

Slice of Christmas by thedomesticdash.com

Yarn requirements: 7 Balls Cascade 128 in main color, 4 Balls Cascade 128 in contrast color

Gauge: 12sts to 4 inches

Needles: Size 10.5, (or size to obtain gauge) In a 24 inch length and in a 32 inch, (or longer)

For Skirt Body:

Cast on 76 stitches, with main color, on to the shorter needle. Place markers every 7 stitches. Join into a round, being careful not to twist, placing a different color marker to designate beginning of the round. NOTE: The last section will have 6 stitches not 7, these stitches will be knit in a ribbed pattern, and will be where you will steek your work.

Round 1, and all odd rounds - Knit to the last 6 stitches, k1,p1,k2,p1,k1

Round 2, and all even rounds - *Knit 1, Make 1, knit to next marker, repeat from * to last six stitches, then, k1,p1,k2,p1,k1.

Repeat Round 1 and Round 2 until you have 49 stitches between each marker, ending after completing Round 1, switch to the longer needle when stitches get tight.

For Lace Border: With spare needle and contrast color yarn, cast on 11 stitches.

Row 1 Slip 2, k2, yo, k2tog, k1, yo twice, k2tog, yo twice, k2tog.

Row 2 Slip 1, k1, p1, k2, p1, k3, yo, k2tog, k1, k1together thru the back loop with first stitch of skirt.

Row 3 Slip 2, with yarn in front, k2, yo, k2tog, k3, yo twice, k2tog, yo twice, k2tog.

Row 4 Slip 1, k1, p1, k2, p1, k5, yo, k2tog, k1, k1together thru the back loop with next stitch of skirt.

Row 5 Slip 2, with yarn in front, k2, yo, k2tog, k5, yo twice, k2tog, yo twice, k2tog.

Row 6 Slip 1, k1, p1, k2, p1, k7, yo, k2tog, k1, k1together thru the back loop with next stitch of skirt.

Row 7 Slip 2, with yarn in front, k2, yo, k2tog, k11.

Row 8 Bind off 6stitches, k6, yo, k2tog, k1, k1together thru the back loop with next stitch of skirt.

Repeat rows 1-8 working all the way around skirt, (do not attach border to the 6 stitches in the steeking section).

After attaching to last stitch, bind off.

To open skirt:

Sew along either side of the ribbed section with a sewing machine, to anchor the stitches before you cut. With sharp scissors cut straight up your ribbed section, don't panic it will be fine!!

For Skirt Collar:

Using contrast color yarn, pick up and knit 1 stitch in each stitch around center circle of skirt.

Row 1 P2, K2 across

Row 2 P2, k2 across

Work ribbing for 8 rows, Bind Off

To Cover steeked edges:

On right side of work pick up and knit 3stitches for every 4 rows up side.

Row 1 purl

Row 2 knit

Row 3 purl

Row 4 knit

Row 5 knit

Row 6 knit

Row 7 purl

Row 8 knit

Row 9 purl

Bind Off all stitches, leave a 36 inch tail of yarn. Use this yarn to sew the bound off stitches to the wrong side of work encasing the cut work. Repeat rows 1-9 on the other side.

Embellish, or Don't:

Your skirt is now complete, or use it as a canvas to decorate to your heart's content! Duplicate Stitch, needle felt, sew on some sequins, embroider, add jingle bells, ribbons, felt cut outs, monogram, there are no rules, there is no tacky, it's Christmas after all! Enjoy!

