

hazel & maude pot holders

I was thinking about my two grandmothers WHILE I WAS DESIGNING THESE POT HOLDERS. MY PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER, MAUDE, taught me to bake AND LIKED EVERYTHING VERY NEAT AND ORDERLY. MY MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER, HAZEL, taught me to sew without a pattern, AND WHEN I WAS OLD ENOUGH, to mix a mean martini.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

MAUDE (patterned allover): 9¼ x 12¼", before felting, including attached I-Cord trim

HAZEL (patterned halfway): 9¼ x 13½", before felting, including attached I-Cord trim

BOTH: 8½ x 8½", after felting

Results will depend on felting conditions and time spent felting.

YARN

Louet Riverstone Chunky (100% wool; 165 yards/100 grams):

1 hank each of 4 colors

Colorway One (see left) : #17 shamrock (A), #62 citrus (B),

#49 charcoal (C), #26 crabapple (D)

Colorway Two (see page 115): #57 French blue (A), #48 aqua

(B), #58 burgundy (C), #35 mustard (D)

NEEDLES

One pair straight needles size US 11 (8 mm)

Two double-pointed needles (dpm) size US 11 (8 mm)

Change needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

NOTIONS

Tapestry needle

GAUGE

13 sts and 17 rows = 4" (10 cm) in Stockinette stitch (St st)

13 sts and 24 rows = 4" (10 cm) in Blister stitch

Note

If substituting other yarns, avoid those containing mohair or llama. These fibers usually create a "fuzzy" felted fabric that isn't desirable for use around food and is also more flammable.

The Blister st used here is adapted from the Four-Color Blister Stitch in *A Second Treasury of Knitting Patterns* by Barbara G. Walker.

MAUDE

Using A, CO 29 sts and purl one WS row. Carrying A along selvedge, and cutting and rejoining B, C, and D as necessary, work in Blister st as follows:

Rows 1, 3, and 5 (RS): Using B, knit.

Rows 2, 4, and 6: Using B, purl.

Row 7: Using A, k4, *drop next st off needle and unravel 6 rows down, insert needle from front into color A st in 7th row below and knit (catching the 6 loose strands in st), k3, repeat from * to last st, k1.

Row 8: Using A, purl.

Rows 9-14: Using C, repeat Rows 1-6.

Row 15: Using A, k2, *drop next st off needle and unravel 6 rows down, insert needle from front into color A st in 7th row below and knit (catching the 6 loose strands in st), k3, repeat from *, end last repeat with k2 instead of k3.

Row 16: Using A, purl.

Rows 17-22: Using D, repeat Rows 1-6.
 Rows 23-24: Repeat Rows 7-8.
 Rows 25-30: Using B, repeat Rows 1-6.
 Rows 31-32: Repeat Rows 15-16.
 Rows 33-38: Using C, repeat Rows 1-6.
 Rows 39-40: Repeat Rows 7-8.
 Rows 41-46: Using D, repeat Rows 1-6.
 Rows 47-48: Repeat Rows 15-16.
 Rows 49-54: Using B, repeat Rows 1-6.
 Rows 55-56: Repeat Rows 7-8.
 Rows 57-62: Using C, repeat Rows 1-6.
 Rows 63-64: Repeat Rows 15-16.
 Rows 65-70: Using D, repeat Rows 1-6.
 Row 71: Repeat Row 7.

Cut yarn, leaving 4" tail. Proceed to FINISHING instructions.

HAZEL

Using A, CO 29 sts and purl one WS row. Carrying A and B along selvedge, work in Blister st as follows:

Rows 1, 3, and 5 (RS): Using B, knit.
 Rows 2, 4, and 6: Using B, purl.
 Row 7: Using A, k4, *drop next st off needle and unravel 6 rows down, insert needle from front into color A st in 7th row below and knit (catching the 6 loose strands in st), k3, repeat from * to last st, k1.
 Row 8: Using A, purl.
 Rows 9-14: Repeat Rows 1-6.
 Row 15: Using A, k2, *drop next st off needle and unravel 6 rows down, insert needle from front into color A st in 7th row below and knit (catching the 6 loose strands in st), k3, repeat from *, end last repeat with k2 instead of k3.
 Row 16: Using A, purl.
 Rows 17-22: Repeat Rows 1-6.
 Rows 23-24: Repeat Rows 7-8.
 Rows 25-30: Repeat Rows 1-6.
 Rows 31-32: Repeat Rows 15-16.

FOR COLORWAY ONE: Using C, knit one RS row, increasing 5 sts evenly—34 sts. Work 2 more rows in St st. Change to D, and work even in St st until pot holder measures 13½" from CO edge. Cut yarn, leaving 4" tail.

FOR COLORWAY TWO: Using D, knit one RS row, increasing 5 sts evenly—34 sts. Work 2 more rows in St st. Change to C, and work even in St st until pot holder measures 13½" from CO edge. Cut yarn, leaving 4" tail.

FINISHING

WORK I-CORD TRIM: Using new strand of A and empty dpn, CO 3 sts for I-Cord. With WS of pot holder facing you, work I-Cord BO across 29 pot holder sts as follows: *[K2, slip 1] across I-Cord sts, knit 1 pot holder st, pssso. Slide I-Cord sts to right end of dpn. Repeat from * to top corner.

MAKE HANGING LOOP: At top corner, work I-Cord for 8" (see Special Techniques, page 129). Close loop as follows: K2, slip 1, pick up and knit 1 st from last st of I-Cord BO, pssso. Slide sts to right end of dpn.

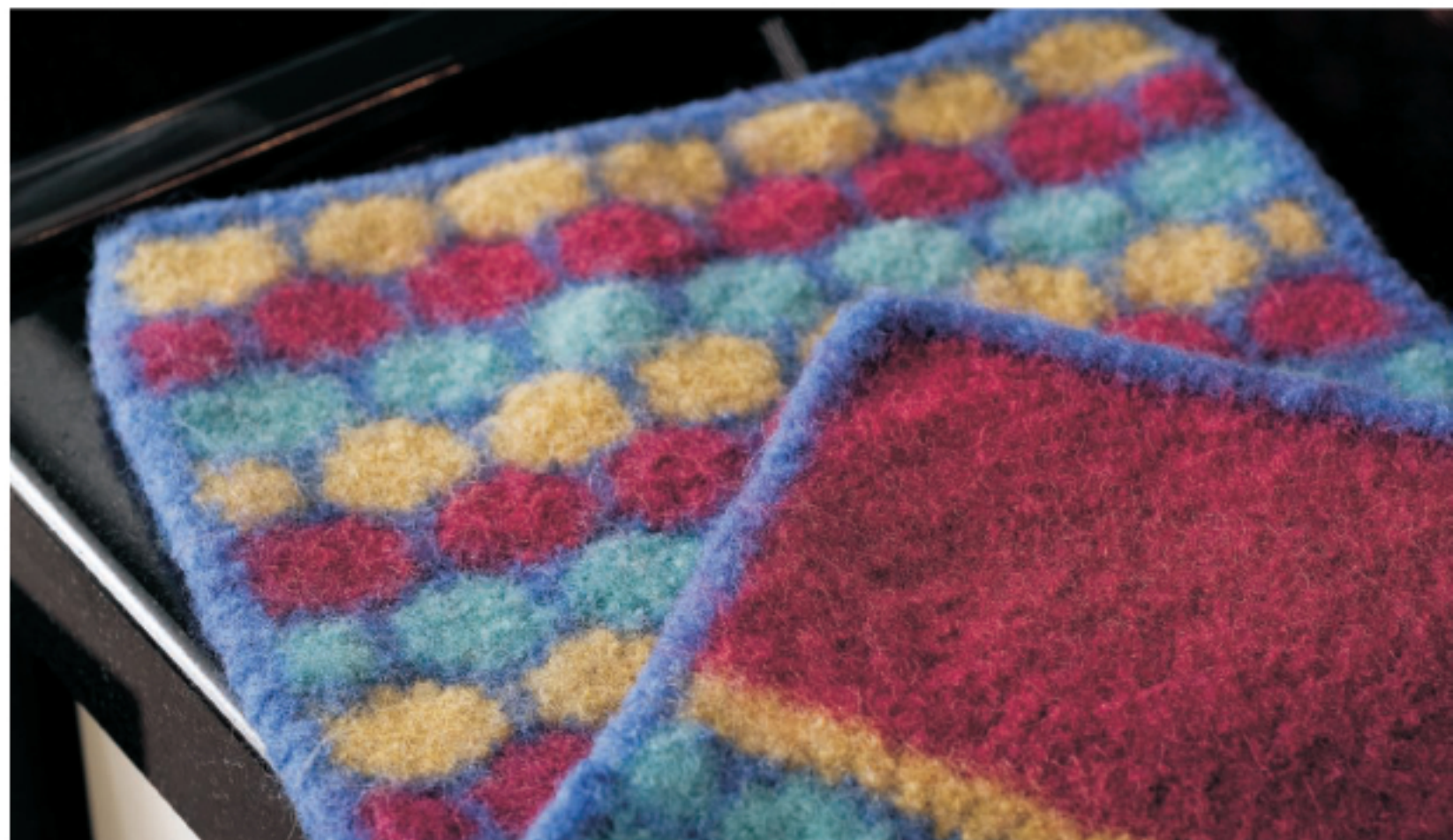
CONTINUE TRIM: Work attached I-Cord to bottom corner of pot holder as follows: *K2, slip 1, pick up and knit 1 st from edge of pot holder, pssso, slide sts to right end of dpn, repeat from * to bottom corner.

TURN CORNER: At bottom corner, k3, do not pick up a st along side edge, slide sts to right end of dpn. K2, slip 1, pick up and knit 1 st from corner, pssso, slide sts to right end of dpn. K3, do not pick up a st along bottom edge, slide sts to right end of dpn.

Continue working attached I-Cord and turning corners around remainder of pot holder. BO all sts. Sew ends of I-Cord together. If necessary, close gap at base of hanging loop with strand of A threaded on tapestry needle. Weave in loose ends.

FELTING

Felt pot holders following instructions in *Felting Basics*, page 8.



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