



knitted and felted basket

I used Gedifra Fashion Trend Stripe 350 g
Needles No. 5 (US 8)

you can use any feltable striped yarn.

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Side, knit twice:

cast on 40 stiches, knit 2 rows in garter stich.

Go on with knitting on front side and purl on back side.

edge stich, knit 3, turn work. As turning the work with a slip stich, yarn hold in front. Always purl backwards the whole row, edge stich, turn. Repeat this with the following numbers of stiches: 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27, 31, 35. Now knit the whole row and purl the whole row back.

You've got a triangle. Repeat from * to * 12 times. The last row back work knit stiches instead of purl.
Cast off.

Middle part, knit 1 time:

cast on 240 stiches and close to round. Put a stich marker to the beginning of the round.

Knit 10 rounds.

From now on, take the stich marker as a beginning and knit 110 stiches, turn. Purl the backside until you reach the marker and purl 110 stiches to the other side of the marker, turn. Go on in this way, but use these numers of knits/purls:

90/90

70/70

50/50

30/30

No knit a complete round.

The same thing backwards for the other half of the middle part:

30/30

50/50

70/70

90/90

110/110

Knit 10 rounds, cast off.

Close the middle "hole" of the side parts by sewing a thread all around, tighten the thread and sew the ends of this thread into the fabric.

Sew the side parts to the middle part. Take care that the stich marker of the middle part is exactly at the middle of the side circle. Also take care that the two circles are sewn in the same. Do all sewing with original yarn.

Give the basket a 60°C washing circle. This works with my washing machine. Depending on your machine it might be possible that you need a second washing circle.