

Modified Stripe Seed Stitch Napkin Ring

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This is the fourth napkin ring that I designed for what became a “sampler” set of six napkin rings.

My love for seed stitch attracted me to stripe seed stitch when I came across it in a pattern library. As with the other patterns I chose for the sampler set, stripe seed stitch is a simple but nicely textured stitch that I thought would complement the napkins I fancied. These napkins were quite colorful and had both writing and figures on them (see top photo). I also liked that stripe seed stitch formed a vertical pattern, which would be a pleasant contrast to the other, horizontally-oriented, patterns I'd already selected.

The original stripe seed stitch is a multiple of 11 stitches—five knit stitches followed by six seed stitches. I modified the pattern to be a multiple of 7 stitches—three knit stitches and four seed stitches—so that it was better proportioned for the napkin ring's dimensions.

If you use Lorna's Laces Green Line DK, as I did, you can make six napkin rings from just one hank—a beautiful bargain!

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1 hank Lorna's Laces Green Line DK (100% organic merino wool; 145 yd/2 oz), shown at right in Chocolate (top) and Growth (bottom).

NEEDLES & NOTIONS

US 4 (3.5 mm) dpns, set of 4.

Stitch marker.

Napkin ring inserts, 44 mm diameter (optional; see **NOTES**).

Darning needle to finish.

GAUGE

6 sts and 8 rows = 1" in St st, however gauge is not critical (see **NOTES**).

FINISHED SIZE

Before edges folded and seamed over insert, approx 2.75" high and 6.5" around center.



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NOTES

The beginning six rounds and ending five rounds (in St st) form the napkin ring's interior. If you don't want to use inserts, visit MakerKnit.com and search "napkin ring" for suggestions on changing the pattern and for other finishing alternatives.

The stated gauge will produce a knitted tube that fits around 44 mm inserts, with the finished napkin ring being about 1.5" high and 7.25" around. So unless you choose to use similar inserts or want your napkin rings to be exactly that size, gauge is not critical.

For the long-tail CO method, leave yourself a 23" tail when making your slipknot.

INSTRUCTIONS

CO 35 sts. Spread out sts over 3 dpns—11 sts, 12 sts, 12 sts. PM and join to work in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts.

Rnds 1 through 6: k all sts.

Rnds 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17: *k3, k1, p1, k1, p1, repeat from * to end of rnd.

Rnds 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18: *k3, p1, k1, p1, k1, repeat from * to end of rnd.

Rnds 19 through 23: k all sts.

FINISHING

BO wise leaving 18" tail for seaming. Use BO tail and invisible horizontal seam to sew CO and BO edges tog over napkin ring insert (if using), tucking in CO tail under seam as you go. For finishing help, visit MakerKnit.com and enter "napkin ring" in the search box.

ABBREVIATIONS

approx	approximately	p	purl
BO	bind off	PM	place marker
CO	cast on	rnd(s)	round(s)
dpns	double-pointed needles	st(s)	stitch(es)
k	knit	St st	Stockinette stitch
kwise	knitwise, as if to knit	tog	together
mm	millimeter(s)	yd	yard(s)
oz	ounce(s)	*	repeat starting point



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