

# Friendship Knitting

## A CIRCULAR RUG

A great club project for a raffle, or to be donated to charity. This pattern also makes a lovely lightweight circular shawl when knitted with a fine yarn.

Use a set of big circular needles - 7mm to 10mm depending on the yarn thickness or rug density required. 'Denise' needles are great. These are double pointed with interchangeable points. Start using the tips as double pointed needles, then add lengths as required. It is very helpful to use one size bigger on the right hand end, then the stitches slip along to the following tip more easily. As the rug grows, you will need to use two or three sets of double pointed needles and this is where two or three people can knit the project at the same time. If you are using a variety of yarns, select one of the thinner yarns to start with.

Cast on 9 sts and divide onto 3 needles

Knit 1 round

Knit into every st twice on next round (18 sts)

Knit 3 rounds

Knit into every st twice on the next round (36 sts)

Knit 2 rounds

Knit into every 2nd st twice on the next round (54 sts)

Knit 3 rounds

Knit into every 3rd st twice on next round (72 sts)

Knit 5 rounds

Knit into every 2nd st twice on next round (108 sts)

Knit 6 rounds

Knit into every 3rd st twice on next round (144 sts)

Knit 11 rounds

Knit into every 2nd st twice on next round (216 sts)



Knit 12 rounds

Knit into every 3rd st twice on next round (288 sts)

Knit 23 rounds

Knit into every 2nd st twice on next round (432 sts)

Knit 24 rounds

Knit into every 3rd st twice on next round (576 sts)

Work 6 rounds in garter stitch to lessen the tendency for the edge to curl.

The rug is better "fulled" just a little by doing a hot wash until the fibres just begin to felt.

***Do this with care and watch over it!***

