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The Goods:

Needles: US 8 24 in. cable needle

Yarn: Lion Brand Recycled Cotton Blend in Sunshine (185 yds/100g)

 \bigcirc auge: 15 sts by 22 rows in 4×4 in.

Finished measurements: 8.5 in. wide by 18.5 in long

otions: Tapestry needle, waste yarn, row counter, 2

Notes: Exact gauge is not necessary. You can find a Provisional Cast–on Video on my Youtube channel: The Tara Danger Miller.

PM~Place stitch marker



Using Provisional Cast On, cast on 80 sts. Being careful not to twist, join to knit in the round, place marker to mark beginning of the round.

Knit 5 rounds.

Next round: Knit 40 sts, PM, knit to end of round. The 1st marker indicates the beginning of the round and the beginning of the front of the pillow. The 2nd marker indicates the back of the pillow. The back of the pillow is ALWAYS knit. There is no pattern on the back. Use the following pattern instructions only on the front of the pillow.

Mermaid Mesh:

R1 and all odd rows: knit

R2: k1, yo, * (ssk, yo) 3 times, k3tog, (yo) 2 times; repeat from * to last 3 sts, ssk, k1

R4: *k2tog, (yo) 2 times, (ssk, yo) 2 times, k3tog, yo; repeat from * to last 4 sts, k2tog, yo, k2

R6: k1, *k2tog, (yo) twice, ssk, yo, k3tog, yo, k2tog, yo; repeat from * to last 3 sts, k2tog, yo, k1

R8: k2tog, yo, *k2tog, (yo) twice, sl1- k2tog- psso, (yo, k2tog) twice, yo; repeat from * to last 2 sts, k2

R10: k1, k2tog, yo, *k2tog, (yo) twice, s11- k2tog- psso, (yo, k2tog) twice, yo; repeat from * to last 1 st, k1

R12: k2tog, yo, *k2tog, (yo) twice, ssk, yo, sl1- k2tog- psso, yo, k2tog, yo; repeat from * to last 2 sts, k2

R14: k1, k2tog, *(yo) twice, (ssk, yo) twice, sl1- k2tog- psso, yo, k2tog; repeat from * to last 1 st, yo, k1

R16: k2tog, *(yo) twice, (ssk, yo) 3 times, k3tog; repeat from * to last 2 sts, (yo) twice, ssk

Beach Pillow

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Once you reach 8 in. from the cast on edge, knit in pattern to the 2nd marker, slip marker and bind off 38 sts. (There are 40 sts on the back of the pillow but leave 1 st on each edge to stabilize the mesh front) On the next round, knit in pattern to the second marker, slip marker and cast back on 38 sts using backward loop cast on. (join again for knitting in the round

Continue Row 1- 16 on the front of your pillow and knitting the back of your pillow until your pillow measures 16 in. from the cast on or 8 in. from your backward loop cast on.

Turn your pillow inside out and bind off using the 3 needle bind off.

Pick up your stitches from your Provisional Cast on and bind off with the 3 needle bind off.

Ties:

Pick up 6 sts over from the front of the pillow and 4 sts up from the envelope edge. You will pick up 4 sts and knit until you have 14 garter ridges (or 4-5 in. in length) and bind off. Repeat until you have 4 ties, 2 pair across from each other at each end of the pillow so you can secure your pillow cushion. Weave in your ends. There is no need to block.

