

Elegant Easter Eggs

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These Elegant Easter Eggs were designed by our very own Jeanne (Two Askew Designs 2007©...askewtoo@gmail.com). Her ingenious design allows for fitting a standard plastic egg (filled with goodies) inside of the knitted one... an i-cord drawstring closure prevents the plastic egg from falling out. We used a cotton blend for the body - and angora to perk up the middle - but the pattern lends itself perfectly to using up scraps from your stash. Jeanne did a pastel version for her house, while I'm planning on knitting some with dark reds, cedars, and golds (ala Pottery Barn - because I have no imagination:().

Materials

- [Berroco Touche](#)(you don't need a full ball)
- [Lornas Laces Angel](#)(you don't need a full ball)
- Large Plastic Eggs
- [US 5 & US 2 Double Pointed Needles](#)

Gauge

- In pattern stitch, 20 stitches = 4"

Abbreviations

- CO: cast on
- K: knit
- P: purl
- sts: stitches
- kf&b: knit into front of stitch, leave on left needle and knit into back of same stitch, pull both stitches off, (increase 1 stitch).
- k2tog: knit 2 stitches together
- sl: slip stitch off left needle onto right needle as if to purl
- pssso: pass slipped stitch over
- yo: yarn over
- MC: Main Color
- CC: Contrasting Color

Directions (follow for each egg color)

Getting Started

- Using US 5 dpn's, CO 38 stitches using cable (or knitted) cast on, join into round, 12 sts on first & second needle, 14 on 3rd needle
- Row 1: knit
- Row 2: k2tog, yo, repeat to end
- Row 3: kf&b, knit to end, 39 sts

Chevron Pattern

- Row 1: kf&b, k4, sl1, k2tog, pssso, k4 repeat to end of row
- Row 2: knit
- Repeat Rows 1 and 2 as indicated by the colorway selected below.

Decrease Rounds

- Row 1: k2, k2tog, repeat until last few stitches; this will vary by 1 or 2 stitches each round, (note for last few stitches, the odd number of stitches confuses the decreases, so when you get to within those few stitches after the last k2tog, you will knit (maybe 3, maybe 2, and even maybe 1 stitch) before the very last 2 stitches, ALWAYS knit the last 2 stitches together on the decrease round.
- Row 2: knit
- Repeat these 2 rows until 4-6 stitches remain, cut a tail approximately 3 inches long and use tapestry needle to work through the stitches as if it's one more round and pull out needles. Push tapestry needle through center of the egg to inside, turn inside out, pulling very snug and weave in end.

Finishing

- Weave in ends
- Make a twisted cord for 1 of your eggs (see twisted cord directions)
- For remaining 2 eggs:
- Using US 2 needles, CO 2 sts using long tail CO
- Knit I cord (see I cord) for 12-14 inches
- Pull finished cord through eyelet row
- Add candy, or prizes to plastic egg, slip into your Elegant Egg, and tie bow!!

Twisted Cord

- Cut a piece of each color used, approximately 25 inches long, place ends, together and close into a drawer, holding drawer with foot, hand, kid, husband or any other handy object, pull tight and twist to the right until the yarn wants to curl back on itself. Keep doing this for a few more twists, (the yarn really wants to curl up now) pull taught and let it curl up on itself, starting in the middle. Once it's twisted to your satisfaction, tie a knot in the end in drawer, being careful not to let it untwist. Tie a knot in the other end, trim as needed and there you go! A twisted cord!

I Cord

- Once you have cast on the number called for in the pattern, knit to end, THEN, slide this work down to other end of double pointed needle, (DON'T TURN WORK) repeat until desired length. Cast off, weave in ends the, voila, an I Cord! Additional I Cord instructions can be found [here](#).

Pink and Yellow Egg

- CO in Pink (MC), knit in pink following rows 1-3, knitting straight for 3 rows.
- Begin Chevron pattern in MC for 4 rows
- CC in Chevron Pattern for 4 rows
- MC in Chevron Pattern for 2 rows
- CC in Chevron Pattern for 1 row
- MC in Chevron Pattern for 2 rows
- CC in Chevron Pattern for 4 rows
- MC knit 1 row
- Begin decrease rounds (as described above)

Blue and Sherbet Egg

- CO in Blue (MC), knit in blue following rows 1-3, knitting straight for 3 rows.
- Begin Chevron pattern in MC for 3 rows
- CC in Chevron Pattern for 1 rows
- MC in Chevron Pattern for 2 rows
- CC in Chevron Pattern for 1 row
- MC in Chevron Pattern for 1 rows
- CC in Chevron Pattern for 3 rows
- MC in Chevron Pattern for 1 rows
- CC in Chevron Pattern for 1 row
- MC in Chevron Pattern for 2 rows
- CC in Chevron Pattern for 1 rows

MC knit 1 row

- Begin decrease rounds (as described above)
- Yellow and Green Egg
- CO in Yellow (MC), knit in Yellow following rows 1-3, knitting straight for 3 rows.
- Begin Chevron pattern in MC for 3 rows
- CC in Chevron Pattern for 2 rows
- MC in Chevron Pattern for 2 rows
- CC in Chevron Pattern for 5 row
- MC in Chevron Pattern for 2 rows
- CC in Chevron Pattern for 2 rows
- MC knit 1 row
- Begin decrease rounds (as described above)



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