

## MISSONI-STYLE VASE COZIES

By Vickie Howell

Flowers aren't the only way to add a pop of color to otherwise plain-Jane vases. With just a bit of yarn and an evening in front of the TV, you can whip up a craftier solution! These vase sleeves are worked up in the current pattern-craze du jour: the chevron stitch. Make them in your favorite colors, then change 'em out to fit the season ... or your mood!

### Pattern

#### Chevron Stitch Pattern:

- » Row 1: (RS): K1, K2tog, \*K4, dbl inc, K4, dbl dec; rep from \* to last 3 sts, k2togtbl, K1
  - » Row 2: Purl
  - » Repeat two rows for pattern.
- » CO 39(48,60).
- » Work in Chevron Stitch Pattern until piece measures 1½" shorter than the vase, at top point of chevron.



**Note:** You can play with the stripe placement as you like, or follow my choices as a guide.

**Tip:** Always change colors on a RS row!

- » BO, leaving a long tail for seaming.
- » Weave in ends.
- » Wrap piece around the vase and seam shut.



### MATERIALS, SIZES, GAUGES, & STITCHES

- » **Stitch.Rock.Love Sheep(ish) for Caron (167 yds/153m; 30% wool/70% acrylic)**  
in colors: (A) Yellow(ish), (C) Lime(ish), (D) Pumpkin(ish), (E) Robin's Egg(ish), (F) Olive(ish), plus small amount of (B) White(ish)
- » **US 8 (5mm) needles or size needed to obtain gauge**
- » **Tapestry needle**
- » **3 cylindrical vases measuring approx. 10", 12½", and 15" around, any height** (Psst! I got mine as a set from Ikea.)

#### Sizes

- » **Stretches to 10", 12½", and 15" circumference**

#### Gauge

- » **18 sts, 22 rows = 4" (10cm) in St st.**

#### Special stitches

- » **dbl dec** Slip next two stitches, knit 1, pass slipped stitches over.
- » **dbl inc** Knit 1, YO, knit 1 (all in same stitch).
- » **K2togtbl** Knit two stitches together, through the back loops.



#### About the Author

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