City & Guilds Foundation Programme - Knitting

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Shape – Tension (gauge) - Tasks part two

Introduction

In these tasks you will be using tension (gauge) to create shape.

Task one – Garter stitch

Using 4mm (old UK 8, US 6) needles, cast on 40 sts.

Work 20 rows k.

Change to 6mm (old UK 4, US 10) needles.

Work 20 rows k.

Change to 10mm (old UK 000, US 15) needles.

Work 20 rows k.

Cast off.

Finish and weave in any ends.

Task two – Stocking stitch (stockinette)

Using 4mm (old UK 8, US 6) needles, cast on 40 sts.

Starting with a k row, work 20 rows stocking stitch (stockinette).

Change to 6mm (old UK 4, US 10) needles.

Starting with a k row, work 20 rows stocking stitch (stockinette).

Change to 10mm (old UK 000, US 15) needles.

Starting with a k row, work 20 rows stocking stitch (stockinette).

Cast off.

Finish and weave in any ends.

Task three – Rib

Using 4mm (old UK 8, US 6) needles, cast on 40 sts.

Rows 1-20: *K1, p1, rep from * to end.

Change to 6mm (old UK 4, US 10) needles.

Repeat rows 1-20.

Change to 10mm (old UK 000, US 15) needles.

Repeat rows 1-20.

Cast off.

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Task four – Your choice

Make a fourth sample, using at least 3 different needle sizes and a stitch pattern of your choice. Your sample should be at least 40 sts wide and 60 rows long.

Cast off.

Finish and weave in any ends.

Task five – Record and reflect

Review your samples and make notes on the impact changing needle size and stitch pattern has on the finished piece. How could you use this to good effect? What would you need to think about when planning a project in terms of needle sizes and stitch patterns?

When you've finished your swatch/es, take a picture and upload them to your Pinterest board.