

PROJECT GUIDE

Cactus Pincushion

Keep your sewing pins handy with this pair of whimsical cactus pincushions. Worked in the round on double pointed needles, they'll be your stitching companions in a matter of hours.

Skill Level Intermediate. Previous experience working with double pointed needles helpful.

Materials

3 - 50 g balls of DMC Woolly
 1 of 115 (Mahogany), 081 (Avocado), 082 (Green), and 052 (Dark Red)
 US 4 (3.5 mm) double pointed needles
 Polyester Fiberfill
 Yarn needle

Abbreviations

rnd - Round
 K - Knit
 P - Purl
 st/s - stitch/es
 K2tog - Knit two stitches together
 M1 - Make one - With the left needle, lift the strand between the stitches on the

right and left needles from front to back. Then knit into the back of the strand.

M1p - Make one purlwise - With the left needle, lift the strand between the stitches on the right and left needles from back to front. Then purl into the front of the strand.



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Barrel Cactus Pincushion

Mahogany pot base – Worked flat

With DMC Woolly, color 115, cast on 6 sts.

Row 1: P6.

Row 2: K1, M1, k4, M1, k1. (8 sts)

Row 3: P8.

Row 4: K1, M1, k6, M1, k1. (10 sts)

Row 5: P10.

Row 6: K1, M1, k8, M1, k1. (12 sts)

Row 7: P12.

Row 8: K1, k2tog, k6, k2tog, k1. (10 sts)

Row 9: P10.

Row 10: K1, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k1. (8 sts)

Row 11: P1, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k1. (6 sts)

Row 12: P6.

Bind off.

Mahogany pot sides and lip – Begin working in the round.

Continuing in DMC Woolly, color 115 and RS facing, pick up and knit 24 sts around the outer edge of the pot base. Arrange these sts equally on 3 double pointed needles. (8-8-8 sts)

Rnds 1 – 4: K24.

Rnd 5: *K8, M1.* Repeat from * to * 2 more times. (27 sts)

Rnds 6 – 9: K27.

Rnd 10: *K9, M1.* Repeat from * to * 2 more times. (30 sts)

Rnd 11 and 12: K30.

Rnd 13: P30.

Rnd 14: K30.

Rnd 15: P30.

Rnd 16: K30.

Rnd 17: P30.

Bind off purlwise.

Cactus – Continue working in the round.

With color 082, pick up and knit 30 sts from the garter stitch ridge just inside the mahogany pot.

Rnd 1: *P1, k4.* Repeat from * to * to end of the rnd. (30 sts)

Rnd 2: *M1, p1, k4.* Repeat from * to * to end of the rnd. (36 sts)

Rnd 3: *M1, p1, k5.* Repeat from * to * to end of the rnd. (42 sts)

Rnd 4: *M1, p1, k6.* Repeat from * to * to end of the rnd. (48 sts)

Rnd 5 - 19: *P1 k7.*

Stuff with fiberfill. Continue to stuff as you work the decreases.

Rnd 20: *P1, k2tog, k5.* Repeat from * to * to end of the rnd. (42 sts)

Rnd 21: *P1, k2tog, k4.* Repeat from * to * to end of the rnd. (36 sts)

Rnd 22: *P1, k2tog, k3.* Repeat from * to *

to end of the rnd. (30 sts)

Rnd 23: *P1, k2tog, k2.* Repeat from * to * to end of the rnd. (24 sts)

Rnd 24: *P1, k2tog, k1.* Repeat from * to * to end of the rnd. (18 sts)

Rnd 25: *P1, k2 tog.* Repeat from * to * to end of the rnd. (12 sts)

Rnd 26: *K2 tog.* Repeat from * to * to end of the rnd. (6 sts)

Rnd 27: *K2 tog.* Repeat from * to * to end of the rnd. (3 sts)

Cut the yarn leaving a long tail. Thread the yarn through the remaining live stitches. Secure. Thread the yarn through the top of the cactus down through the bottom of the pot. Push down on the top of the cactus a bit to shape. Secure the end.

With color 052, embroider several loops and tack in position on the top of the cactus to simulate a flower.

Weave in ends.

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Saguaro Cactus Pincushion

Mahogany pot base – Worked flat

With DMC Woolly, color 115, cast on 6 sts.

Row 1: P6.

Row 2: K1, M1, k4, M1, k1. (8 sts)

Row 3: P8.

Row 4: K1, M1, k6, M1, k1. (10 sts)

Row 5: P10.

Row 6: K1, M1, k8, M1, k1. (12 sts)

Row 7: P12.

Row 8: K1, M1, k10, M1, k1. (14 sts)

Row 9: P14.

Row 10: K1, k2tog, k8, k2tog, k1. (12 sts)

Row 11: P12.

Row 12: K1, k2tog, k6, k2tog, k1. (10 sts)

Row 13: P10.

Row 14: K1, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k1. (8 sts)

Row 15: P8.

Row 16: K1, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k1. (6 sts)

Row 17: P6.

Bind off.

Mahogany pot sides and lip – Begin working in the round.

Continuing in DMC Woolly, color 115 and RS facing, pick up and knit 32 sts around the outer edge of the pot base. Arrange

these sts equally on 4 double pointed needles. (8-8-8-8 sts)

Rnds 1 – 4: K32.

Rnd 5: *K8, M1.* Repeat from * to * 3 more times. (36 sts)

Rnds 6 – 11: K36.

Rnd 12: *K9, M1.* Repeat from * to * 3 more times. (40 sts)

Rnd 13 - 18: K40.

Rnd 19: *K10, M1 between needles.* Repeat from * to * 3 more times. (44 sts)

Rnd 20 - 21: K44.

Rnd 22: P44.

Rnd 23: K44.

Rnd 24: P44.

Rnd 25: K44.

Rnd 26: P44

Bind off purlwise.

Change to color 081. Continue working in the round.

Rnds 1 – 6: *K3, p1.* Repeat from * to * to end of the rnd.

Note: The increases on Needle 1 are forming the side arm of the cactus.

Rnd 7: M1, k3, M1, p1, then *k3, p1.*

Repeat from * to * to end of the rnd.

Rnd 8: K5, p1, *k3, p1.* Repeat from * to * to end of the rnd.

Rnd 9: M1, k2, M1p, k3, M1, *k3, p1.*

Repeat from * to * to end of the rnd.

Rnd 10: K3, p1, k4, p1, *k3, p1.* Repeat from * to * to end of the rnd.

Rnd 11: M1, k3, M1, p1, M1, k2, M1p, k2, M1, p1, *k3, p1.* Repeat from * to * to end of the rnd.

Rnd 12: K3, p1, k2, p1, *k3, p1.* Repeat from * to * to end of the rnd.

Rnd 13: K3, p1, M1, k2, p1, *k3, p1.* Repeat from * to * to end of the rnd.

Rnd 14: *k3, p1.* Repeat from * to * to end of the rnd.

Place the first 16 sts on waste yarn. This is the side arm of the cactus.

Rnd 15: Joining in the round, leaving the sts on the waste yarn to work later. *K3, p1.* Repeat from * to * to end of the rnd.

Rnds 16 – 30: *K3, p1.* Repeat from * to * to end of the rnd.

Stuff with fiberfill. Continue to stuff as you work the decreases.

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Rnd 31: *K2 tog, k1, p1.* Repeat from * to * to end of the rnd.

Rnd 32: *K2, p1.* Repeat from * to * to end of the rnd.

Rnd 33: *K2tog, p1.* Repeat from * to * to end of the rnd.

Rnd 34 - 35: *K2tog* Repeat from * to * to end of the rnd.

Rnd 36: K2tog twice.

Bind off.

Cactus Arm

Replace the 16 sts from the waste yarn onto 3 needles. Cast on 4 additional stitches where the arm meets the main body of the cactus. (20 sts)

Rnds 1 – 8: *K3, p1.* Repeat from * to * to end of the rnd.

Stuff with fiberfill. Continue to stuff as you work the decreases.

Rnd 9: *K2tog, k1, p1.* Repeat from * to * to end of the rnd. (15 sts)

Rnd 10: *K2tog, p1.* Repeat from * to * to end of the rnd. (10 sts)

Rnd 11: *K2tog.* Repeat from * to * to end of the rnd. (5 sts)

Rnd 12: K2tog twice, K1. (3 sts)

Thread the yarn through the remaining live stitches. Secure. Weave in ends.

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