

Pattern for Hexagon Quilt (Beekeeper's Quilt) on the Singer double bed machine



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This very original design can of course be knitted by hand, but that was too time-consuming for me. So I sat down and experimented with my good old Singer Memo II machine until I had it figured out.

This isn't hard to knit, anybody who can knit a sock toe on the machine can knit hexagons!

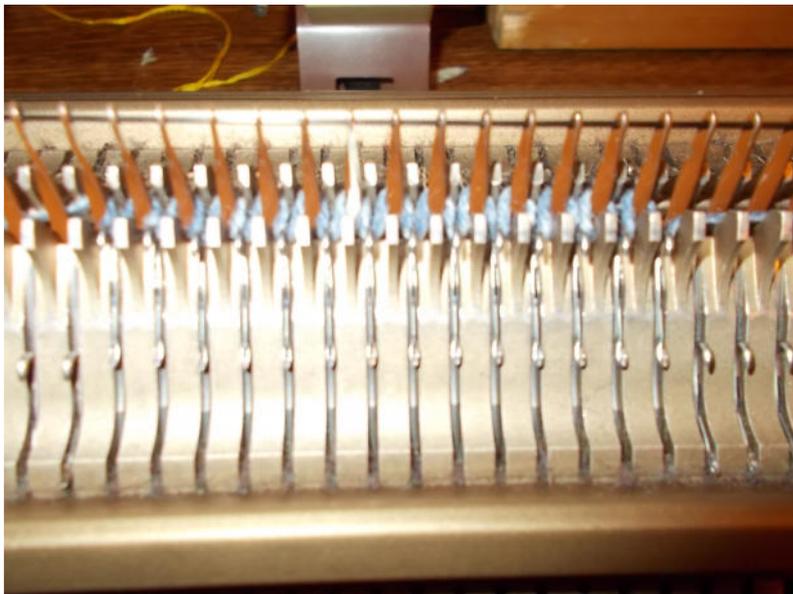
Material:

Lots of leftover 4ply sock yarn, stuffing material. A tapestry needle for sewing the hexagons together, three needles size 2,5 for binding off.

Casting on

Beds at half pitch, stitch size 1

Cast on 2x14 stitches, hang small comb with three weights.



Knit lower half (with increases)

Attention: this is knitted in the round (like a sock), so 1 row on the row counter equals two rows knitted (one forth, one back).

Set for circular, beds at pitch, ss6-7

Knit 2 rows.

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On the front bed, push 1 needle on each side to working position, knit one row

On the back bed, push 1 needle on each side to working position, knit one row

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Repeat from * to * until you have 24 needles on each bed in work.

Take care that the edge stitches are knitted correctly, you may have to help with the hook tool and gently pull the knitting down.

Knit another two rows.



Upper Half (with decreases)

*with the two-pronged tool, decrease one stitch at the edges, in all there are four decreases, two on the front and two on the back bed.

Knit 2 rows.

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Repeat from * to * until there are 2x14 stitches in working position left.

It helps a lot to use the claw weights on the edges here!



Next Hexagon

Change color, knit second hexagon exactly as the first.

Once you have enough hexagons for your project, knit a few rows with waste yarn and throw the finished knitting off the machine.

That's what the finished piece looks like:



Finishing

Pick up live stitches from upper end on needle no. 2,5, pull waste yarn out and bind loosely off.

Push stuffing into the hexagons, sew along the line between one hexagon and the next. This is easily done, as you sew exactly on the line where the colour changes.



Information 1: taking care of the holes

There are big holes where the increases have been made, but we take care of those when we sew the hexagon stripes together. Just pick up one stitch on the side of each hole with your tapestry needle and pull tight, the hole will close.

Information 2: avoiding holes altogether

If you like a neater look with no holes at all, do the increases on the lower half of the hexagons in a different way. Push one needle on the edge in working position, pick up the foot of the next stitch and put it on the empty needle. This is a bit more fiddly work, but it effectively prevents holes from forming.

For a straight edge: knit half hexagons

For a straight edge, begin the next chain of hexagons with half a hexagon. Cast on 2x24 stitches and knit only the upper half.

At the end of the chain, knit only the lower half and throw off with waste yarn.

This is what it looks like when sewed together:



And this is my finished project:



It's a seat cover for my favourite sitting&knitting place on my little bench in the winter garden. Doesn't it look nice and make you smile?

Happy knitting!

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