

Knitting with Fabric

Supply List

This is really an interesting technique! You will receive a ton of compliments after you display your final project. If you like the Shabby Chic look, this is for you. I've made several of these as bath mats for cabins. They wash up nicely and are comfortable on your feet.

For this class, you will need:

Fabric—I have used some of the batik fabrics that Pacific Fabric has on the flat fold table. Most batiks are “reversible” and that makes them nice for this. This project requires quite a bit of fabric—between 3 – 4 yards. Because this, you don’t want to buy top of the line fabric unless you can afford it. Another idea is to use old sheets. Just make sure that the front and the back are about the same in color. You don’t want a bright side and a faded side. Two twin sheets work as does a flat folded king size. We’re going to cut these apart so prepare yourself!

Needles—BIG ONES! Size 19 with a long cable. If you want to do a cable stitch, you will need something to use as a cable needle. I used a size 15 double pointed needle with a point protector on the tip. Some people have used a chop stick, although they aren’t big enough in diameter in my humble opinion. I’ll bring some extras.

Rotary cutter/self-healing mat—As I said before, we are going to cut the fabric apart. In the past, I’ve ripped it but that caused a lot of loose threads, dust, and I didn’t like the unfinished look. I mean, it’s “shabby” but I still want the “chic” part as well. If you are not a quilter and don’t own these items, call the store and ask if you can borrow ours. I like the big rotary cutter—65 mm., but the smaller works as well.

The skills we will be using are: cast on, knit, purl, and cast off. If you want to do a cable, I can easily teach you that skill in class.

Bring something to drink and maybe a snack because this takes a bit of time. You won’t finish the rug in class but you’ll have the skills needed to complete this at home. Warning! It’s rather addictive!

See you in class!

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