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**CHRISTMAS BOW PILLOW | KNIT** 



#### **MATERIALS**

Caron® Simply Soft® (6 oz/170.1g; 315 yds/288 m) Main Color(MC) Dk. Sage (9707) 1 skein Contrast A Autumn Red (9730) 1 skein

Gold glitter thread (optional)

Size U.S. 8 (5 mm) knitting needles or **size to obtain gauge.** Yarn Needle. Split-ring stitch marker. 14" Pillow Form. Three buttons – ¾" diameter.

## KNIT | SKILL LEVEL: EASY

## **MEASUREMENT**

Approx 14" [35.5 cm] square.

## **GAUGE**

In Stockinette stitch, 18 sts and 26 rows = 4" [10 cm].

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

#### STITCHES USED

**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.

#### NOTE

Pillow cover is worked using MC in Stockinette stitch; Bow and Sash are worked separately in Seed stitch, using A and a strand of gold Glitter held together.

#### HELPFUL

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

**PILLOW COVER** – Back and Front (both alike)

Using MC, cast on 50 sts.

(RS) Begin St st; work even until piece measures 14" [35.5 cm] from beginning.
Bind off all sts.

With RS's of Pillow pieces facing each other, sew pieces together along 3 sides.

**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

Using A (and gold thread, if desired), cast on 32 sts.

Begin Seed st; work even for 2 rows.

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**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.

(WS) Work across in Seed st, casting on 3 sts over bound off sts.

Continuing in Seed st, work even until piece measures 28" [71 cm] from beginning.

Bind off all sts loosely in pattern.

## **BOW**

Using A (and gold thread, if desired), cast on 2 sts. (RS) [k1-f/b] twice—4 sts.

Begin Seed st; work 1 row even; pm at beginning of next row to indicate edge being shaped.

**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.

Work even in Seed st until piece measures 39" [99 cm] from marker (last increase row), end with a WS row.

**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. Fasten off.

#### **FINISHING**

Using yarn needle, weave in ends.

Sew buttons opposite buttonholes on sash; wrap sash around pillow and button in place.

**Bow:** Tie Bow piece in large bow (see photo); attach to Front of Pillow.

## **ABBREVIATIONS:**

**k1-f/b (increase):** Knit next st, then knit it through the back loop.

**k2tog (decrease):** Knit 2 sts together through the front loops.