

## Cover that Cake with Colorful Berries



This covers those “large” yarn cakes make by using hand-winders. Easy to modify by trying it on your cake. My cakes are about 3.5 inches tall by 14 inches in circumference.

### Materials

- DK or worsted weight wool
- Two Size 8 (5 mm) 12-inch circular needles or size needed to obtain gauge.  
Notes: 1. Any size cable will work on the circulars if you don't mind hanging cables. 2. Substitute if you like to use double pointed needles.
- Size 4 dpns for icord

### Gauge

4 stitches = 1 inch

5 rows = 1 inch

Gauge is not really critical.

### Abbreviations

p = purl

k = knit

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together

s1wyib = slip one stitch with yarn held to the back of the work

yo = yarn over

### Pattern Stitches

#### Crossed Braid (multiples of 4)

Row 1: \*p1, s1wyib, k1, yo, pass slipped stitch over the knit1 and yo, p1\* repeat across row

Row 2: \* p1, k2, p1\* repeat across row

### ***Top***

With circular needles and Old Norwegian Cast On method, or use long tail, CO 48 sts. Place 24 sts on each circular needle. Join into the round\*.

**Row 1:** Purl

**Row 2:** Knit

**Row 3:** k2, yo, k2tog

**Row 4 & 5:** k

### ***Middle***

Start the **Crossed Braid** pattern. Continue for 25 rows, about 5.5 inches.

### ***Base***

**Row 1:** \*k6, k2tog\* - 6 times

**Row 2:** knit

**Row 3:** \*k5, k2tog\* - 6 times

**Row 4:** knit

**Row 5:** \*k4, k2tog\* - 6 times

**Row 6:** knit

**Row 7:** \*k3, k2tog\* - 6 times

**Row 8:** knit

**Row 9:** \*k2, k2tog\* - 6 times

**Row 10:** knit

**Row 11:** \*k1, k2tog\* - 6 times

**Row 12:** knit

**Row 13:** \*k2tog\* - 6 times

**Row 14:** \*k2tog\* - 3 times

### ***Finish***

Cut yarn and then thread through the three remaining stitches, pull tight to close circle. Weave in all ends.

Using Size 4 dpns, cast on 3 stitches and make a 20 inch icord. The icord can be longer if you like to walk while knitting so you can carry the yarn. Thread the icord through the eyelets. Tie each end of the icord for a tidier finish.

\*Note: I like to use the Cat Bordhi method of join. It can be found on the Internet. I don't end up with a starting hole if I use this method.