

## Knit Circular Coasters

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### **Materials:**

One August 2016 Beanie Bag containing 15 yards of each of the following yarns:

Berroco Mykonos  
Classic Elite Firefly  
Sirdar Snuggly Baby Bamboo DK  
Fibra Natura Flax

You should have enough yarn to make at least 2 coasters. In terms of order of use, I recommend starting with the thinnest (Mykonos and Flax) and moving toward the thickest (Firefly and Baby Bamboo DK).

Size US 3 double pointed needles (or long circular for magic loop method, if you prefer)  
Size D crochet hook

**Gauge:** Gauge will vary over the project because the yarns used are so different. On a size US 3 needle, gauge in the thinnest yarn (Mykonos) is 7.5 sts to the inch, while in the largest yarn (Baby Bamboo DK), gauge is 5 sts to the inch. It's most important that you get a fabric with a firm feel (tighter stitches rather than loose) as the fibers stretch when blocking and do not regain shape. If your gauge is very loose, your coasters will be floppy.

**Finished Size:** A circle approximately 4" in diameter.

### **Abbreviations:**

**kfb** (knit front and back): knit into the front, then into the back of the same stitch (1 stitch increased)  
**sl 1:** slip one knit as if to purl, with yarn in back

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## **Instructions:**

Using Emily Ocker's circular cast on and your choice of yarns, cast on 12 sts. Divide evenly across the needles.

Round 1: Knit.

Round 2: kfb in every stitch. (24 sts)

Round 3: Knit.

Round 4: (kfb, k2) around. (32 sts)

Switch to next color.

Round 5: (sl1, k3) around.

Round 6: (sl1, k3) around.

Round 7: Knit.

Round 8: (kfb, k3) around. (40 sts)

Round 9: Knit.

Switch to third color.

Round 10: (sl1, k1) around.

Round 11: (sl1, k1) around.

Round 12: k1, (kfb, k3) to last 3 sts, kfb, k2. (50 sts)

Round 13: Knit.

Round 14: Knit.

Switch to fourth color.

Round 15: (sl1, k4) around.

Round 16: (sl1, k1, kfb, k2) around. (60 sts)

Round 17: Knit.

Round 18: Knit.

Round 19: (kfb, k5) around. (70 sts)

Bind off loosely. You may choose to bind off in a contrasting color if you wish. Wet block lightly to make a flat circle – do not stretch or pull.

Enjoy!