

## CLASS PREPARATION

Please have the swatches prepared for the class. They should be worked with the yarn described and washed and blocked following to the directions below. Please use smooth, solid color yarns, not bouclés, tweeds or variegated ones, and bring the additional yarns and notions listed to the class along with the completed swatches.

## MATERIALS

### yarn

**A (used for the swatches):** approximately 120 yds of a light colored wool with crisp stitch definition that knits to the gauge noted below for yarns A and B. A heavy sport or light dk weight yarn should produce the required gauge. Please have approximately 30 yds of this yarn available to use during the class.

**B (to be used in the class):** 20–25 yds of the same yarn as A, but in a color that contrasts with yarn A. This yarn should not be so dark that it is difficult to read the stitches.

**C (to be used in the class):** 20–25 yds of a wool in a color and hand comparable to yarn B that knits at the gauge noted for yarn C. A fingering weight wool should produce the required gauge.

**D (to be used in the class):** 5 yds of a fine gauge yarn with a crisp hand in a color and luster that contrasts sharply with yarns A and B. This yarn will be used as a waste yarn and will be removed from the piece once it is finished.

### needles

Gauge needle: whatever size needle is needed to obtain the gauge noted below for yarns A and B. For most knitters this will be a 6 or 5 US / 4 mm or 3.75 mm needle.

1, 2, 3 and 4 sizes smaller than the gauge needle.

1 size larger than the gauge needle.

The size needed to obtain the gauge for yarn C, if this size is not already included in those listed above.

1 size smaller and 1 size larger than needed to obtain gauge for yarn C, if these sizes are not already included in those listed above.

0 US / 2.0 mm: 1 circular at least 24" long or 2 double point needles at least 10" long.

PLEASE NOTE: circular needles 24" or longer are recommended for the techniques you will be learning. If you are more comfortable working with straight needles, multiple long double points may be substituted for the circulars. If you do not have access to all the needles listed above, bring what you have. Please do not purchase needles for this class unless you anticipate using them in the future.

### notions

crochet hook: C / 2.5 mm or D / 3.0 mm

scissors

## GAUGES

**Yarns A and B:** 6 stitches and 8 rows = 1"

All of the swatches should be knit at this gauge.

**Yarn C:** 8 stitches and 10 rows = 1"

Note that these are knitting gauges and not blocked or finished gauges. Please do not substitute lighter or heavier weight yarns.

## SWATCHES

Work **3 identical swatches** as follows.

With yarn A cast on 20 stitches using your regular cast-on. If you regularly vary your cast-on depending upon the stitch pattern to be worked, use the cast-on you would normally use for stockinette stitch.

Row 1: (RS) purl first stitch (to set up beginning of row selvedge stitch); knit 18; knit 1 (to set up end of row selvedge stitch).

Row 2: (WS) with yarn in back of work, slip first stitch as if to knit (beginning of WS row selvedge stitch); purl 18; purl 1 (end of WS row selvedge stitch).

Row 3: (RS) with yarn in front of work, slip first stitch as if to purl through back of loop (beginning of RS row selvedge stitch); knit 18; knit 1 (end of RS row selvedge stitch).

Row 4: (WS) as row 2.

Repeat rows 3 and 2 to work the selvedge stitch pattern along the vertical edges of the stockinette stitch.

Work through row 48.

Row 48: (RS) bind off all stitches knitwise.

Wash and block the swatches following the directions below.

## TO WASH AND BLOCK THE SWATCHES

Wash the swatches as you normally would and block each one to a dimension of 3" x 6" (excluding selvedge stitches and cast-on and bind-off rows). Make sure that the corners are square and that the sides are parallel so that no bias is introduced into the knitted fabric. Do not unpin them or remove them from the blocking surface until they are thoroughly dry.