



# flower cushion

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## FINISHING

Pin out the cover to the correct size and following the instructions on the ball band, lightly steam press and leave to dry. Fold the cover in half with wrong sides facing each other and the 1st and 3rd foldlines meeting at the top. Join side seams with mattress st. Fold the 1st and 3rd foldlines to the WS so the garter st row creates the top edge of the cushion and slipstitch the cast on and cast off edges on the inside. Attach the press studs.

## FLOWER (make 1)

**Outer petal** With 4mm needles and B, cast on 9 sts. **1st row** K4, yo, k5. 10 sts. **2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th, 12th, 14th and 16th rows** Knit. **3rd row** K4, yo, k6. 11 sts. **5th row** K4, yo, k7. 12 sts. **7th row** K4, yo, k8. 13 sts. **9th row** K4, yo, k9. 14 sts. **11th row** K4, yo, k10. 15 sts. **13th row** K4, yo, k11. 16 sts. **15th row** K4, yo, k12. 17 sts. **17th row** K4, yo, k13. 18 sts. **18th row** Cast off 9 sts, k to end. 9 sts. Rep 1st to 18th rows 5 times, casting off all sts on 18th row of last rep. Join cast off edge to cast on edge. Weave yarn in and out of centre sts, pull tight and secure.

**Large inner petal** With 4mm needles and C, cast on 6 sts. **1st row** K3, yo, k3. 7 sts. **2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th, 12th, 14th and 16th rows** Knit. **3rd row** K3, yo, k4. 8 sts. **5th row** K3, yo, k5. 9 sts. **7th row** K3, yo, k6. 10 sts. **9th row** K3, yo, k7. 11 sts. **11th row** K3, yo, k8. 12 sts. **13th row** K3, yo, k9. 13 sts. **15th row** K3, yo, k10. 14 sts. **16th row** Cast off 7 sts, k to end. 7 sts. Rep 1st to 16th rows 5 times, casting off all sts on 16th row of last rep. Join cast off edge to cast on edge. Weave yarn in and out of centre sts, pull tight and secure.

**Small inner petal** With 4mm needles and B, cast on 5 sts. **1st row** K2, yo, k3. 6 sts. **2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th, 12th, 14th and 16th rows** Knit. **3rd row** K2, yo, k4. 7 sts. **5th row** K2, yo, k5. 8 sts. **7th row** K2, yo, k6. 9 sts. **9th row** K2, yo, k7. 10 sts. **10th row** Cast off 5 sts, k to end. 5 sts. Rep 1st to 10th rows 5 times, casting off all sts on 10th row of last rep. Join cast off edge to cast on edge. Weave yarn in and out of centre sts, pull tight and secure.

## FINISHING

Sew the smaller petals over the larger petals and secure in place as one big flower. Using a tapestry needle, embroider 6 stamens in chain stitch (5 small chain sts per stamen), starting from the centre of the flower to halfway up the middle of each small centre inner petal. When the 5th small chain st on each stamen has been completed, use the beading needle to thread one bead and attach it to the top of the stamen. Sew flower to centre of cushion cover.

## CUSHION EDGING

With 4mm needles and B, cast on 9 sts. Rep the 1st to 18th rows of Outer Petal of the flower 24 times, casting off all sts on the 18th row of the last rep. Stitch in place around the outside edge of the cushion, with 6 points on each of the 4 sides.

Taken from *Pretty Knits* by Susan Cropper (£20)

## SIZE

40 x 40cm square without edging

## MATERIALS

3 x 50g balls of Rowan Kid Classic in Straw 851 (A) and 1 x 50g ball of Rowan Kidsilk Haze in each of Blushes 583 (B) and Fondant 630 (C).

Oddments of embroidery thread or smooth yarn for stamens.

Pair each 4mm and 5mm knitting needles.

Row counter.

6 small pearl beads (approx 4 - 5mm diameter).

5 press studs.

Tapestry needle and beading needle.

Contact 01484 681881 for yarn stockist details.

## TENSION

19 sts and 25 rows to 10cm over st st using 5mm needles and yarn A.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**beg** beginning; **k** knit; **rep** repeat; **RS** right side; **st(s)** stitch(es); **st st** stocking stitch; **WS** wrong side; **yo** yarn over needle.

## CUSHION COVER

With 5mm needles and A, cast on 76 sts. Beg with a k row, work 7 rows in st st. **8th row** (WS) (1st foldline) Knit. Beg with a k row, work 96 rows in st st. **105th to 108th rows** (centre foldline) Knit. Beg with a k row, work 97 rows in st st. **206th row** (WS) (3rd foldline) Knit. Beg with a k row, work 6 rows in st st, so ending with a p row. Cast off.

## CUSHION SIDE EDGINGS (make 2)

With RS facing, 5mm needles and A, pick up and k 202 sts along the whole length of side edge. Cast off knitwise.