Advanced Beginner

Mosaic Knit notes

- On RS rows, keep the yarn in the back when you slip a stitch

- On WS rows, bring the yarn forward when you slip a stitch

- Alternate colors every 2 rows

- Always slip "as if to purl" so you don't twist a stitch

- All even (WS) rows just knit the stitches that are the color you are working with and slip the other colored stitches, remembering to bring the working yarn to the WS before you slip the stitches!

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Mosaic Trivet

Materials:

- 2 sks NFAC Rambouillet (about 100 yds each of a light and a dark) - this yarn knits at 5 sts/in in stockinette stitch
- US size 6, or size to obtain gauge over mosaic stitch

Gauge:

5.5 -6 sts/inch in mosaic stitch—obviously, this isn't a fitted garment so gauge isn't critical. I chose to knit this yarn on a needle 2 sizes smaller than I ordinarily would have for a garment because for a trivet I wanted the fabric dense and thick, which mosaic knitting in a garter stitch base as I did here, lends itself to well.

Finished Size: *Approx. 7.25" square*

With color A, co 35 sts

Knit 1 row A

Follow pattern stitch (see next page), starting with color B

Work 2 repeats of this 32 row pattern.

To end, using color A, purl 1 row and knit 1 row.

Bind off knitwise, leaving last loop on the needle.

Now, pick up stitches along side edge of trivet, turn and bind off. Cut thread and weave in end.

Now pick up and knit 35 sts along other side edge of trivet, turn and bind off knitwise. Cut thread and weave in ends. Block by steaming thru a wet towel.

Voila!

Pattern Stitch (from one of the Barbara Walker pattern books)

Row 1: (RS) with color B, k1, *(k1, sl1, k3, sl1) twice, k3, sl1*, end k2

Row 2 and all WS rows: knit the same sts worked on previous row with the color from previous row and slip all the "other" color sts with yarn in front

Row 3: With A k1 *sl1, k3* end sl1, k1

Row 5: With B k4, *sl1, k1, *sl1, k3) twice, sl1, k5* end k4 instead of k5

Row 7: With A, k2, *sl2, k3 (sl1, k3) twice, sl2, k1* end k1

Row 9: With B, k4, *(sl1, k3) twice, sl1, k1, sl1, k5* end k4 instead of k5

Row 11: With A k1 *sl1, k3* end sl1, k1

Row 13: With B, k2 *(sl1, k3) twice, sl1, k1, sl1, k3, sl1, k1* end k1

Row 15: With A, k3 *sl1, k3*

Row 17: With B k2 *(sl1, k1, sl1, k3) twice, sl1, k3* end k1

Row 19: With A k1 *sl1, k3* end sl1, k1

Row 21: With B k4 *sl1, k1, sl1, k5 (sl1, k3) twice* end k2

Row 23: With A, k3 *sl1, k3, sl2, k1, sl2, k3, sl1, k3*

Row 25: With B k2 *sl1, k3, sl1, k5, sl1, k1, sl1, k3* end k1

Row 27: With A k1 *sl1, k3* end sl1, k1

Row 29: With B k4 *(sl1, k3, sl1 k1)twice, sl1, k3* end k1

Row 31: With A, k3 *sl1, k3*

Row 32: like all other even rows

Work 2 repeats of this 32 row repeat.

Using A, purl 1 row and then knit 1 row . Bind off knitwise, leaving last loop on needle. Now, pickup & knit 30 sts along side edge of trivet (counting the last stitch bound off, you have 31 sts on needle). Turn and bind off these 31 sts knitwise. Cut thread and weave in end