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## YARN:

1 x 100g Rowan Pure Wool Worsted in Mallard 144 (A)  
1x100g Rowan Pure Wool Worsted in Soft Cream 102 (B)  
1x100g Rowan Pure Wool Worsted in Olive 125 (C)

## NEEDLES/ CROCHET HOOK:

1 pair of 4.5mm (US7) needles  
4.5mm (G/6) crochet hook

## OTHER MATERIALS:

3 buttons  
Darning needle  
40cm x40cm cushion pad

## TENSION:

14 sts and 23 rows to 10cm square measured over patt using 4.5mm (US7) needles.

## FINISHED SIZE:

To fit a 40cm x40cm cushion.

## SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS:

Y2rn – wrap the yarn twice around the needle before working the next stitch.

dc – Double Crochet (US single crochet)

## SWISS DARNING METHOD:

Swiss darning is a fabulous way of embroidering a stitch that looks like a knit stitch, quickly creating a decorative effect on knitted fabric, which in this case is intended to look like Fairisle.

Thread a darning needle with yarn. Bring the point of the needle through from the back at the base of the stitch to be worked and draw yarn through. Take the needle behind the 2 loops of the stitch above from right

to left and draw yarn through. Insert needle into same place as before and bring through at base of next stitch to be covered. Draw yarn through and ensure that the stitch matches the tension of the main knitted fabric. Continue as required.

## CUSHION - FRONT:

Using Yarn A and 4.5mm (US) needles, cast on 66 stitches.

Starting with a knit row, work in stocking stitch as follows:

**Row 1:** Knit

**Row 2:** Purl

Continue until work measures 40cm and cast off.

## CUSHION - LOWER BACK:

Using Yarn B and 4.5mm (US) needles cast on 66 stitches.

Starting with a knit row, continue in stocking stitch until work measures 20cm.

With RS facing, continue in rib as follows:

**Row 1:** K2 (P2, K2) to end

**Row 2:** P2 (K2, P2) to end

Repeat last 2 rows four more times.

Cast off in rib.

## CUSHION - UPPER BACK:

Using Yarn B and 4.5mm (US) needles cast on 66 stitches.

Starting with a knit row, continue in stocking stitch until work measures 20cm.

With RS facing, continue in rib as follows:

**Row 1:** K2 (P2, K2) to end

**Row 2:** P2 (K2, P2) to end

Repeat last 2 rows one more time.

**Row 5:** Rib 10st (K2tog, y2rn, skpo, rib17) twice, K2tog, y2rn, skpo, rib10.

**Row 6:** Rib to end working twice into each y2rn.

**Row 7:** K2 (P2, K2) to end

**Row 8:** P2 (K2, P2) to end

Repeat rows 7 & 8 twice more.

Cast off in rib.

### **SWISS DARNING:**

On the cushion front, use the swiss darning method to create a Fairisle effect as follows:

Starting 3 rows down from the top of the cushion front, embroider 2 rows of stitches across the knitted fabric, one in Yarn A and one in Yarn C as in the photograph.

Leave 2 rows between Yarn A and Yarn B. Repeat this pattern approximately every 4 cm/10 rows so that there are 7 double stripes in total.

### **CROCHET TRIM & FINISHING:**

Weave in any loose ends. Assemble cushion by pinning the wrong sides together and overlapping the ribbing of the Upper Back with the ribbing of the Lower Back.

**Round 1:** Create the crochet trim by joining Yarn C in any stitch. Make 1dc into each st around the cushion cover, 3dc in each corner st, to end.

**Round 2:** 1dc into each st around cushion cover, 3dc in each corner st, join with a ss into first st.

Fasten off and sew in ends.

Sew on buttons and insert cushion pad.

