

# Sweet Dreams Pillow

*This soft and oh-so-squeezable pillow knits up quickly for gift giving. Dried lavender sprinkled in the pillow lining relaxes and soothes.*



## **FINISHED MEASUREMENTS**

Knitted piece: 24 inches by 12 inches

Finished pillow: 12 inches by 12 inches

## **MATERIALS**

-Lily Chin Signature Collection Chelsea [30% Merino Wool, 35% Cotton, 35% Acrylic]; 191 yards per 50 gram ball; color 5803; 2 balls.

- Lana Grossa Cool Wool Merino 2000 [100% Wool] 175 yards per 50 gram ball; color 475; 1 ball.

2 straight knitting needles US#3 / 3.25mm

Notions:

- 1- 12 inch pillow form
- 4- .75 inch to 1 inch buttons
- 1 large eye darning needle
- Dried lavender or potpourri

## **GAUGE**

22 sts/32 rows = 4 inches in stockinette stitch

## **PATTERN NOTES**

Pattern is worked over a multiple of 8 stitches plus 2.

**Make 1:** knit into the yarn loop between the last stitch worked and the next stitch on the needle.

## **PATTERN**

Cast on 66 stitches with main color.

Work in pattern as follows:

Row 1: Knit

Row 2 and all even rows: purl

Row 3: Knit

Row 5: Knit 3, make flower as follows \* knit the next 3 stitches together but do not drop them from the left needle, knit the first stitch, then knit the second and third stitch together, drop these stitches from the left to right needle, knit 5\*; repeat from \* to \* ending with knit 4.

Row 7: Knit

Row 9: Knit

Row 11: Knit 7,\* make flower as for Row 5, knit 5; repeat from \* to \*, ending with knit 8.

Repeat these 12 rows until work measures 20 inches from beginning.

### **Ruching:**

Change to contrasting color.

On next row (right side) :

\*Knit 2, make 1\*, repeat from \* to \* across row, ending with knit 2; 98 stitches.

Work in stockinette stitch for 4 inches.

Next row (right side) \*knit 1, knit 2 together\*, repeat from \* to \* across row.

Cast off very loosely.

## **FINISHING**

With right sides together, sew 2 edges of knitted piece together, using an overcast stitch and picking up the inside edge of each opposing stitch. Turn knitting to right side and fit over pillow form. At this point you can sprinkle some dried lavender or other potpourri between the pillow form and knitted cover. Sew open edge together in same manner as before.

Spray pillow lightly with water and shape as desired to block.

Once the pillow is dry sew on buttons for accent.

