Valentine's Day

Materials:

One ball each white and red worsted-weight (UK Aran) yarn Tapestry needle Two stitch holders

Polyester wadding

Instructions:

Make two. Using red yarn and 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles, cast on 42 sts.

Work 14 rows in SS.

Change to white yarn and continue in SS until cosy measures 15cm (6in) from the cast on edge.

Shape the top

Row 1: k7, k2tog, *k6, k2tog*, rep from * to * to last st, k1.

Row 2: purl.

Row 3: k6, k2tog, *k5, k2tog*, rep from * to * to last st, k1.

Row 4: purl.

Row 5: knit.

Row 6: purl.

Row 7: *k4, yo, k2tog, k4, yo, k2tog, k4, yo, k2tog*, rep from * to * to last st

Row 8: purl.

Row 9: knit.

Row 10: purl.

Change to red and continue with SS for 14 rows. Cast off.

Make up the cosy

Place the wrong sides of the cosy together (right sides facing out).

Sew the top

Thread tapestry needle with one of the white tails.

Sew 6cm (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in) down one side, starting at the first white row.

Fasten off, hide tail in seam.

Repeat on other side of cosy.

Needles:

One pair 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles One pair of 4mm (UK 8, US 6) DPN One pair 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) DPN

Tension:

5 sts = 2.5cm (1in)

Sew the bottom

Thread the tapestry needle with one of the red tails of yarn from the cast on edge. Sew up one side for 4cm (1½in). Fasten off, hide tail in seam. Repeat on other side of cosy.

Make the hearts

For two hearts make four heart shapes. Using red yarn and 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles, cast on 3 sts. Row 1: purl. Row 2: k1, yo, k1, yo, k1. Row 3: purl. Row 4: k1, yo, k3, yo, k1. Row 5: purl. Row 6: k1, yo, k5, yo, k1. Row 7: purl. Row 8: k1, yo, k7, yo, k1. Row 9: purl. Row 10: k1, yo, k9, yo, k1. Row 11: p5, p2tog, p6. Work the top of the hearts following the directions below.

Do not cut yarn.

Make the first lobe

Row 1: k1, ssk, k1, k2tog. Slip remaining 6 sts onto st holder. Row 2: p1, p2tog, p1. Row 3: knit. Row 4: sl1 purlwise, p2tog, psso.