

Bee Stitch



The Bee Stitch is a garter stitch type of pattern that creates a lovely textured knit that lays flat.

This pattern uses a "knit one below" (K1b) to create the textured honeycomb ridges. To make a K1b, insert your right needle through the loop below the stitch on the needle and then knit the stitch, pulling the yarn through the two loops. See picture below:



Instructions for knitting flat:

The pattern is a multiple of 2 stitches + 1 done over 4 rows.

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: K1, *K1b, K1; repeat from * to end.

Row 3: Knit

Row 4: K2, K1b, *K1, K1b; repeat from * to end.



Instructions for knitting in the round:

The Bee Stitch is a multiple of 2 stitches done over 4 rows when knit in the round.

Row 1: Purl

Row 2: *K1, K1b; repeat from * to end

Row 3: Purl

Row 4: *K1b, K1; repeat from * to end

References:

Reader's Digest. The Ultimate Sourcebook of Knitting and Crochet Stitches, 2003, page 72.

Video: The Weekly Stitch, *Knit Bee Stitch*, June 25, 2011 <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y-8L59eKlzg&feature=youtu.be</u>