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## **Abbreviations**

approx approximately beg beginning between bet BO bind off CC contrasting colour ch chain cn cable needle CO cast on cont continue double crochet dc dpn(s) double point needle(s) dec(s) decrease(s) foll follow(ing) hdc half double crochet hk hook inc increase incl including K knit Kl f&b knit 1 st in front and back ktbl knit through back loop kwise knitwise K2tog knit two together loop(s) lp(s) make one M1make one left  $\mathbf{MlL}$ MlR make one right MC main colour purl pattern patt place marker pm passover psso pick up pu purlwise pwise remaining rem repeat rep rnd(s) round(s) RS right side single crochet SC sk skip slip marker sl m sp(s) space(s) slip, slip, k2 slipped sts tog ssk st(s) stitch(es) st st stockinette stitch tbl through back loop together tog WS wrong side

YO

yarn over



This is a seamless pillow designed to help you relax and revitalize. Take a few minutes each day to meditate with your lavender pillow and you will notice a major difference in your mental health. Knitting it up will also help you relax as it's all stockinette stitch, making it an ideal TV watching or a car riding project. It's also quick and easy, making it a great last minute gift.

Craft: knitting

Skill Level: Rookie-Apprentice-Virtuoso-Genius

Skills: knit, grafting, provisional cast on

Sizes: one size

Finished Measurements: approx. 4.75" wide and 9" long

(when full) lying flat

Gauge: 24 sts and 28 rows = 4" in st st on 4 mm needles

Yarn: 50 g, 137 yds (125 m), DK weight yarn

Suggested Brand: 1 skein Noro Chirimen, 60% cotton, 24%

silk, 16% wool, shown in colour 4

Needles: 4 mm dpns and medium size crochet hook (for

provisional cast on)

Other Materials: tapestry needle or teeny crochet hook, scrap yarn (for provisional CO), fabric sack (best to sew it after your pouch is complete so you can match the size), 100 mL or grams lavender, 200 mL or grams buckwheat (recommended), wheat berries or beans



## Instructions:

**Note:** If you don't want to do the grafting, CO with backwards loop method (or whatever method you prefer) and cast off as you normally would. Sew up each end (after putting the lavender sack in!).

With dpns and scrap yarn, CO 50 sts with provisional method and divide evenly on needles. Join in the rnd being careful not to twist sts. Pm for beg of rnd.

With MC, knit in the rnd in st st until piece measures 9" from CO (or desired length).

Divide your sts onto two needles and graft together (using the beg of the rnd as a starting point), leaving the CO edge open.

Make up your sack (sewn on three sides with one end open). The exact size isn't crucial, but it should be slightly smaller than your knitted pillow.

Mix up your buckwheat and lavender in a container and place into your sack. Leave the dust in the bottom, though, you probably don't want it in your eyes. Sew up the other end.

Place inside your knitted pillow and graft the open end shut (using the beg of the rnd as a starting point).

Be sure to devote at least 10 minutes a day to your mental health. Meditate, do some yoga, read, go for a walk or just have some quiet time to yourself.

For help with provisional cast on:

http://www.stitchdiva.com/custom.aspx?id=48

When Kelly isn't busy knitting and designing, she is exploring the Rocky Mountains with her dog, or probably drinking tea.