

The Bean Knits

Knitwear Design by Jill Bigelow Suttell



Puffy Acorns

Materials

Fingering weight scraps. Only a few yards are necessary.
Other materials: polyfil or other fluff, darning needle, acorn caps

Needles

US Size 1 (2.25mm) DPN's

Finished Measurements

Gauge is not terribly important for these acorns due to the variation in the size of acorn caps. Make the fabric tight enough so that the filling cannot be seen through the fabric. Acorn will vary between $\frac{3}{4}$ " and $1\frac{1}{2}$ " in circumference.

Gauge

Approx. 40 stitches/46 rounds = 4 inches in stranded knitting pattern on larger needle.

Puffy Acorns

Jill Bigelow Suttell

Acorn

Cast on 15 (18, 21) stitches divided evenly onto 3 needles. Join into the round being careful not to twist the stitches. Knit in the round for $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1".

Shape bottom: [k3 (4, 5) stitches, k2tog] 3 times.

Knit 1 round.

[k2 (3, 4) stitches, k2tog] 3 times.

Largest size only: Knit 1 round.

[k1 (2, 3) stitches, k2tog] 3 times.

[k0 (1, 2) stitches, k2tog] 3 times.

Smallest size: Cut yarn. Thread tail onto a darning needle. Weave through stitches. Feed tail through to the inside of the fabric.

[k_ (0, 1) stitches, k2tog] 3 times.

Middle size: Cut yarn. Thread tail onto a darning needle. Weave through stitches. Feed tail through to the inside of the fabric.

[k_ (_, 0) stitches, k2tog] 3 times.

Largest size: Cut yarn. Thread tail onto a darning needle. Weave through stitches. Feed tail through to the inside of the fabric.

Fill the acorn with fluff. If making the knit top, proceed to Top instructions.

Knit Tops

Pick up and knit 15 (18, 21) stitches around the cast on edge.

Note: I use a new color for the top.

Round 1: [knit in the front and back of one stitch, p4 (2, 6)] 3(6, 3) times – 18 (24, 24) stitches.

Round 2: Purl.

Round 3: [P2tog, p2] 0 (6, 6) times – 18 (18, 18) stitches.

Round 4: [P2tog, p1] 6 times. Add in a bit more fluff if necessary.

Round 5: P2tog 6 times.

Round 6: P2tog 3 times.

Cut yarn. Thread tail onto a darning needle. Weave through stitches. Feed tail through to the inside of the fabric.

Natural Top

Thread the darning needle with the cast-on tail. Run the needle around the cast on stitches to pull the stitches in. The top does not need to be closed tightly. Fit the acorn into the acorn cap using hot glue or just twist the cap on. If the acorn is not hanging, the cap usually stays on without glue.

Definitions and Abbreviations

K - Knit

P - Purl

K2tog - knit 2 stitches together

P2tog - purl 2 stitches together

