that fits around 44 mm inserts, with the finished napkin ring being about 1.5" high and 7.25" around. So unless you choose to use similar inserts or want your napkin rings to be exactly that size, gauge is not critical.

For the long-tail CO method, leave yourself a 22" tail when making your slipknot.

INSTRUCTIONS

CO 35 sts. Spread out sts over 3 dpns—11 sts, 12 sts, 12 sts. PM and join to work in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts.

Rnds 1 through 7: k all sts.

Rnd 8: p all sts.

Rnds 9, 11, 13, and 15: k all sts.

Rnds 10, 12, and 14: *k4, p1, repeat from * to end of rnd.

Rnd 16: p all sts.

Rnds 17 through 23: k all sts.

FINISHING

BO wise leaving 18" tail for seaming. Use BO tail and invisible horizontal seam to sew CO and BO edges tog over napkin ring insert (if using), tucking in CO tail under seam as you go. For finishing help, visit MakerKnit.com and enter "napkin ring" in the search box.

ABBREVIATIONS

approx approximately

BO bind off

CO cast on

dpns double-pointed needles

k knit

kwise knitwise, as if to knit

mm millimeter(s)

oz ounce(s)

p purl

PM place marker

rnd(s) round(s)

st(s) stitch(es)

St st Stockinette stitch

tog together

yd yard(s)

* repeat starting point



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