Category: Knitted Home Décor/ Holidays

220® Superwash Christmas Tree Skirt

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Skill Level:

INTERMEDIATE

Finished Measurements:
Diameter laid out full circle for blocking approx. 52”, length from top to point of scallop 23” approx. when blocked. Decreases will smooth out when blocked.

Materials:

- Cascade Yarns® 220 Superwash®; 100% Superwash wool; 100 g (3.5 oz) / 220 yds (200 m)
- Color A: 4 skeins of color #809 (Really Red)
- Color B: 3 skeins of color #801 (Army Green)
- Color C: 1 skein of color #887 (Wasabi)
- US 7 (4.5 mm) straight or short Circular Knitting Needles
- 3 - US 7 (4.5 mm) 36” or longer circular knitting needles
- US 7 (4.5 mm) DPN Knitting Needles
- Stitch markers
- Yarn Needle

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Gauge: 20 sts x 30 rows = 4” (10 cm) in Stockinette Stitch

Abbreviations:

CO	= Cast On	St st	= Stockinette stitch
BO	= Bind Off	TBL	= Through the back loop
K	= Knit	PSSO	= Pass Slipped Stitch Over
P	= Purl	SKP	= Slip, Knit, Pass Slipped stitch over
PM	= Place Marker	Sl	= Slip
SM	= Slip Marker	K2tog	= Knit 2 stitches together
St(s)	= Stitch(es)	P2tog	= Purl 2 stitches together
YO	= Yarn Over	P3tog	= Purl 3 stitches together
Beg	= Beginning	WS	= Wrong Side
Est	= Established	RS	= Right Side
Dec	= Decrease	ssk	= slip the next two stitches knitwise one at a time. Insert point of left needle into front of the two slipped stitches and knit them together through the back loop.
Pat	= Pattern		
Rep	= Repeat		
Garter st	= Knit every row		

Scalloped Trellis Pattern (Over 13 stitches)
Row 1 and all WS rows, K2, P to last 2 sts, K2.
Row 2: K7, YO, SKP, YO, K4. (14 sts)
Row 4: K6, (YO, SKP) twice, YO, K4. (15 sts)
Row 6: K5, (YO, SKP) 3 times, YO, K4. (16 sts)
Row 8: K4, (YO, SKP) 4 times, YO, K4. (17 sts)
Row 10: K3, (YO, SKP) 5 times, YO, K4. (18 sts)
Row 12: K4, (YO, SKP) 5 times, K2tog, K2. (17 sts)
Row 14: K5, (YO, SKP) 4 times, K2tog, K2. (16 sts)
Row 16: K6, (YO, SKP) 3 times, K2togm K2. (15 sts)
Row 18: K7, (YO, SKP) twice, K2tog, K2. (14 sts)
Row 20: K8, YO, SKP, K2tog, K2. (13 sts)
Repeat rows 1-20 for pattern = 1 scallop.

Bottom Border

With a shorter size #7 needles, c/o 13 sts and knit 6 rows.

Begin Scalloped Trellis Pattern and work for 50 scallops

Knit 6 rows.
Bind off and weave in ends.

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Skirt

With color A, using the long circulars, pick up and knit 3 sts over the garter st edge, PM, 574 sts along the straight edge of border with 11 sts over the first scallop, (12 sts over the next scallop, 11 sts over next scallop) 24 times, 11 over last scallop, PM, 3 sts over last garter st edge. (580 sts)

The first and last 3 sts will always be knit for the side borders.

Row 1: K3, SM, P to marker, SM, K3.

Row 2: Knit.

Row 3 & 4: Rep rows 1 & 2.

Row 5 & 6: With color B, rep row 1.

Row 7, 8, 9: With color C, rep row 1.

(eyelet band)

Row 10: K3, SM, *K3, YO, SSK, K2*;
rep bet *'s, SM, K3.
Row 11: K3, SM, Purl to marker, SM, K3.
Row 12: K3, SM, *K1, K2tog, YO, K1, YO, SSK, K1*; rep bet *'s, SM, K3.
Row 13: Rep row 11.
Row 14: Rep row 10.
Row 15: With color B, K3, SM, P96, PM, P95, PM, P96, PM, 96, PM, P95, PM, P96, SM, K3.
Row 16: Rep Row 11, slipping markers.
Row 17: K3, SM, *K2tog, K to 2 sts before next marker, K2tog*, rep bet *'s, SM, K3.
(12 sts dec – 562 sts between border markers)

Row 18: With color A, knit.

Working in St st now between the border markers, work a dec row on next and every 3rd row as follows until there are 466 sts between border markers: (8 dec rows)

Knit rows:
K3, SM, *SSK, K to 2 sts before next marker, K2tog, SM* rep bet *'s, K3.

Purl Rows:
K3, SM,*P2tog tbl, P to 2 sts before next marker, P2tog, SM * rep bet *'s, K3.

Continuing in St st, work dec row every other row 5 times. (406 sts between border markers) ending on RS. (5 dec rows)

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Next 3 rows:
With color B, K3, P across to last border marker, K3.

With color A, K across inc-ing 1 st in center.
(407 sts between border markers)

Begin Color Tweed Pattern between border markers:
NOTE: *Sl all sts P-wise.*
Row 1: (WS) Using A Purl.
Row 2: Using B K2, *Sl1, K2* rep bet *'s.
Row 3: Using B Purl.
Row 4: Using C K1, Sl1,*K2, Sl1*; rep bet *'s to last 3 sts, K3.
Row 5: Using C Purl.
Row 6: Using A K3, Sl1, *K2, Sl1; rep bet *'s to last st, K1.
Work 3 repeats, then work Row 1 again.
Knit one row in Color A.
With Color B, P 3 rows between border markers.

Continuing in color B in St st, work a dec row on next and every other row until 95 sts remain between border markers ending with a RS row. (26 dec rows)

Purl 3 rows, dec-ing 4 sts evenly across on last row. (91 sts between border markers)

With color C, Knit.

Work 3 rows purling between border markers.

Work Rows 10 through 16 of eyelet band above.

Purl 2 rows.

Change to color B and P dec-ing 5 sts. evenly between borders. (86 sts between border markers)

P 3 rows and bind off leaving last st on needle

Ties
Place last st on DPN's and pick up and knit 3 sts over last 4 rows of color B.

Work 4 st I-cord for 12".

Sl1, K3tog, PSSO. End off.

Pick up and knit 4 sts on other side and work as above.

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Holly Sets

Make 6 sets of two leaves.

With Color C, CO 3 sts

Rows 1 – 3 Knit. Cut yarn, leaving long tail.
Row 4: With Color B, K1, YO, K, YO, K (5 sts)
Row 5, 7, 9, 11, 15, 17, 21: K1, P to last st, K1
Row 6: K, YO, K1, YO, K2. (7 sts)
Row 8: K3, YO, K1, YO, K3. (9 sts)
Row 10: K4, YO, K1, YO, K4 (11 sts)
Row 12: K5, YO, K1, YO, K5. (13 sts)
Row 13: BO 4 sts, P to last st, K1.
Row 14: BO 4 sts, K1, YO, K1, YO, K2. (7 sts)
Row 16: K3, YO, K1, YO, K3. (9 sts)
Row 18: K4, YO, K1, YO, K4 (11 sts)
Row 19: BO 3 sts, P to last st, K.
Row 20: BO 3 sts, K1, YO, K1, YO, K2.
Row 22: K3, YO, K1, YO, K3. (9 sts)
Row 23: K1, P2, P3tog, P2, K1.
Row 24: K2, sl 1, K2tog, psso, K2.
Row 25: K1, P3tog, K1.
Row 26: K3tog. Fasten off.

Make 2nd leaf and sew together at CO edges with color C in a slight V shape. With the tail of color C, make several long sts from base out over color B for contrast as desired.

With double strand of color A, place 3, 2-wrap French knots in center over color C for berries.

Weave in all ends.

Wet block skirt, spreading out until decreases and scallop border smooth out. Let dry completely.

Sew on Holly sets, one in center of each decrease panel on color A St st sections.

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