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Lobster

knit and felted in **Jasper™** | [color info](#)
Skill level: **Intermediate**

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Lobster is a felted shibori-like needle holder knit with self-striping Jasper.

SIZE

Approximately 3" wide x 14" long (after felting and folding over top for hanging)

**PDF Pattern Instructions**

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MATERIALS

2 hanks **BERROCO JASPER** (50 grs), 3840 Brown Santiago
Straight knitting needles, size 9 (5.50 mm) OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE
Optional: small amount of raffia for hanging cord

GAUGE

18 sts = 4"; 22 rows = 4" in St st (before felting)
TO SAVE TIME, TAKE TIME TO CHECK GAUGE

NEEDLE HANGER

With straight needles, cast on 20 sts. Work even in St st for 5", end on RS.

Beg Needle Loop: Next Row (WS): Knit. Work 11 rows in St st, end on RS.

End Needle Loop: Next row (WS): With tip of RH needle, pick up loop above knit st 11 rows down, place on LH needle and k2 tog. Rep until all sts have been worked. Work even in St st for 5 rows, end on RS. In this manner, make 10 more needle loops with 5 rows St st between loops. When a total of 11 needle loops have been completed, work even in St st for 5", end on WS. Bind off.

FINISHING

Tear plastic grocery bags in half and stuff each needle loop with one half bag. This holds them open while felting. Felt needle hanger in washing machine for a short time using hot water and soap. Remove from washer and rinse well. Remove grocery bags and continue to felt, checking often. When piece reaches desired size, remove from washer and allow to air dry, shaping by hand. When dry, fold each end to WS 1" and sew in place. For a handle, we inserted a spare needle through the loop formed by the foldback at top and tied a piece of twisted raffia to each end of needle to hang.

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