

How to make bespoke mats

On the label of your chosen yarn will be the tension and size of needles to use. My chosen yarn was Stylecraft Chunky and the tension was 14 stitches x 20 rows on 6mm needles = 4 inch square.

Measure the size of mat you would like to make. Mine was 10 inches wide by 14 inches long.

Work out how many stitches to cast on:

We know that 14 stitches = 4 inches

So $14 \div 4 = 3.5$

So 3.5 stitches = 1 inch

So $10 \times 3.5 = 35$ (the amount of stitches to cast on)

Now work out how many rows to work to make it 14 inches long

We know that 20 rows = 4 inches

So $20 \div 4 = 5$

So 5 rows = 1 inch

So $14 \times 5 = 70$ (the amount of rows to work)

These are the items I knitted:

Rectangle table mat



Required: 2 x 100g balls of Stylecraft Trendsetter Chunky in 2 colours; 6mm needles

Tension: 14 stitches x 20 rows = 4 inches square on 6mm needles

Measurements: 10 inches x 14 inches

Using contrast colour: cast on 5 stitches, cast off 2 stitches, slip stitch on right hand needle onto left hand needle.

Repeat the above until there are 36 stitches.

- slip 1 stitch, knit to end
- slip 1 stitch, knit to end

Change to Main colour:

- slip 1 stitch, *(purl 2, knit 2) repeat from * to last 3 stitches, purl 2, knit 1
- slip 1 stitch, *(knit 2, purl 2) repeat from * to last 3 stitches, knit 3
- slip 1 stitch, *(knit 2, purl 2) repeat from * to last 3 stitches, knit 3
- slip 1 stitch, *(purl 2, knit 2) repeat from * to last 3 stitches, purl 2, knit 1

Repeat the last 4 rows until you have worked 70 rows from the cast on edge.

Change to contrast colour:

- slip 1 stitch, knit to end
- slip 1 stitch, knit to end

Cast off 3 stitches *slip stitch on right hand needle back onto left hand needle, cast on 2 stitches, then cast off 5 stitches*

Repeat from * to end

Side Trimming: Using contrast colour and with right side facing pick up and knit 48 stitches. Knit 1 row. Then:

Cast off 3 stitches *slip stitch, on right hand needle, back onto left hand needle, cast on 2 stitches, then cast off 5 stitches*

Repeat from * to end

Round Table Mat



Required: 2 x 100g balls of Stylecraft Trendsetter Chunky in 2 colours and small amount of yarn for cast off edge; 6mm needles

Tension: 14 stitches x 20 rows = 4 inches square on 6mm needles

Measurements: 13½ inches diameter

Using 6mm circular needle, cast on 4 stitches. Place a marker at the beginning of round. (Use the magic loop style of knitting to start with

<http://www.craftsy.com/blog/2014/10/demystifying-the-magic-loop/> or You Tube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ldSpc0EZpnk>)

1. Increase in each stitch – 8 stitches
2. (knit 1, increase in next stitch) to end – 12 stitches
3. (knit 2, increase in next stitch) to end – 16 stitches
4. (knit 3, increase in next stitch) to end – 20 stitches

Continue in this manner changing colour every 4 rows until there are 132 stitches.

Change to edging colour:

- (knit 32, increase in next stitch) to end – 136 stitches

Cast off 3 stitches

slip stitch on right hand needle back onto left hand needle, cast on 2 stitches, then cast off 5 stitches

Repeat from * to end

Darn in all the loose yarn and press flat.

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Long table mat



Required: 2 x 100g balls of Stylecraft Trendsetter
Chunky; 6mm needles

Tension: 14 stitches x 20 rows = 4 inches square on
6mm needles

Measurements: 7 inches x 27 inches

Cast on 5 stitches, cast off 2 stitches, slip stitch on
right hand needle onto left hand needle.
Repeat the above until there are 24 stitches.

- slip 1 stitch, knit to end
- slip 1 stitch, knit to end
- slip 1 stitch, knit 1 *(purl 2, knit 2) repeat
from * to last 2 stitches, knit 2
- slip 1 stitch, knit 1 *(purl 2, knit 2) repeat
from * to last 2 stitches, knit 2
- slip 1 stitch, knit 1 *(knit 2, purl 2) repeat
from * to last 2 stitches, knit 2
- slip 1 stitch, knit 1 *(knit 2, purl 2) repeat
from * to last 2 stitches, knit 2

Repeat the last 4 rows until you have worked 140
rows from the cast on edge or 26 inches.

- slip 1 stitch, knit to end
- slip 1 stitch, knit to end

Cast off 3 stitches

*slip stitch on right hand needle back onto left hand
needle, cast on 2 stitches, then cast off 5 stitches*
Repeat from * to end

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Corner table mat



Required: 3 x 100g balls of Stylecraft Trendsetter
Chunky in 2 colours; 6mm needles
Tension: 14 stitches x 20 rows = 4 inches square on
6mm needles
Measurements: depth 21 inches x width 35 inches

Cast on 80 stitches with main colour.

- slip 1 stitch, knit to end
- slip 1 stitch, knit 1, increase into next stitch, knit to last 3 stitches, increase into next stitch, knit 2
- slip 1 stitch, knit 1, increase into next stitch, knit to last 3 stitches, increase into next stitch, knit 2
- slip 1 stitch, knit 1, increase into next stitch, knit to last 3 stitches, increase into next stitch, knit 2

Change to contrast:

- slip 1 stitch, knit 1, increase into next stitch, knit to last 3 stitches, increase into next stitch, knit 2

Change to main colour:

- slip 1 stitch, knit 1, purl to last 3 stitches, knit 2
- slip 1 stitch, knit 1, increase into next stitch, knit to last 3 stitches, increase into next stitch, knit 2
- slip 1 stitch, knit 1, increase into next stitch, purl to last 3 stitches, increase into next stitch, knit 2

Continue working 4 rows of the main colour and 1 of the contrast, increasing as follows working a slip stitch, knit 1 at the beginning of each row and knit 2 at the end of each row and the middle in stocking stitch:

1. increase
2. increase
3. straight
4. increase
5. increase
6. increase
7. increase
8. straight
9. increase
10. increase

11. increase
12. increase
13. straight
14. increase
15. increase
16. increase
17. increase
18. straight
19. increase
20. increase
21. increase
22. increase - 128 stitches

Decreasing: Keeping the colour scheme as before continue:

1. slip 1, knit to end of row
2. slip 1, knit 1, purl 2 together, purl to last 4 stitches, purl 2 together, knit 2
3. slip 1, knit 1, knit 2 together, knit to last 4 stitches, knit 2 together, knit 2
4. slip 1, knit 1, purl to last 2 stitches, knit 2
5. slip 1, knit 1, knit 2 together, knit to last 4 stitches, knit 2 together, knit 2
6. slip 1, knit 1, purl 2 together, purl to last 4 stitches, purl 2 together, knit 2
7. slip 1, knit to end of row
8. slip 1, knit 1, purl 2 together, purl to last 4 stitches, purl 2 together, knit 2
9. slip 1, knit 1, knit 2 together, knit to last 4 stitches, knit 2 together, knit 2
10. slip 1, knit 1, purl 2 together, purl to last 4 stitches, purl 2 together, knit 2

Repeat the last 10 rows 6 more times then

1. slip 1, knit to end of row
2. slip 1, knit 1, knit 2 together, knit to last 4 stitches, knit 2 together, knit 2
3. slip 1, knit 1, knit 2 together, knit to last 4 stitches, knit 2 together, knit 2
4. slip 1, knit 1, knit 2 together, knit to last 4 stitches, knit 2 together, knit 2
5. slip 1, knit 1, knit 2 together, knit to last 4 stitches, knit 2 together, knit 2

Cast off the remaining 22 stitches.

Darn in any stray ends and press well to flatten.

Dressing table mat



12 inches x 32 inches

Using 6mm needles and main colour, cast on 44 stitches.

- Slip 1, *(knit1, purl 1) repeat from * to last stitch, knit 1
- Slip 1, *(purl1, knit 1) repeat from * to last stitch, knit 1
- Slip 1, *(knit1, purl 1) repeat from * to last stitch, knit 1
- Slip 1, *(purl1, knit 1) repeat from * to last stitch, knit 1
- Slip 1, knit to end
- Slip 1, knit 1, purl to last 2 stitches, knit 2

- Slip 1, *(purl1, knit 1) repeat from * to last stitch, knit 1
- Slip 1, *(knit1, purl 1) repeat from * to last stitch, knit 1
- Slip 1, *(purl1, knit 1) repeat from * to last stitch, knit 1

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Pattern:

- **With contrast yarn:** slip 1, knit 1 *(knit 1, slip 3 with yarn in back) repeat from *to last 2 stitches, knit 2. *Note: slip the stitches one by one purl-wise and keep the yarn loose behind.*
- slip 1, knit 1, purl 1, *(slip 1 with yarn in front, purl 3) repeat from * to last 5 stitches, slip 1, purl 2, knit 2
- slip 1, knit to end
- slip 1, knit 1, purl to last 2 stitches, knit 2
- **With main colour yarn:** slip 1, knit 1, *(knit 1, slip 3 with yarn in back) repeat from * to last 2 stitches, knit 2
- slip 1, knit 1, purl 1, *(slip 1 with yarn in front, purl 3) repeat from * to last 5 stitches, slip 1, purl 2, knit 2
- slip 1, knit to end
- slip 1, knit 1, purl to last 2 stitches, knit 2

Repeat last 8 rows 22 times. Then rows 1 and 4.

Change to main colour:

- Slip 1, knit to end
- Slip 1, knit 1, purl to last 2 stitches, knit 2
- Slip 1, *(knit1, purl 1) repeat from * to last stitch, knit 1

Chair Back Covers

Design 1



Required: 100g - 200g Stylecraft Trendsetter
Chunky in two colours; 6mm needles
Measurements: 22 inches x 15 inches

Using 6mm needles and contrast colour make a trim as follows:

Cast on 7 stitches and knit one row.

- Knit 5, increase in next stitch (by knitting into front and back of it), knit 1.
- Knit 1, increase in next stitch, knit 6.
- Knit 7, increase in next stitch, knit 1.
- Knit 1, increase in next stitch, knit 8.
- Knit 9, increase in next stitch, knit 1.
- Knit 1, increase in next stitch, knit 10.
- Knit 11, increase in next stitch, knit 1.
- Knit 1, increase in next stitch, knit 12.
- Knit 12, knit 2 together, knit 1.
- Knit 1, knit 2 together, knit 11.
- Knit 10, knit 2 together, knit 1.
- Knit 1, knit 2 together, knit 9.
- Knit 8, knit 2 together, knit 1.
- Knit 1, knit 2 together, knit 7.
- Knit 6, knit 2 together, knit 1.
- Knit 1, knit 2 together, knit 5.

Repeat rows 1-16, four more times.
Cast off.

Using main colour and with right side of trim facing pick up and knit 52 stitches.

Pattern:

- slip 1, knit 1, *(purl 1, knit 1) repeat from * to last 2 stitches, knit 2.
- slip 1, knit 1, *(knit 1, purl 1) repeat from * to last 2 stitches, knit 2.

Continue in this manner for another 15 inches.
Change to contrast colour and work another 2½ inches. Cast off pattern-wise.

Embroider a chain stitch along the join of the trim and main colour. darn in any stray yarn.

Design 2



Required: 100g - 200g Stylecraft Trendsetter
Chunky in five colours; 6mm needles
Measurements: 21½ inches x 20½ inches

Using 6mm needles, cast on 62 stitches using colour A.

- slip 1, knit 1 *(purl 1, knit 1) repeat from * to last 2 stitches, knit 2
- slip 1, knit 1 *(knit 1, purl 1) repeat from * to last 2 stitches, knit 2

Continue until work measures 2½ inches.
Change to colour B and work 2 rows.
Change to colour C and work 2 rows.
Change to colour D and work 2 rows.

Change to Main colour and continue until work measures 21 inches.
Change to colour B and work 2 rows.
Cast off in pattern

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Cushion



Required: 100g - 200g Stylecraft Trendsetter Chunky in two colours; 6mm needles
Measurements: 16 inches x 16 inches

FRONT:

Using 6mm needles and the main colour, cast on 59 stitches.

- Main colour - knit 2 *(slip 1 purl-wise, knit 5) repeat from * to last 3 stitches, slip 1 purl-wise, knit 2
- Purl 2, slip 1 purl-wise *(purl 5, slip 1 purl-wise) repeat from * to last 2 stitches, purl 2
- Contrast colour - *(knit 5, slip 1 purl-wise) repeat from * to last 5 stitches, knit 5
- *(knit 5, yarn forward, slip 1 purl-wise, take yarn to back of work) repeat from * to last 5 stitches, knit 5

Work these 4 row 20 times. 80 rows in total.
Cast off.

TRIM:

All sides: Using 6mm needles and contrast colour, with right side facing, pick up and knit 60 stitches.

Knit 1 row. Then:

Cast off 3 stitches *slip stitch, on right hand needle, back onto left hand needle, cast on 2 stitches, then cast off 5 stitches*

Repeat from * to end

BACK:

Using 6mm needles and main colour, cast on 59 stitches.

Stocking stitch 80 rows.

Cast off.

To make up: With right sides facing, join back and front on three sides tucking in the trim so that it is in-between the back and front - sew the back to the picked up stitches on the trim. Turn right side out. The trim will now be around the edge. Put your cushion inside the cover and slip stitch the fourth sides together.



Additional items to make:

Using the same method of measuring and working out the tension, you can cover other items to match your room. I covered a lamp and even made a jumper for a teddy.



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Stool cover

Required: 100g - 200g Stylecraft Trendsetter Chunky in two colours; 4 mm & 5mm needles

Measurements: to fit stool top 14 inches x 14 inches & 3 inches deep

Using 4mm needles and the main colour, cast on 53 stitches.

Work 18 rows of knit 1, purl 1 rib.

Change to 5mm needles and commence pattern:

- Main colour - knit 2 *(slip 1 purl-wise, knit 5) repeat from * to last 3 stitches, slip 1 purl-wise, knit 2
- Purl 2, slip 1 purl-wise *(purl 5, slip 1 purl-wise) repeat from * to last 2 stitches, purl 2
- Contrast colour - *(knit 5, slip 1 purl-wise) repeat from * to last 5 stitches, knit 5
- *(knit 5, yarn forward, slip 1 purl-wise, take yarn to back of work) repeat from * to last 5 stitches, knit 5

Work these 4 rows of pattern, 22 times. (88 rows in total.)

Change to 4mm needles and work 18 rows of knit 1, purl 1 rib.

Cast off in rib.

Other 2 sides:

Using 4mm needles and with right sides facing, pick up and knit 53 stitches down each patterned side. Work 18 rows of knit 1, purl 1 rib.

Cast off in rib.

Join the corners to make a box shape.

Put on the stool and stretch it out - it will be a tight fit. Secure it with yarn underneath.



Throw for sofa or bed



Required: 8 balls of Stylecraft Trendsetter Chunky in 2 colours; 6mm needles

Tension: 14 stitches x 20 rows = 4 inches square on 6mm needles

Measurements: 32 inches x 48 inches

Each square measures about 8 inches square.

Each ball makes 3 squares leaving enough yarn to sew the squares together.

Start Knitting:

Using 6mm needles, cast on 28 stitches.

- slip 1 stitch, knit to end
- slip 1 stitch, knit to end
- slip 1 stitch, knit 1 *(purl 2, knit 2) repeat from * to last 2 stitches, knit 2
- slip 1 stitch, knit 1 *(purl 2, knit 2) repeat from * to last 2 stitches, knit 2
- slip 1 stitch, knit 1 *(knit 2, purl 2) repeat from * to last 2 stitches, knit 2
- slip 1 stitch, knit 1 *(knit 2, purl 2) repeat from * to last 2 stitches, knit 2

Repeat the last 4 rows until you have worked 38 rows from the cast on edge.

- slip 1 stitch, knit to end
- slip 1 stitch, knit to end

There should be 40 rows worked.

Cast off knit-wise.

Sew the squares together into your own design.

