

Homework and Supplies for Portals Class

In this class we will learn how to make the Portals Pillow Cover. Before class select yarn, gather the supplies, yarn, needles, notions and other materials listed below. Before selecting yarn decide how you want to work the Back of the pillow; either as a copy of the Front or plain, in one color.

The photographed sample uses Rowan Felted Tweed yarn. Use a DK weight yarn or sock yarn held double. Plan out your color design using the coloring page included, or choose colors as you go. The colors and amounts in the table are for producing only the Front.

To work the back the same as the Front, *double the amounts in the table*.

To work a *one-color Back*, select:

250 yds/227 m of DK weight yarn in your choice of color.



Supplies

14 x 20"/36 x 50 cm pillow form, 20"/50 cm zipper (optional)

Yarn (Front only) as depicted in photo

Rowan Yarns, Felted Tweed, DK (50% wool/25% alpaca/25% viscose, 191 yds/175m; 1.75oz/50g):

Pattern color ID	Manufacturer's ID	Manufacturer's color name	Color description	Yards/meters
A	177	Clay	Very light Gray	10 yds/ 9 m
B	170	Seafarer	Dark gray-blue	30 yds/27 m
C	181	Mineral	Yellow	60 yds/56 m
D	161	Avocado	Yellow-Green	20 yds/18 m
E	205	Lotus Leaf	Dark Green	30 yds/27 m
F	204	Vaseline Green	Muted Mint Green	30 yds/27 m
H	218	Fjord	Light Teal	20 yds/18 m
I	202	Turquoise	Turquoise	40 yds/37 m
J	212	Peachy	Dusty Pink	20 yds/18 m
K	154	Ginger	Brick Red	20 yds/18 m
L	198	Zinnia	Bright Pink	50 yds/46 m
M	196	Barn Red	Dark Red	40 yds/37 m

Needles

US Size 5/3.75mm 40"/100cm circular needles and 1 straight or circular US Size 8/5mm needle for 3-needle BO

Notions

Tapestry needle, stitch markers

Other materials

Pillow insert of size 14 x 20"/36 x 50 cm

20"/50 cm zipper (optional). A slightly shorter zipper will also work. The zipper is to allow the cover to be removed for laundering.

Work a Gauge

The desired gauge for the Pillow cover is:

19 sts x 38 rows = 4"/10cm in garter st, worked with a single strand of yarn

Work a garter stitch swatch, block, and adjust needle size, if needed, to obtain gauge. A gauge of slightly higher (20 or 21 sts per 4"/10cm) is fine because the cover will stretch to fit the pillow form. But a lower gauge (less than 19 sts per 4"/10cm) is not desirable.

Color it Yours

Rowan Felted Tweed has a wonderful range of colors. You may want to use more or fewer, work from your stash, or design your colors to match a particular room in your home. Use the figure below and colored pencils to experiment and plan your colors.

