

SHADOW'S IGLOO



as told by : Gjestal Naturgarn #1, 100% wool
skeins #160 (MC) dark gray heather
skeins #245 (CC) antique gold

needles : size US #8, double points and circulars

gauge : 4.5 stitches per inch

FLOOR

cast on : 6 stitches in MC. k in front of first stitch with MC, place marker, knit in back of first stitch with CC. *k in front of next stitch with MC & back of stitch with CC. With new needle repeat * with next 2 stitches, and with 3rd needle repeat * with last 2 stitches. There are now 12 stitches, 4 on each of 3 needles, in stranded pattern of one MC stitch followed by one CC stitch. Begin working in rounds.

round 1: Knit once around matching stitches (knit MC stitches with MC and CC stitches with CC)

round 2 : *k 1 MC, m 1 CC, m 1 MC, k 1 CC. Repeat around (24 stitches now)

3 : knit once around matching stitches.

4 : *k 1 MC, m 1 CC, m 1 MC, k 1 CC, k 1 MC, k 1 CC *Repeat around (36 stitches now)

5 : knit once around matching stitches. You will see the piece growing in 6 sections. Keep repeating one increase round followed by one plain knit round. Each new increase round will have 2 extra stitches per section (12 new stitches per round). I like to add needles so that each section has its own needle. Though this process is clumsy at first, believe me that when you have created a few inches of fabric it becomes a lot easier and enchanting.



Continue on to create a big floor...to 300 stitches. Purl one round with MC. Bind off with 3 stitch i-cord.



steam floor flat. It should be 22 inches in diameter.

ROOF

create roof in same pattern as the floor, only making 5 sections instead of 6.

Begin in this manner -

With MC cast on 5 stitches. make a 7 inch length of i-cord.

Begin increases : as if to start another i-cord row : k in front of first stitch with MC, place marker, knit in back of first stitch with CC. *k in front of next stitch with MC & back of stitch with CC. With new needle repeat * with next 2 stitches, and with 3rd needle repeat * with last stitch. There are now 10 stitches, 4 on each of 2 needles, 2 on needle #3, in stranded pattern of one MC stitch followed by one CC stitch. Begin working in rounds in same way as floor, only there will be 10 stitches added each increase round, still 2 per section. When there are 300 stitches, bind off in 3 stitch i-cord in MC. Steam into shape.



==NOTES==

k=knit & p = purl

marker is placed to indicate a round has been completed. While working with double points place the marker between the first and 2nd stitch of the round (to prevent the marker from slipping off) When the piece is big enough to use a circular needle the marker can be moved to before the first stitch.

The working strands of MC & CC yarn "strand" on the wrong side of the hat across the stitch done in the other color. By being consistent with choosing one color to strand below, one above, the yarn will not get twisted. However, if you find you have twisted, don't undo stitches, just take some time to untangle the 2 skeins. In this pattern it works best to have the CC color strand above the MC.

m1 = create a new stitch by lifting the stranded yarn from the wrong side of fabric with right needle from back to front, place left needle in front of this lifted strand and knit a stitch. When m 1 in MC lift the MC strand, and when m 1 in CC lift CC strand, being sure that the other strand stays in the back of the work. When picking up the strand that is running below the other take the right hand needle to the back below the upper strand & above the strand you want to lift, then lift the strand you want from back to front.

i-cord bind off = k 3 stitches, then place them back onto the left needle. *Bring working yarn up behind and knit first 2 stitches again, then k2 tog through back loop. Slip these 3 stitches back onto left hand needle. * Repeat until there are just 3 stitches left. Slip onto left needle. k 1, k2 together through back loop. Slip back to left needle. k 2 together through back loop. Cut yarn and catch through last stitch. I find this process easier by using a separate needle for right hand while working off the stitches from main circular needle. Also using a size or 2 lower needle can make a more attractive cord.

i-cord = knit cast on stitches.* Do not turn. Instead, slide the stitches to the right end of needle and knit them by bringing the working yarn up behind them. Repeating from * will create a tube of knitted stitches. At first you may notice a ladder of yarn across the backside but after a few rows, pulling down on the cord will make the ladder disappear.