

KNITTED POSTCARD

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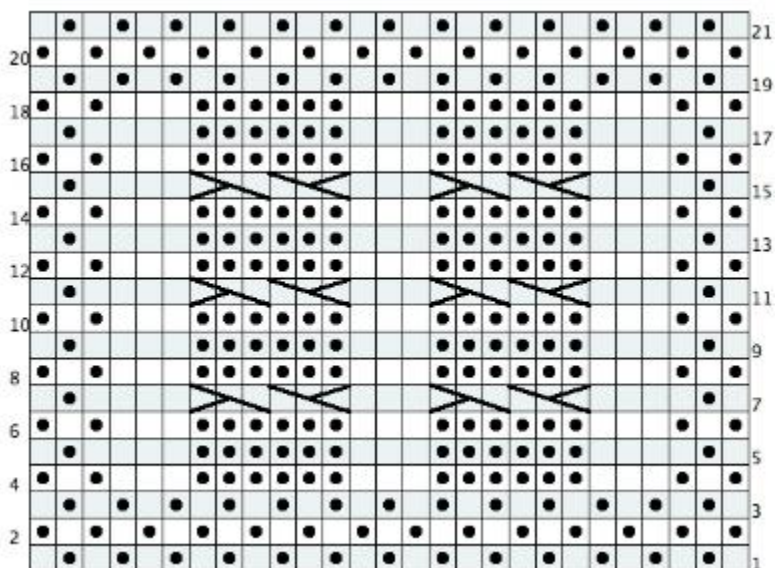
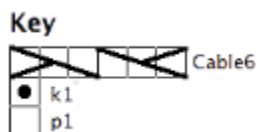
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I've always liked the idea of sending something unusual through the mail -in this case, something soft that would pass through the hands of people who are not used to touching soft mail. Also, I enjoy sending knitted love, because anyone who has received a knitted gift knows that it is a labor of love.

This is a wonderful beginner knitting project because it knits up quickly and offers instant gratification. It's also a great way to use up test swatches for more seasoned knitters, or simply a project to use up the last bits of a lonesome skein.

Size 10 needles
 Yarn: Lamb's Pride Bulky
 Gauge 28 sts x 21 rows = 6"x4"



CO 27 sts

Row 1 (WS): *k1, p1* repeat to end of row

Row 2 (RS): *p1, k1* repeat to end of row

Row 3 (WS): *k1, p1* repeat to end of row

Row 4 : k1, p1, k4, p6, k3, p6, k4, p1, k1

Row 5: p1, k1, p4, k6, p3, k6, p4, k1, p1

Row 6: k1, p1, k4, p6, k3, p6, k4, p1, k1

Row 7 (cable row): p1, k1, p4, *slip next 3 sts to cable needle & hold in back, k3 sts, k3 sts off cable needle*, p3, repeat *, p4, k1, p1

Rows 8-15: repeat rows 4-7 (2 times)

Rows 16-18: repeat rows 4-6

Rows 19-21: repeat rows 1-3

BO, weave in ends.

To make the postcard backing, you'll need a 4"x6" sheet of matboard. Round the corners with a pair of scissors, and with a hole punch, make 7 holes along the 4" sides, and 8 holes

along the 6" sides. There will be 30 holes total. You can measure it out if you'd like – I eyeballed mine. With a contrasting color yarn, stitch your knitted postcard to the matboard. Write a message to a friend, and send it off!

If you're a beginner knitter, and not ready to tackle seed stitch and cables yet, you can practice your knitting skills and make a simpler postcard. Cast on 22sts with a size 10 needle, and knit until the piece measures 4". You'll have a garter stitch postcard. If you want to practice your purls too, you can knit a stockinette stitch postcard by alternating knit stitch and purl stitch rows.