

Felted Snowflake Coasters and Cuff

from Knit Picks

These felted projects are designed for streamlined knitting and felting for holiday decorating and gift giving. Several repeats of the coaster design are knitted in the round so that you can make several at a time.

After you cast-off the round, felt the whole thing, and then you can easily cut each coaster.

A second round of felting finishes off the cut edges. The coffee cup cuffs are knit in the round one at a time on DPNs, but if you use two circular needles, you can knit two at the same time.

COASTERS

Each coaster requires 28 stitches. This includes the buffer stitches for cutting between the coasters. Once you have decided how many coasters you want to knit, multiply that number by 28 and loosely cast on those stitches. Four coasters fit nicely around a 24" needle and are a nice number for gift giving. Join the round, being sure not to twist the stitches. Knit rows 1-33 of the Coaster chart. Cast off loosely.

As you knit the colorwork, weave the contrasting yarn along the back as you work over any sections that cover more than 3 stitches wide. That way you won't have any long loops of yarn along the back.

It is very important to cast on and off loosely so that the top and bottom edges felt as evenly as possible.

Felt the round until the fabric is lightly felted. Cut the coasters. Run the coasters through a second hot water agitation (or more) until you are satisfied with the felting and the edges have a nice finish.

CUFF

Using DPNs or two 24" circular needles, loosely cast on 60 stitches. Following the Cuff chart, repeat the pattern twice, working the increases between the two snowflake patterns. Use a backward loop to add a stitch of the correct color in the increase section. Cast off loosely and felt.

FELTING

General directions:

Use the hot water wash and standard agitation settings of a top loading washing machine. Set your washing machine for a medium or large load. Pour 2 to 3 tablespoons liquid laundry detergent or liquid dishwashing soap in while the machine fills up with hot water. Put in your items to be felted and an old pair of jeans or a couple old towels (for abrasive action). Run through the agitation cycle. If your washer does not have a hot rinse option, stay nearby and stop the machine before the rinse cycle begins.



Coasters: approx. 3%" x 3%" after felting Cuff: approx. 3%" high x 5" circumference at widest point after felting

Yarn:

Knit Picks *Telemark* (100% Peruvian Wool, 103 yards/50 grams) For 4 coasters and one cuff:
Cobalt 23930 (MC), 1 ball
Drift 23935 (CC), 1 ball

Needles

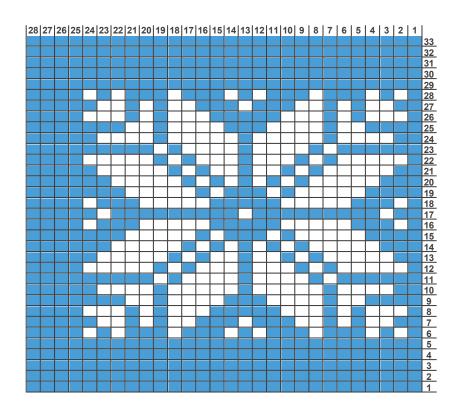
Size 4 (3.5 mm): 24" circular for coasters Size 4 (3.5 mm): DPN or two 24" circulars for cuff Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

Gauge:

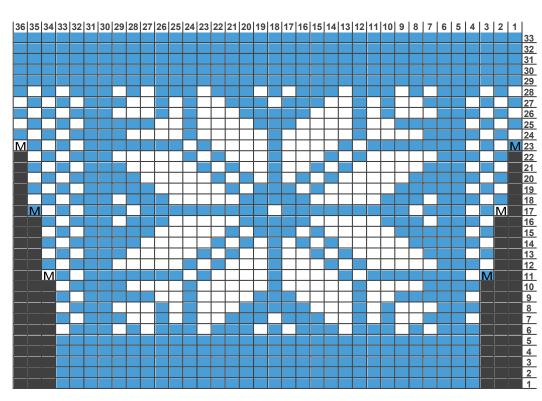
24 sts = 4" in stockinette stitch.



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Coaster Pattern



Cuff Pattern

33
32
31
Note: The grey areas indicate increases. Use an E-wrap increase in appropriately colored yarn to maintain color pattern.

Legend	gend: No Stitch				
	No Stitch				
	knit				
М	Increase				

Abbreviations cont		continue	pat	pattern	sl1k	slip 1 kwise	
		dec	decrease(es)	pm	place marker	sl1p	slip 1 pwise
"	inches	DPN(s)	double pointed	pop	popcorn	sm	slip marker
()	rep inst bet ()'s as		needle(s)	pr	previous row	ssk	sl, sl, k these 2 sts tog
	many times as noted	fl	front loop(s)	prev	previous	ssp	slip, slip, purl
	afterward	foll	follow(s)(ing)	psso	pass slipped stitch	sssk	sl, sl, sl, k these 3 sts tog
*	rep inst foll single * as	inst	instructions		over	st st	stockinette stitch
	directed	K, k	knit	pwise	purlwise	sts	stitch(es)
* *	rep inst bet * *'s as	k2tog	knit two sts together	R	row	tbl	through back loop
	many times as noted	kfb	knit through the front	rem	remain(ing)	tfl	through front loop
	after		and the back of the stitch	rep	repeat	tog	together
[]	rep inst bet []'s as	kwise	knitwise	Rev st st	reverse stockinette	w&t	wrap & turn (see
	many times as noted	LH	left hand		stitch		specific instructions in
	after	lps	loops	RH	right hand		pattern)
alt	alternate	m	meter	rnd(s)	round(s)	WE	work even
approx	approiximately	M1	make one stitch	RS	right side	WS	wrong side
beg	begin/beginning	MC	main color	sk	skip	wyib	with yarn in back
bet	between	mm	millimeter(s)	sk2p	sl 1, k2tog, pass	wyif	with yarn in front
ВО	bind off	ndl(s)	needle(s)		slipped stitch over	yd(s)	yard(s)
CC	contrast color	oz	ounce		k2tog: 2 sts dec	yfwd	yarn forward
cm	centimeter(s)	P up	pick up	skp	sl, k, psso: 1 st dec	yo	yarn over
cn	cable needle	P, p	purl	sl	slip	yon	yarn over needle
CO	cast on	p2tog	purl 2 sts together	sl st	slip stitch(es)	yrn	yarn around needle
СО	cast on	_		_	_		