



Azalea & Rosebud Knits



Basic Entrelac Instructions

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Entrelac (French for interlaced or interwoven) is a knitting technique that creates rows of textured diamonds. By working a series of rectangles in short rows, this technique creates an interesting pattern that resembles a basket weave. It can be worked in a single color yarn, different color yarns for each row of diamonds, or a yarn with long color changes- each creating a different look. Below are the basic instructions to create diamonds made of six stitches. The instructions can be modified to create rectangles of any number of stitches.

ABBREVIATIONS:

ssk: slip next two stitches to right needle knitwise, then place back on left needle and knit together

k2tog: knit next two stitches together

kfb: knit into the front and back of the stitch.

m1: make one by inserting left ndl back to front into bar running between the stitch just worked and the next stitch on the needle and knit.

pssso: pass the slipped st over the last st worked

RS: right side

WS: wrong side

PATTERN

CO a multiple of 6 sts. I prefer to use a long tail cast on, as it is more stable than a backward loop cast on.

Base Triangles:

Row 1: (RS) k1, turn work

Row 2 and all WS rows: P all sts worked on previous row

Row 3: sl 1, k1, turn work

Row 5: sl 1, k2, turn work

Row 7: sl 1, k3, turn work

Row 9: sl 1, k4, turn work

Row 11: sl 1, k5, do not turn

Rep rows 1-11 for remaining sts.



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First Tier:

Left side triangle:

Row 1 (WS): k1, turn work

Row 2: kfb, turn work

Row 3: k1, p2tog, turn work

Row 4: k1, m1, k1, turn work

Row 5: k1, p1, p2tog, turn work

Row 6 and all RS rows, k to last st, m1, k1

Row 7: k1, p2, p2tog, turn work

Row 9: k1, p3, p2tog

Row 11: k1, p4, p2tog



Right Slanting Diamonds

Row 1: (WS) With WS facing, pick up 6 sts along edge of triangle/rectangle below. Sl last st onto L ndl and p2tog, turn work

Row 2: k6, turn work

Row 3: sl 1, p4, p2tog, turn work

Repeat the last 2 rows 4 more times. At the end of the last row, do not turn.

Work the rest of the rectangles the same way, until all sts from R ndl have been consumed.



Right Side Triangle

Row 1: (WS) Pick up 6 sts along triangle/rectangle below, turn work

Row 2 and all RS rows: K to end of sts in this section, turn work

Row 3: sl1, p3, p2tog

Row 5: sl1, p2, p2tog, turn work

Row 7: sl1, p1, p2tog, turn work

Row 9: sl1, p2tog, turn work

Row 11: p2tog. The remaining st will count as the first st picked up for the first diamond in the next tier. Sl this st to the R ndl.



Second Tier:

Left Slanting Diamonds

Row 1: (RS) With RS facing, pick up 6 sts along edge of the triangle/rectangle below. Sl last st onto L ndl and ssk, turn work

Row 2: p6, turn work

Row 3: sl1, k4, ssk, turn work

Repeat the last 2 rows 4 more times. At the end of the last row, do not turn.

Work the rest of the rectangles the same way.



Repeat the First and Second Tiers as long as desired, ending with the First Tier.

Final Triangles:

Row 1: (RS) With RS facing, pick up 6 sts from the rectangle below. For the first triangle only, the st remaining from the previous side triangle will be the first picked up st. . Sl last st onto L ndl and ssk, turn work

Row 2 and all WS rows: Purl to end of sts in this section, turn work

Row 3: k2tog, k3, ssk

Row 5: k2tog, k2, ssk, turn work

Row 7: k2tog, k1, ssk, turn work

Row 9: k2tog, ssk, turn work

Row 11: sl1, ssk, pssso, do not turn. The remaining st will count as the first st picked up for the next triangle.

Work until one st remains and fasten off.



FINISHING

Weave in all loose ends. Entrelac can be left unblocked to create a more rustic look or washed and blocked to have a flat appearance.