

Square 58 - Vaguely Gothic

I'm not sure where this originally came from. I think it might possibly have been based on a shawl pattern given to me by a friend and tinkered with. (I never did make the shawl, but have had the scarf with the altered pattern for some time)

Multiple of 9 sts

Cast on 43 st (3 border, 4 x 9 pattern, 4 border)

Knit 6 rows

Pattern

Row 1 *k1, ssk, k1, yo, k1, k2tog, k1; repeat from *

Row 2 and every alt row purl

Rows 3, 5 7 & 9 as row 1

Row 11 * k1, yo, ssk, k3, k2tog, yo, k1; repeat from *

Row 13 * k2, yo, ssk, k1, k2tog, yo, k2; repeat from *

Row 15 * k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3; repeat from *

Row 16 purl

Repeat these 16 rows to 48 rows

Knit 6 rows

Cast off

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Square 59 - Personalised Square

I did this one with my initials from "*The Knitter's Stitch Collection*", Lesley Stanfield and Melody Griffiths, 2010

The initials are not always the same stitch width, so there is no hard and fast rule about how to fit them in.

So, if there is a pattern that you like/want to try, now is the time to do your own thing (there are plenty more patterns out there)

However, if you are totally stuck, the last one was me playing with an idea and I did it as 2 ideas in 1 block, but could easily make 2

Tribute to Gladys

This was based on playing with an idea I got when knitting up the Edgings of Gladys Jeskins (no 53)

Multiple of 8 sts + 3

Cast on 43 sts (4 border, 4 x 8 + 3 pattern, 4 border)

Knit 6 rows

Pattern – Version 1

Row 1 knit

Row 2 purl

Row 3 k3, * (k1 winding wool round needle 3 times) 5 times, k3; repeat from *

Row 4 p3, * (slip next 5 sts purlwise dropping extra loops. Slip these 5 long loops back to left-hand needle and into these 5 loops tog as 1 st work, p1, k1, p1, k1, p1), p3; repeat from *

These 4 rows form pattern. Work to 24 rows.

Pattern – Version 2

Rows 1 to 4 as Version 1

Row 5 Knit

Row 6 Purl

Row 7 k7, * (k1 winding wool round needle 3 times) 5 times, k3; repeat from * to last 7 sts, k7

Row 8 p7, * (slip next 5 sts purlwise dropping extra loops. Slip these 5 long loops back to left-hand needle and into these 5 loops tog as 1 st work p1, k1, p1, k1, p1), p3; repeat from * to last 7 loops, p7

Repeat these rows to make 48 in total

Knit 6 rows

Cast off

I did 2 variations on what to do with the 5 stitches. You may want to try more or less stitches between them, more or less stocking stitch rows between them, or what happens if you k&p tbl?

Finishing

When I finished all the blocks I sewed them together in a way that felt pleasing to me (I'm not one of the clever ones who have been knitting this together as they have gone along) and then worked a couple of rows of double crochet round the edge.