



Knitting with pencil roving is quick and fun. Try something new and make a colorful felted potholder.

I think the spring-like colors of this colorway add a fresh note to my winter kitchen. If you have some worsted weight yarn around, you can make two potholders, with one knit from solid roving and one with roving edging. The edging takes about 10 yards, so you could make 4 potholders with one skein of the roving if you use it for edging only.

Watch a video tutorial of how to hand-felt small knits at: www.duofiberworks.com/felting-video.

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Felted roving potholder

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Tools

- Size 13 double pointed or circular needles, or size needle to achieve gauge
- Yarn needle
- Scissors

Materials

Schoppel wolle Pencil roving, 100% wool, 50 grams, 40 meters=50g- 1 skein color #1701

For potholder with roving edging,

Cascade 220, 100% wool, 100 grams, 220 yards=100 grams- 1 skein color #8401

Finished Size

About 7½" across, after felting

Gauge

3 stitches and 2½ rows/ 1" in garter stitch

Abbreviations

K2tog: Decrease by knitting two stitches together

Pattern

Using size 13 double point or circular needles, cast on 60 sts. Join for working in the round.

Round 1: Purl

Round 2: K 8, k2tog around [54 sts]

If using roving for edging only, switch to other yarn after row 2. Work with two strands held together.

Round 3: Purl

Round 4: K 7, k2tog around [48 sts]

Round 5: Purl

Round 6: K 6, k2tog around [42 sts]

Round 7: Purl

Round 8: K 5, k2tog around [36 sts]

Round 9: Purl

Round 10: K 4, k2tog around [30 sts]

Round 11: Purl

Round 12: K 3, k2tog around [24 sts]

Round 13: Purl

Round 14: K 2, k2tog around [18 sts]

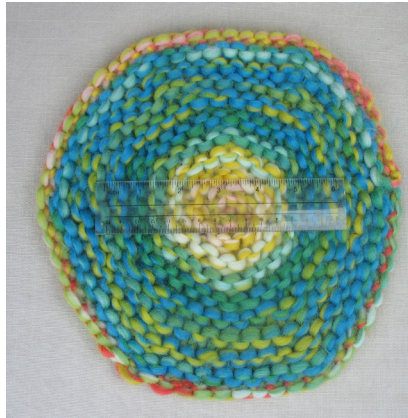
Round 15: Purl

Round 16: K 1, k2tog around [12 sts]

Round 17: Purl

Round 18: K2tog around [6 sts]

Pull yarn through remaining stitches.



Finishing

To make a hanging loop, pull off a piece of roving that is about 2 feet long. Twist it until it twists up on itself. Pull the end of the piece through the folded end. Secure it to the potholder edge with a few stitches. Weave in all ends.

To felt, add a squirt of dish soap to a dishpan and fill it with really hot water. Put the piece in the water and let it soak a bit. Gently mash it with a potato masher or press it under the water with your hands for a few moments. Now roll and squeeze it in your hands, swish it around and knead it like bread dough. At first the piece grows but soon the stitches start coming together and shrinking. Continue felting until the stitches disappear. Since this piece is garter stitch, some stitch definition will remain. Felting the piece completely is necessary for the potholder to be sturdy, so don't stop prematurely. You really need to felt until the piece is super-solid and feel noticeably thicker. Rinse in cold water to remove any soap and then roll in a towel to remove excess water.

To shape, tug the edges to make the potholder mostly round and smooth out the surface. Let dry.