

SEA CUCUMBER DRAFT STOP



*have an ancient house?
got the blustery chills?*

*this little darling
can fix those ills.*

INGREDIENTS

- ✂ | 3.5mm dpns
- 🧶 | patons classic 100% pure wool - medium weight
- gauge: 5½ sts per inch [post blocking]
- dry kidney beans or similar
- poly fill stuffing

NOTES

- the pattern repeats over the 16 st portion of your stitches - this forms the top. the remaining 16 sts (the two 8 & 8 needles) form the back.
- this is, by nature, a customized project as its length is determined by the gap one aims to block.
- my specimen was 28 inches on the nose and snugly cozies a 24 inch door/floor gap
- finished circumference: 6 inches



METHOD

using long tail method (leave a generous tail for joining up the end later)
cast on 32 sts. divide them thus: 16 sts [needle 1], 8 sts [needle 2], 8 sts [needle 3].

join up, not twisting, and k for 4 rows even.

following row - *commence pattern [over the 16 st needle]*:

- rnd 1** > k4, C4B [sl 2 sts onto cable needle, hold to back. k2 sts, k2 from cn], C4F[sl 2 sts onto cable needle, hold to front. k2 sts, k2 from cn], k4, k to end.
- rnd 2 & 4** > k
- rnd 3** > k2, C4B, k4, C4F, k2, k to end.
- rnd 5** > C4B, k8, C4F, k to end.
- rnd 6** > k

repeat these 6 rounds until the desired length has been achieved, finishing with a completed pattern repeat. k for 4 additional rounds. bind off leaving long tail.

MAKING UP

wet block, roll between two folds of a towel to remove excess moisture and pin one end of the tube shut with a dpn. fill with dry kidney beans. this will promote proper shape. using another dpn, pin the top end shut so beans don't spill out.

when dry, remove beans. using the long tail from CO, firmly sew one end together by folding the tube in half, pattern side up and matching up sts. get an old paper towel roll and force it into the knitted tube. poke polyester fiberfill into the paper towel roll and push it down with a long knitting needle. gradually pull the knitted tube down while forcing the fiberfill out the end of the paper towel roll. continue in this manner until the draft stop has filled out and looks reasonable. next, using a thin tube (i used a wrapping paper roll) force it into the tube along the underneath, non patterned edge, & underneath the polyfill; [this might be difficult and if it stretches don't worry] be sure to get it all the way down to the bottom, seamed end.

tip a generous amount of dry beans into this tube. carefully, ease the cardboard roll up. beans should be depositing as you do this. make sure a goodly number are distributed throughout the draft stop. these will give the draft stop stability.
now - seam up remaining end.

FINISHING

if tassels appeal to you, they can be added at each of the corners.
wrap wool 15 times around a ruler. leave a 6 inch tail. with darning needle thread three times perpendicular to the wrapped sts. secure by stabbing through the middle of perpendicular wraps. flip ruler over and cut wraps across the middle. fold these halves together and, a cm down, wrap remaining tail 3 times around to secure. stab up through the top and weave in to finish. attach to corner of draft stop using a couple of well placed whip stitches.

place your newly minted draft stop against the offending area - ta da.

