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growing peace stitch by stitch

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TikkunTree "Safed" Leaf (knit flat with side seam)   © TikkunArts 2007

Here is a version of the "Safed Leaf" for knitters less comfortable with knitting in-the-round on double-point needles. This version (center) of the "Safed" Leaf pattern is knitted flat, on straight needles. Since it starts with an I-cord stem, I suggest using 8" double-point needles (2 of your set of size 6 needles dpns), but you can certainly switch to regular straight needles (9" or 13") if you prefer.

Materials
- worsted weight green or gray yarn
- a set of size 6 double-point needles (I used 5" long needles for ease of working, but any length will do)
- a tapestry needle (to sew side seam)

Notes and abbreviations
- The pattern is based on a 17-stitch repeat (the large veined Tree Undone leaf), separated by a single k1
- **CO = cast on**, using the "knit-on" method (see illustrations below)
- **M1 = yo** on the row in which the instruction occurs, **ktbl (knit through back loop)** or **ptbl (purl through the back loop)** on the next row, to make an invisible increase
- **[Sl2tog, k1, p2sso]** = slip 2 sts together knit-wise, as if knitting them together, knit next stitch, pass the slipped sts together over the knit st. This double-decrease produces the center vein of the leaf pattern

Directions

CO 5 sts. Work in I-cord (on double points) 4 rows.
Row 1: CO 8 sts. Knit to last st, kfb   (14 sts)
Row 2: Knit
Row 3: *KFB, K5, KFB*, repeat **   (18 sts)
Row 4: purl
Row 5: *PFB, P3, K1, P3, PFB*, repeat **   (22 sts)
Row 6: knit
Row 7: *KFB, K9, KFB*, repeat **   (26 sts)
Row 8: purl
Row 9: *PFB, P5, K1, P5, PFB*, repeat **   (30 sts)
Row 10: knit
Row 11: purl
Row 12: knit
Row 13: *PFB, P6, K1, P6, PFB*, repeat ** (34 sts)
Row 14: *P8, K1, P8*, repeat **
Row 15: knit
Row 16: purl
Row 17: *P8, K1, P8*, repeat **
Row 18: *K8, P1, K8*, repeat **
Rows 19-22: repeat rows 15-18
Row 23: * K1, ssk, K11, k2tog, K1*, repeat ** (30 sts)
Row 24: purl
Row 25: *P1, p2tog, p4, k1, p4, ssp, P1*, repeat ** (26 sts)
Row 26: *K6, P1, K6*, repeat **
Row 27: *K1, ssk, k7, k2tog, K1*, repeat **   (22 sts)
Row 28: *P1, p2tog, P5, ssp, P1*, repeat ** (18 sts)
Row 29: *P4, K1, P4*, repeat **
Row 30: *K1, k2tog, K1, P1, K1, ssk, K1*, repeat ** (14 sts)
Row 31: *K1, ssk, K1, k2tog, K1*, repeat ** (10)
Row 32: *ssp, K1, p2tog*, repeat ** (6 sts)
Row 33: K6
Row 34: *slip 1, k2tog, psso*, repeat ** (2 sts)
Row 34: p2tog.
Fasten off yarn, leaving a long enough tail with which to sew the side seam (10-12").
Sew side seam to stem. Leave tails dangling.