

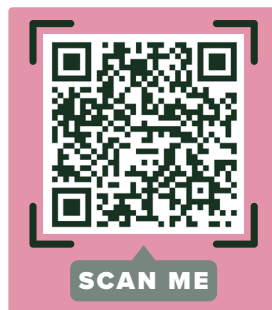
Project #3: Braided Basket

Knitting level: Advanced



You'll start by creating a sturdy base using increases, then transition to knitting in the round for the main body. The real showstopper is the Saxon braid that forms the basket's rim - it's a bit tricky, but satisfying when you see it come together. Let's begin!

And remember, you can always access your digital pattern with a **quick scan of the QR code!**



Materials:

- Harmony Wool (dark purple 14594) - 25gr. (light purple 14374) - 20gr
- US 7 (4.5mm) circular needle from your previous boxes
- Scissors
- Sewing needle
- Ruler
- US 4 (3.5mm) double-pointed needle (for cabling, you can also use a cable needle) from your previous boxes
- Stitch markers
- Cardboard

Stitches and abbreviations used:

- K - knit
- P - purl
- Pm - place marker
- St - stitch
- Sts - stitches
- Kfb - knit front and back
- Dpn - double pointed needle
- 2/2 LC - slip 2 sts to dpn and hold in front, K2, then K2 from dpn.
- 2/2 RC - slip 2 sts to dpn and hold in back, K2, then K2 from dpn.
- 2/1 LPC - slip 2 sts to dpn and hold in front, P1, then K2 from dpn.
- 2/1 RPC - slip 1 st to dpn and hold in back, K2, then P1 from dpn.
- 2/2 LPC - slip 2 sts to dpn and hold in front, P2, then K2 from dpn.
- 2/2 RPC - slip 2 sts to dpn and hold in back, K2, then P2 from dpn.

Colors:

- Color A - dark purple (14594)
- Color B - light purple (14374)

Part 1. The base of the basket

Cast on 5 sts using a 4.5mm circular needle and dark purple yarn (Color A).

Row 1 (RS)

Kfb x 4, k1. (9 sts in total) *(Images 1-2)*

Row 2 (WS)

K9 sts.

Row 3

Kfb x 8, k1. (17 sts in total). *(Images 3-4)*

Row 4

K17. (Image 5)

Note: We call the side on which we make increases (by knitting front and back) the right side, and we will attach the stitch markers on that side of the project.

Odd rows/right side we will work increase sts.

Even rows/ wrong side we will knit across.

Row 5

*K1, kfb , pm, repeat from * 8 times, k1. (25 sts.) (Images 6-8)

Row 6 and every even row

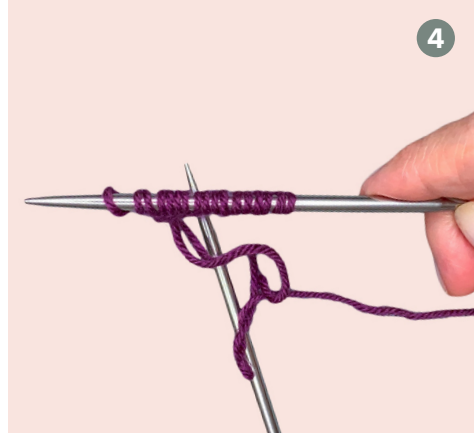
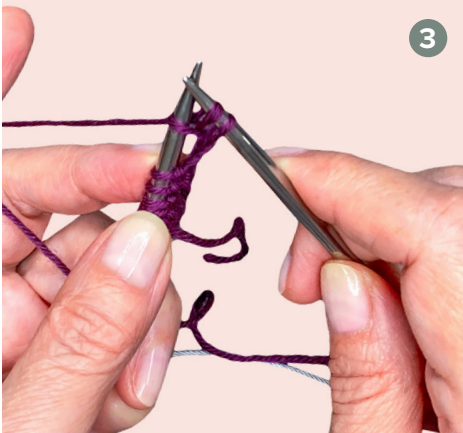
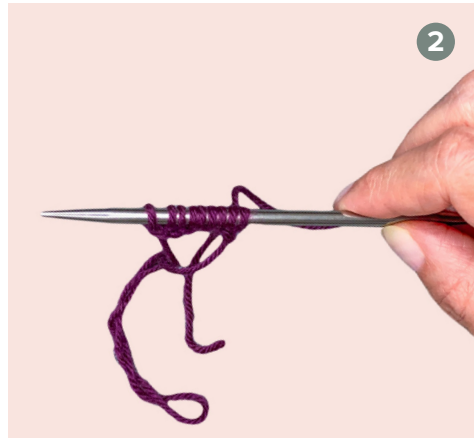
K across all sts.

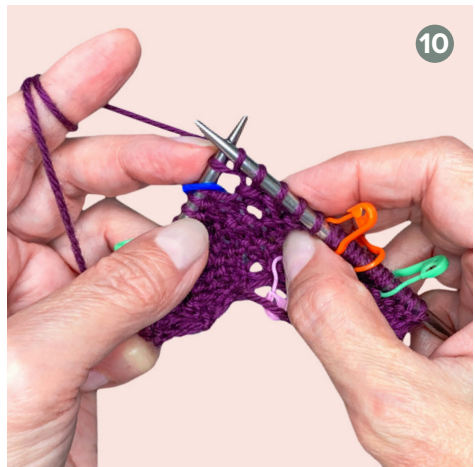
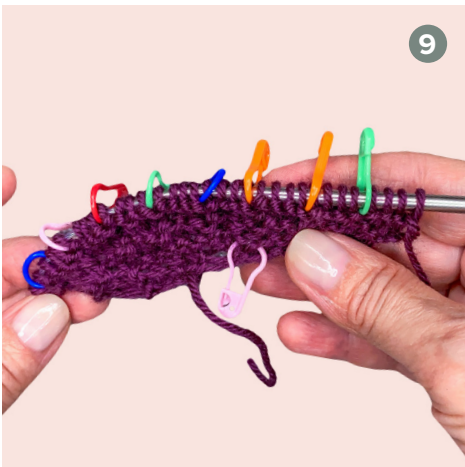
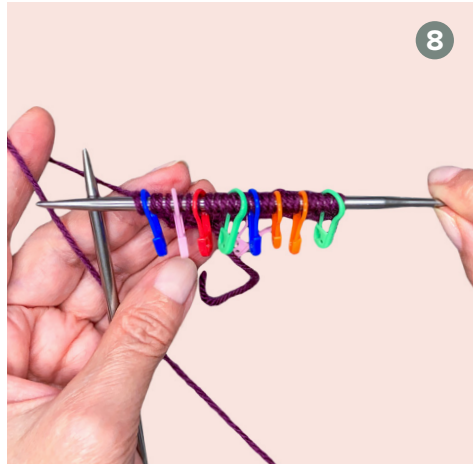
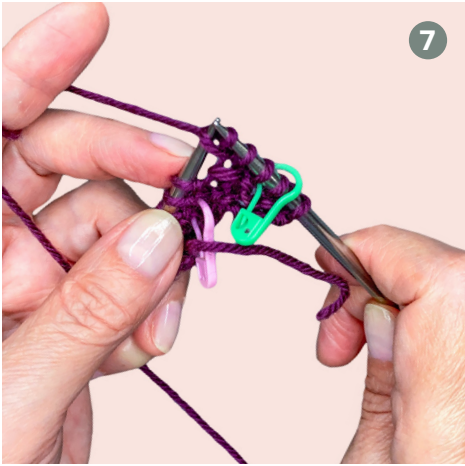
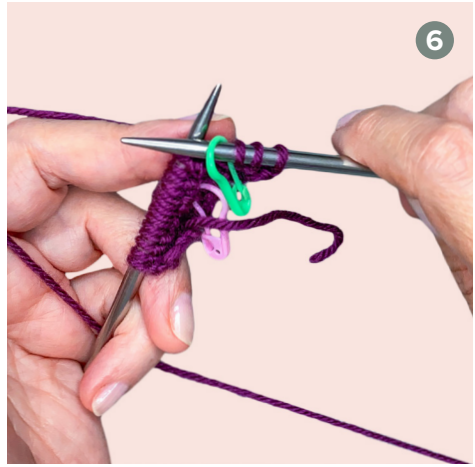
Row 7 and every odd row

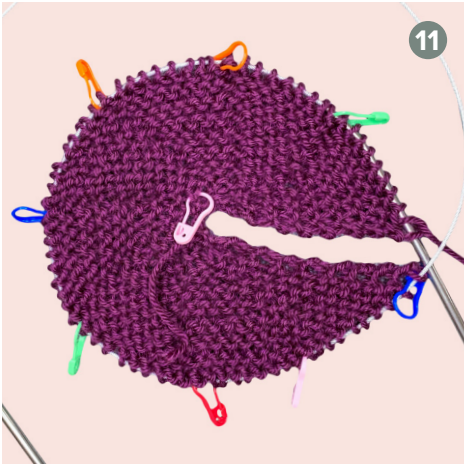
K all sts, kfb 1 st before stitch marker repeat until last marker, k1. (1 st increased before each marker)

At the end of this row we should have 4 sts in between each stitch marker.

(Images 9-10)







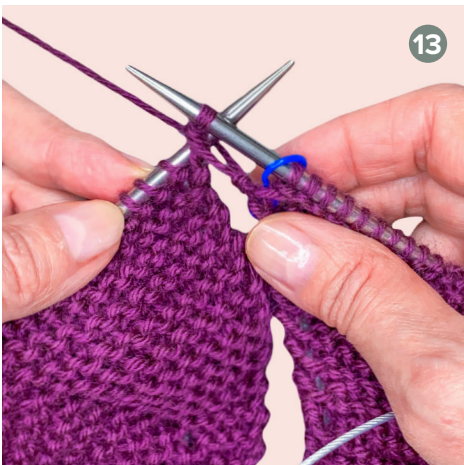
Repeat Rows 6 and 7 until you have 15 sts between each stitch marker.

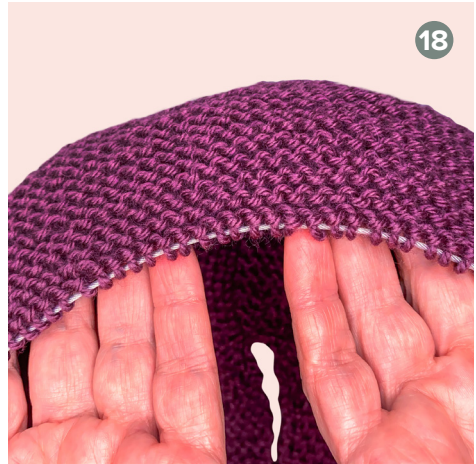
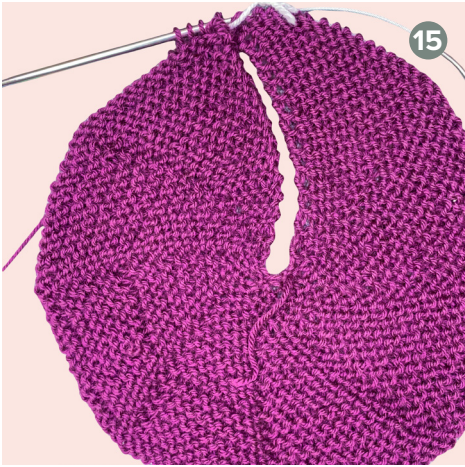
We now have the base (bottom) of the basket with 15 sts between each marker. **(Images 11-12)**

To start knitting in the round, put the last st of the round on the left needle and

purl together with the first st of the last row. Place a new stitch marker to mark the beginning of the round (ideally one that is different from the others). **(Images 13-14)**

Then, we will purl across this round, removing all markers except the beginning of the round marker that we just added. **(Image 15)**





Part 2. Main body of the basket

Round 1

K all sts. *(Image 16)*

Round 2 and all even rounds

P all sts.

Round 3 and all odd rounds

K all sts.

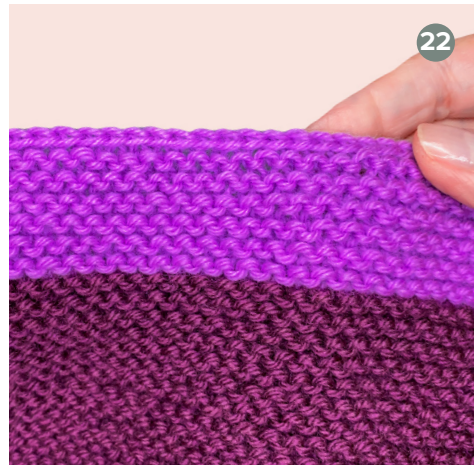
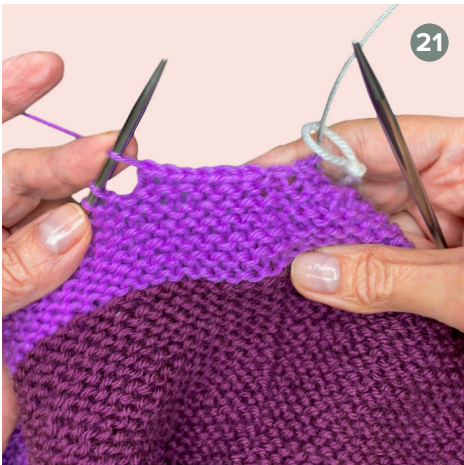
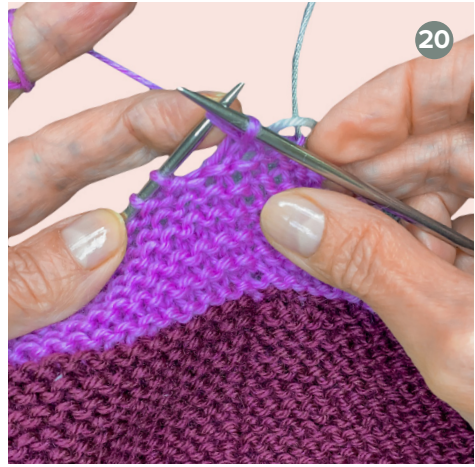
Repeat Rounds 2 and 3 for thirty rounds.
(Images 17-18)

Cut the yarn and switch to light purple
(Color B). *(Image 19)*

Continue with light purple and repeat
Rounds 2 and 3 twelve times. *(Image 20)*

Round 13

Cast off all sts. *(Images 21-22)*



Part 3. Finishing the bottom of the basket

Sew together the opening of the spiral on the bottom of the basket. *(Image 23)*

Part 4. Saxon braid, the corner for the basket

Cast on 28 sts with light purple using a circular needle.

All even number (WS) rows

Knit the knit stitches and purl the purl stitches.

Row 1

P4, (2/2RC, p4) 3 times. *(Images 24-27)*

Row 3

P3, 2/1RPC, (2/2LPC, 2/2RPC) 2 times, 2/1LPC, p3.

Row 5

P2, 2/1RPC, p3, 2/2LPC, p4, 2/2LPC, p3, 2/1LPC, p2. *(Images 28-30)*

Row 7

P2, k2, p3, 2/1RPC, 2/2LPC, 2/2RPC,
2/1LPC, p3, k2, p2.

Row 9

P2, (k2, p3) 2 times, 2/2RC, (p3, k2) 2
times, p2.

Row 11

P2, k2, p3, 2/1LPC, 2/2RPC, 2/2LPC,
2/1RPC, p3, k2, p2.

Row 13

P2, 2/1LPC, p3, 2/2LC, p4, 2/2LC, p3,
2/1RPC, p2.

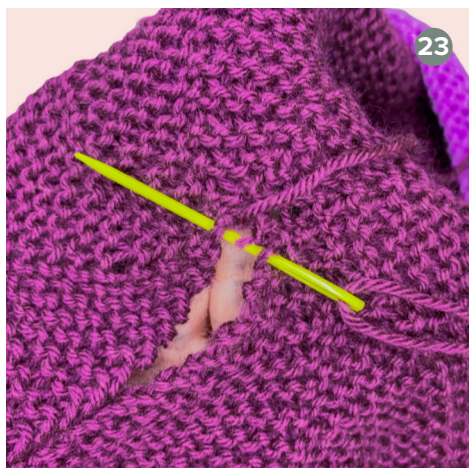
Row 15

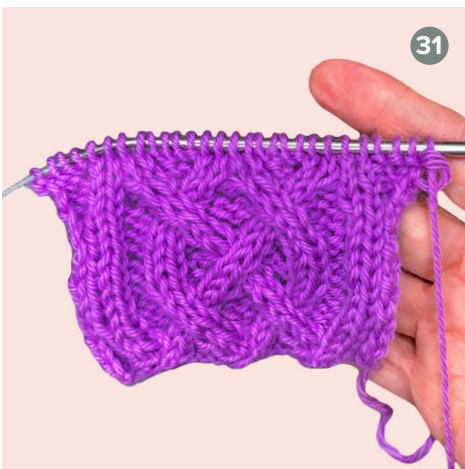
P3, 2/1LPC, (2/2RPC, 2/2LPC) 2 times,
2/1RPC, p3. **(Image 31)**

Repeat Rows (1-16) 9 times. **(Images 32-33)**

Cast off all 28 sts, block lightly.

Sew the ends together. **(Image 34)**



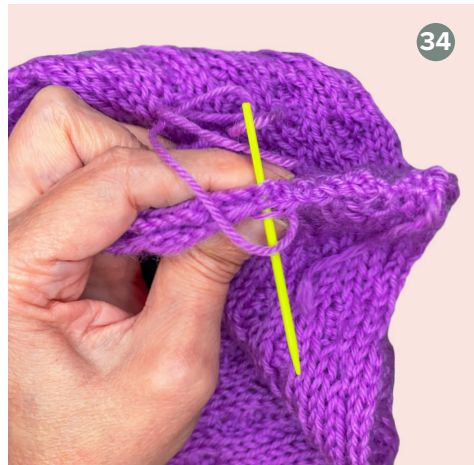




Part 5. Attaching the Saxon braid to the basket

Place a locking stitch marker on the wrong side of the basket (inside of the basket) and second marker on the right side on the Saxon Braid.

Sew the pieces together with markers facing each other. Fold the braid over the basket. *(Images 35-36)*



Part 6. Cardboard for the basket (optional)

Cut out a 6 inch wide x 27 inch long rectangle of cardboard, use a ruler to bend the cardboard (it will help to give it the round shape), fold the cardboard to make a circular shape and secure it with a stapler, put it into the basket.

(Images 37-40)

Your project is ready!



