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If you reduce a diamond pattern to its minimum only four points remains. One at each corner.

Then maximize these corners to the third dimension using cast ons and cast offs and you have the pattern for a front panel. The lower back panel reproduces these diamonds in stockinette and reversed stockinette stitch, whereas the upper back panel uses a seed stitch, the smallest diamond pattern of all.

Size

Approximately 40cm (15,7in)

Yarn

Rowan Pure Wool Worsted (100% wool)
shown here in shade 131 Mustard
3 x 100g

Buttons

5 x 30mm (1,18in)

Square cushion pad

45 cm square cushion pad

Needles

4½mm (US 7)

Tension

20 sts and 26 rows to 10cm (4in) square over front panel pattern when using 4½mm (US 7) knitting needles. Adjust the needle size to obtain the correct tension.

Special Abbreviations

C: *knit 1 st, leaving old st on left needle, twist the new stitch and place it on the left needle; rep 6 times from *), cast off the new 7 sts.

Front Panel

Cast on 85 sts.

Row 1 (RS): Knit.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: k2, *k4, C, k3; repeat from * to last 3 sts, k3.

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: Knit.

Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: Knit.

Row 8: Purl.

Row 9: Knit.

Row 10: Purl.

Row 11: k2, *C, k7; to last 3 sts, C, k2.

Row 12: Purl.

Row 13: Knit.

Row 14: Purl.

Row 15: Knit.

Row 16: Purl.

Row 17: Knit.

Row 18: Purl.

Row 3 - 18 forms the pattern. Repeat Row 3 to 18 for further 5 times.

Next row (RS): as Row 3

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Knit.

Next Row (WS): Cast off purl wise.

Front Panel should measure approximately 41cm (16in)

Lower Back Panel

With the RS facing, pick up 85 sts along the cast on edge of the front panel.

Next row (WS) : Purl.

Row 1 (RS): k6, *p1, k7; repeat from * to last 7 sts, p1, k6.

Row 2: p6, *k1, p7; repeat from * to last 7 sts, k1, p6.

Row 3: *k5, p3; repeat from * to last 5 sts, k5.

Row 4: *p5, k3; repeat from * to last 5 sts, p5.

Row 5: k4, *p5, k3; repeat from * to last sts, k1.

Row 6: p4, *k5, p3; repeat from * to last sts, p1.

Row 7: k3, *p7, k1; repeat from * to last 10 sts, p7, k3.

Row 8: p3, *k7, p1; repeat from * to last 10 sts, k7, p3.

Row 9: as Row 5

Row 10: as Row 6

Row 11: as Row 3

Row 12: as Row 4

Row 1 - 12 forms the pattern. Repeat Row 1 to 12 for further 5 times.

Repeat Row 1 to 6 ending with RS facing for next row.

Next Row (RS): Cast off knit wise.

Lower back panel should measure approximately 30cm (11.8in) from cast on seam.

Upper Back Panel

With the RS facing pick up 85 sts along the cast off edge of the front panel.

Next row (WS): Purl.

Row 1 (RS): *k1, p1; repeat from * to last st, k1.

Row 2: as Row 1

These 2 rows form the seed stitch pattern. Repeat these 2 rows until the upper back panel measures approximately 13cm (5.1in) ending with RS facing for next row.

Next row (Buttonhole Cast-off row) (RS): Keeping stitch pattern correct as set work 11 sts, *cast off 3 sts, keeping stitch pattern correct as set work until 12 sts are on the right needle; repeat from * to last 11 sts, keeping stitch pattern correct as set work last 11 sts. (5 buttonholes)

Next row (Buttonhole Cast-on row) (WS): Keeping stitch pattern correct as set work 11 sts, *cast on 3 sts, keeping stitch pattern correct work 12 sts; repeat from * to last 11 sts, keeping stitch pattern correct as set work last 11 sts. (85 sts)

Continue in stitch pattern as set until piece measures 17cm (6.75in) from cast on seam ending with RS facing for next row. Cast of in patt.

Finishing

Press as described on ball band.

Sewing side seams using mattress stitch.

Sew on buttons to the Lower Back Panel in line with the buttonholes.

