

## Christmas Pillow



### Materials:

- 1 skein Caron International's Simply Soft yarn in Green
- 1 skein Caron International's Simply Soft yarn in Red
- DMC Gold Glitter thread in Dark Sage (MC), Autumn Red (CC), and Gold (held together with CC) (optional)
- US 8 (5 mm) knitting needles or size to obtain gauge
- Yarn Needle
- Split-ring stitch marker or safety pin
- 14" Pillow Form
- 3 buttons – 3/4" diameter
- 1/2 yard dark green fabric, for lining pillow cover (optional)

### Abbreviations and Stitches Used:

- k1-f/b (increase): Knit next st, then knit it through the back loop.
- k2tog (decrease): Knit 2 sts together through the front loops.
- Stockinette stitch (St st): Knit on RS, purl on WS.

- Seed stitch (Seed st): Row 1 (RS): \* K1, p1; repeat from \* across. Row 2: Knit the purl sts and purl the knit sts as they face you. Repeat Row 2 for Seed st.

### **Instructions:**

*Pillow measures approximately 14"*

*Pillow cover is worked using MC in Stockinette stitch, and lined (if desired); Bow and Sash are worked separately in Seed stitch, using CC and a strand of gold Glitter held together.*

#### Pillow Cover (Make 2)

1. Using MC, cast on 50 sts.
2. (RS) Begin St st; work even until piece measures 14" from beginning.
3. Bind off all sts.
4. With RS's of Pillow pieces facing each other, sew pieces together along 3 sides.
5. Lining (optional): Cut 2 pieces of fabric 15" square, or size to fit Pillow Cover pieces plus 1/2" on all sides for seam allowance. With RS's of Lining pieces facing each other, sew pieces together along 3 sides. Insert Lining into Pillow Cover, with WS's facing each other.
6. Pillow Form: Insert form into Pillow cover; turn under seam allowance on lining, sew edge. Sew remaining edge of Pillow cover neatly together.

#### Ribbon Sash

1. Using CC (and Gold Glitter, if desired), cast on 32 sts.
2. Begin Seed st; work even for 2 rows.
3. Buttonhole Rows: (RS) Continuing in Seed st, work 3 button holes across, having 5 sts at beginning and end of row as follows: Work 5 sts, bind off 3, work 6 sts, bind off 3, work 7 sts, bind off 3, work to end.
4. (WS) Work across in Seed st, casting on 3 sts over bound off sts.
5. Continuing in Seed st, work even until piece measures 28" from beginning.
6. Bind off all sts loosely in pattern.

#### Bow

*When working Bow, place a marker (pm) at beginning of RS rows, to indicate which edge is being shaped.*

1. Using CC (and Gold Glitter, if desired), cast on 2 sts. (RS) [k1-f/b] twice—4 sts.
2. Begin Seed st; work 1 row even; pm at beginning of next row to indicate edge being shaped
3. Shape Side: (RS) Beginning this row, increase 1 st (k1-f/b) at beginning of every other row 28 times, working increased sts in Seed st—32 sts; keep marker in place after last increase row.

4. Work even in Seed st until piece measures 41" from marker (last increase row), end with a WS row.
5. Shape Side: (RS) Beginning this row, decrease 1 st at end of every other row until 1 st remains, as follows: Work across to last 2 sts, k2tog. Note: The shaping is being worked at the opposite edge of the Bow piece.
6. Fasten off.

### Finishing

1. Using yarn needle, weave in ends.
2. Sew buttons opposite buttonholes on sash; wrap sash around pillow and button in place.
3. Bow: Tie Bow piece in large bow (see photo); attach to Front of Pillow.