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Nordic Holiday Balls

Try some simple color work while you knit these Nordic patterned balls. They'll look wonderful on your tree, in an earthy bowl or in a glass cylinder all holiday season!



RED HEART® With Love®, Art. E400 available in solid color
7oz (198g), 370 yd (338m) and multicolor 5oz (141g), 230 yd (211m) skeins

SHOP KIT

Holiday ball measures 4" (10 cm) diameter

Special Stitch

M1 = Make 1 (Increase) – Lift strand between needles to left-hand needle and knit strand through the back loop, twisting it to prevent a hole.

Notes

1. Holiday ball cover is worked in rounds on double pointed needles. The pattern is repeated 3 times in each round (once on each needle).
2. Styrofoam® ball is easier to insert into cover if first covered with plastic wrap.

NORDIC HOLIDAY BALL COVER

With **A**, leaving a long beginning tail, cast on 12 sts. Divide sts evenly onto 3 double pointed needles (4 sts on each needle). Place marker for beginning of round. Join to work in the round, being careful not to twist.
Increase Section

Round 1: Knit.

Round 2: [K1, M1, k2, M1, k1] 3 times—18 sts.

Round 3: [K2, M1, K2, M1, k2] 3 times—24 sts.

Round 4: [K3, M1, k2, M1, k3] 3 times—30 sts.

Round 5: Knit.

Round 6: [K1, M1, k8, M1, k1] 3 times—36 sts.

Round 7: [K2, M1, k8, M1, k2] 3 times—42 sts.

Round 8: [K3, M1, k8, M1, k3] 3 times—48 sts.

Round 9: Knit.

Round 10: [K1, M1, k14, M1, k1] 3 times—54 sts.

Round 11: Knit.

Charted Color Pattern

Note: Color pattern can be worked by following written instructions or reading chart. Read all rows of chart from right to left.

Round 1: *With **B**, k1; [with **A**, k1; with **B**, k2] twice; with **A**, k1; with **B**, k1; repeat from * around.

Round 2: *With **A**, k1; with **B**, k1; with **A**, k1; with **B**, k3; with **A**, k1; with **B**, k1; with **A**, k1; repeat from * around.

Round 3: With **A**, knit.

Round 4: *With **B**, k1; with **A**, k2; repeat from * around.

Round 5: *With **A**, k1; with **B**, k1; [with **A**, k2; with **B**, k1] twice, with **A**, k1; repeat from * around.

Round 6: *With **A**, k2; with **B**, k1; repeat from * around.

Round 7: Repeat Round 4.

Round 8: With **A**, knit.

Round 9: Repeat Round 2.

Round 10: Repeat Round 1. Cut **B**.

Round 11: With **A**, knit.

Decrease Section

Continue with **A** only.

Round 1: [K1, k2tog, k12, k2tog, k1] 3 times—48 sts.

Round 2: Knit.

Round 3: [K1, k2tog, k10, k2tog, k1] 3 times—42 sts.

Round 4: Knit.

Round 5: [K1, k2tog, k8, k2tog, k1] 3 times—36 sts.

Round 6: Knit.

Round 7: [K1, k2tog, k6, k2tog, k1] 3 times—30 sts.

Round 8: Knit.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. With yarn needle thread tail through remaining 30 stitches removing the stitches from knitting needle. Slip cover over Styrofoam® ball and pull on tail to tighten cover and close top opening. With yarn needle, thread beginning tail through base of cast-on stitches and pull on tail to tighten cover and close opening.

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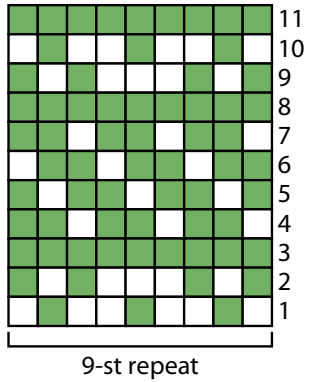
FINISHING

Weave in all ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, and B = Color A and Color B; k = knit;
k2tog = knit next 2 sts together; st(s) =
stitch(es); [] = work directions in brackets
the number of times specified; * = repeat
whatever follows the * as indicated.

Color Pattern



█ 1621 Evergreen OR 1909 Holly Berry (A)

□ 1101 Eggshell (B)