

Cage Cozy

Cage cozies are thick, snuggly, rectangular mats that provide comfort by keeping kitty (and puppy) feet off of the cold floors of cages. You start at one corner and knit every row working increases and then decreases to form a rectangle.

Cozies work up quickly on big needles using one strand of bulky weight yarn or two strands of worsted weight yarn. This is a good project for scrap or leftover yarn. Use yarn that will stand up to lots of machine washing and drying. Place a marker on the right (even row) side so you know when to work the increases or decreases.

Size: 13" x 16"

Materials:

Size 13 (9 mm) knitting needles

Worsted weight yarn (doubled) or bulky weight (4.5 oz/230 yards of worsted weight per mat)

Locking stitch marker

Abbreviations:

BO - bind off

CO - cast on

k- knit

kf&b - knit in front and back of st (1 st increase)

k2tog - knit 2 sts together (1 st decrease)

k3tog - knit 3 sts together (2 st decrease)

st(s) - stitch(es)

Pattern:

CO 3 sts.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: K1, kf&b, knit to last 2 sts, kf&b, k1.

Row 3: Knit.

Repeat Rows 2 & 3 until you have 50 stitches.

Row 4: K1, k2tog, knit to last 2 sts, kf&b, k1.

Row 5: Knit.

Repeat Rows 4 & 5 for about 3 inches to form a rectangle. (Work more repeats for a larger mat.)

Row 6: K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Row 7: Knit.

Repeat Rows 6 & 7 until you're down to 3 sts.

Row 8: K3tog, then turn and bind off.

Cut yarn. Weave in all yarn tails.

