

Patterns using 'the stash'

Most of us have odd balls of yarn left over from other projects or yarn just obtained because of its appeal. The trouble is that this sort of yarn, 'the stash', multiplies very quickly, so the following are a couple of ideas to try and limit the size of your stash. They are both quick and easy to finish!

Knee Rug. by Elisabeth Kauer



Various colours of 8 ply wool and stranded yarn of various colours made to form a 8-10 ply yarn
Tension =5 The rug consists of twenty knitted squares of various colours, using the 4 stitches and 5 rows ratio, the squares consist of 42 stitches (2 stitches are used for seams) and 50 rows plus a loose cast on row and a loose cast off row. Each square measured approximately 23-24cm and the finished rug was 100cm by 107 cm. (Note this was very hard to measure as the rug was very stretchy.)

Use any loose cast on for 42 stitches and * knit 50 rows and knit off manually one loose row then cast off loosely. Hook up the 42 stitches of the loosely cast off row and hand pull through another coloured yarn* and continue from * to *. Attach 5 squares in this manner then knit a total of these 5 square strips 4 times. Remember to plan the sequence of your coloured squares. Sew the 4 strips together and edge the rug with the cable edge.

Easy Throw Pattern by Maureen McIntosh

Measurements 100cm wide, 185cm long.

Bulky Machine using 9 mixed yarns.

Tension 9, Card 1 tucked.

Cast on 100 sts. With latch tool.

K 1 row to set needles

Knit 450 rows.

Knit 1 row. Cast off with latch tool.

Make tassels 12 cm long. (cut yarn 25cm long)