

flowerpot covers

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Do your floral arrangements need brightening up for spring? Then why not knit some decorative pot covers in delicate seasonal pastels? Seed stitch in leaf green, stockinette stitch in pale pink, and a fine cable rib in pale blue echo the shades of springtime blooms. All three covers are worked in simple stitches, which make them quick and easy to make up.

Materials

- Debbie Bliss Cotton DK (100% organic cotton, approx 92 yd per 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz/50g ball)
- One ball in each of pale pink, apple green, and duck egg
- Pair of size 6 knitting needles
- Cable needle (optional)

Instructions

Gauge

20 sts and 28 rows over St st and 20 sts and 32 rows over seed st, both to 4in square using size 6 needles.

Abbreviations

C2B slip next st onto cable needle and hold at back of work, k1, then k1 from cable needle or if working without the cable needle, k into front of 2nd st on left-hand needle, then k into front of 1st st and slip both sts off needle together. Also see page 10.

Rib and Mock Cable Cover

With size 6 needles and duck egg, cast on 46 sts.
1st row P2, [k2, p2] to end.
2nd row K2, [p2, k2] to end.
3rd row P2, [C2B, p2, k2, p2], to last 4 sts, C2B, p2.
4th row Rep 2nd row.
These 4 rows form the basic patt and are repeated. Keeping patt correct and taking inc sts into k2, p2 rib, work 18 rows more and inc 1 st at each end of

1st, 4th, 7th, 10th, and 13th rows. 56 sts.
Bind off in patt.

To Finish

Sew seam and place around flowerpot.

Stockinette Stitch Cover

With size 6 needles and pale pink, cast on 39 sts.
Beg with a k row, work 22 rows in St st and inc 1 st at each end of 3rd, 6th, 9th, 12th, 15th, and 18th rows. 51 sts.
Bind off.

To Finish

Sew seam and place around flowerpot.

Seed Stitch Cover

With size 6 needles and apple green, cast on 39 sts.
Seed st row K1, [p1, k1] to end.
Rep this row 23 times more and taking inc sts into seed st, inc 1 st at each end of 3rd, 6th, 9th, 12th, 15th, and 18th rows. 51 sts.
Bind off in seed st.

To Finish

Sew seam and place around flowerpot.

Size

Approximately 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ in high to fit 4–4 $\frac{1}{4}$ in diameter terracotta flowerpots