Springtime Egg Cosies

I devised these flowery egg cosies to use up oddments of 4ply yarn that I had hand dyed. After all the effort involved with such pretty results, I didn't want to waste any of the left overs!

Materials

Oddments of 4 ply wool 3.5mm needles
3.5mm crochet hook

Abbreviations: k – knit, p – purl, sts – stitches, tbl – through back of loop, rep. – repeat

Cosy

Using main colour cast on 40 stitches. Knit 4 rows k.1p.1 rib or 4 rows moss stitch.

Knit 12 rows s.s.

Shaping.

Row 1. k5 k 2tog tbl. rep to last 5 sts, k5 (34sts)

Row 2. and every even row, purl

Row 3. k4 k 2tog tbl. rep to last 5 Sts, k5 (30sts)

Row 5. k3 k 2tog tbl. rep to end (24sts)

Row 7. k2 k2tog tbl rep to end (18sts)

Row9. k1k2tog tbl rep to end (12sts)

Row 10. p2 tog to end (6sts)

Row 11. break off yarn leaving enough yarn to thread through remaining stitches and for stitching seam.

Leaves (knit)

Cast on 6 stitches using 2 needle method, then cast off 6 stitches to make one leaf. Repeat three times to make three leaves. Pull yarn through to finish then use yarn to gather the base together leaving enough for stitching.

<u>Crochet Flowers</u> *make three per cosy*

Abbreviations: ch – chain, dc – double crochet, tr – treble, dtr – double treble

Start with 2 chain stitches.

Into first chain loop make 1 dc, *1 tr, 1 d tr, 1 tr 1 dc rep from *3 times more to make 4 petals. Slip stitch into chain loop and pull yarn through leaving a tail to stitch with.

Making up.

Stitch side seam.

Arrange leaves on top of cosy and stitch to the centre.

Arrange flowers as desired and use yarn tails to stitch in place. Make a French knot in the centre of each flower, or you could add a pretty bead or button. Take all yarns to wrong side of cosy, finish off and cut off tails.

Add a couple of free-range eggs and enjoy!

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