
Freedom Park
Square

Stilly River Yarns
Stanwood, WA



To kick off our first year as a participating shop in the LYS Tour, and to give a nod to this year's theme of "Celebrating Community," we decided to introduce you one of our favorite places in the Stanwood-Camano community with this pattern. Freedom Park is located about ten minutes west of Stanwood on the northeast side of Camano Island. It has an incredible 12,000 square-foot playground, a sculpture walk, a veterans' memorial, and - weather permitting - breathtaking views of Mount Rainier and Port Susan Bay.

The honeycomb side of the square is highly textured, echoing the surfaces of various works of sculpture that you'll find around the west side of the park; the bubbly texture of the other side reminded one of our shop kids of the cherry tree climbing wall in the playground. We hope you'll enjoy knitting this square as much as making a visit to our area on the Tour!

Materials:

- 1 ball Berroco Ultra Wool (100% superwash wool, 219 yds per 3.5 oz / 200m per 100g); sample knitted in color Nasturtium
- US7/4.5mm needles, or size required to reach gauge
- 2 stitch markers

Gauge:

- After washing/blocking, 1 diamond motif on the honeycomb side will measure 0.75" / 2cm from side point to side point and 1.5" / 4cm from top point to bottom point. Diamond motifs at this size will ensure a 12"/30.5cm square.

Pattern abbreviations:

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| ● CO: cast on | ● P 5-row ladder: see | ● RS: right side |
| ● K: knit | pattern notes | ● SM: slip marker |
| ● P: purl | ● PM: place marker | ● St/s: stitch/stitches |

Pattern notes:

- In stitch dictionaries, the even rows are designated as the right side; we chose to keep that designation in our chart. However, the stitch pattern is completely reversible and will give you two very different looks for your finished square. Choose whichever one you like better to be on the public face of your work.
- P 5-row ladder:
 - Drop the next stitch on the needle and pull the individual stitch back 5 rows to create a ladder.
 - Insert your right-hand needle into the dropped stitch from behind, then lift the dropped stitch and the 5 strands of the ladder onto your left-hand needle.
 - Purl the dropped stitch and the 5 ladder strands together all at once.
 - Prefer to see a video tutorial? Please visit [the LYS Tour page of our website!](https://www.stillyriveryarns.com/2018-lys-tour.html) If you've printed out this pattern, the tutorial video can be viewed at the following URL: <https://www.stillyriveryarns.com/2018-lys-tour.html>

Pattern directions:

CO 61 sts.

K 4 rows.

Next row (RS): K5, pm, p51, pm, k5.

NOTE: Stitch markers placed in this row mark vertical edges of the garter stitch frame around the stitch pattern. This border is maintained throughout the main body of the square. Written directions include directions for the border; if you prefer to work from the chart, k the first and last 5 sts of each row in addition to working charted sts. The borders are not shown in the chart.

Proceed to written directions or chart (see following pages); work 12-row repeat 7 times (84 rows total).

K 4 rows. Bind off.

Pattern repeat, written: (Boxes are for you to mark off your rows as you complete them!)



Row 1: K.



Row 2: K5, sm, p to second marker, sm, k5.



Row 3: K.



Row 4: K5, sm, p to second marker, sm, k5.



Row 5: K.



Row 6: K5, sm, p3, *p 5-row ladder, p3*; repeat between asterisks to marker, sm, k5.



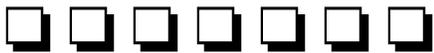
Row 7: K.



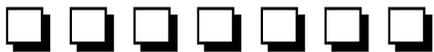
Row 8: K5, sm, p to second marker, sm, k5.



Row 9: K.



Row 10: K5, sm, p to second marker, sm, k5.



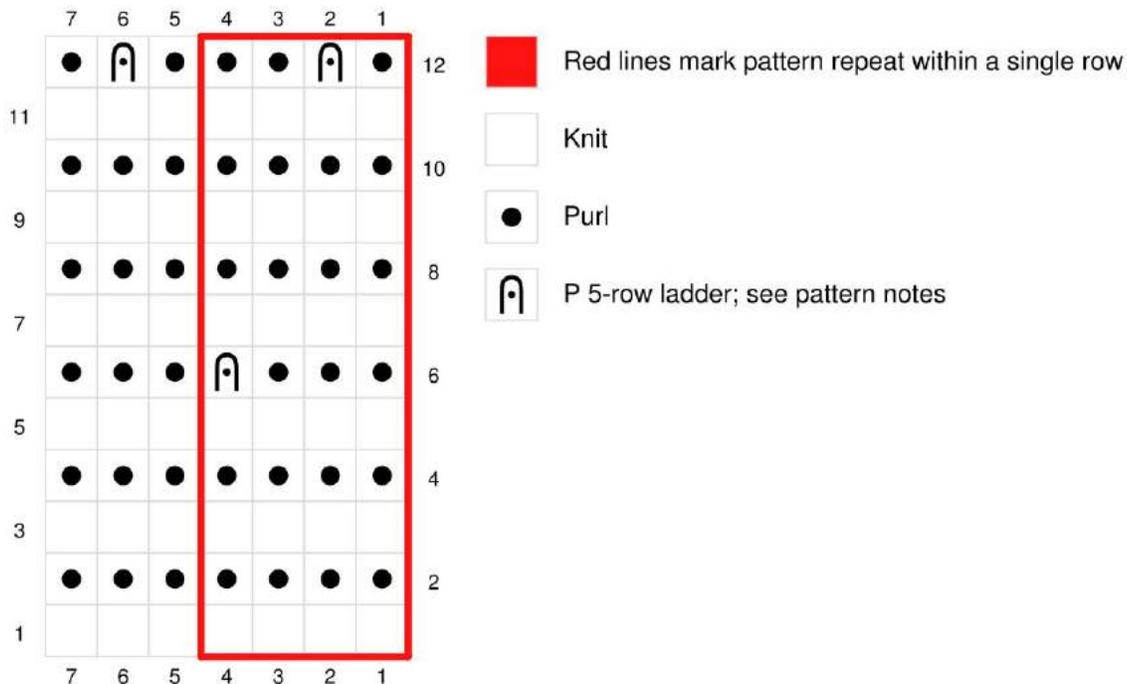
Row 11: K.



Row 12: K5, sm, p1, *p 5-row ladder, p3*; repeat between asterisks until 2 sts remain before marker; p 5-row ladder, p1, sm, k5.

Pattern repeat, charted:

NOTE: You will work the boxed section of each row 12 times across a row. The chart does not include the garter stitch borders.



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Finishing: Wash and block to size; when worked at gauge, this block will measure 12” square. The fabric has a tendency to pull together along the vertical, so we recommend pinning out the top and bottom of the square.



Photo of full square by Lori Maul; other photos by Lindsey Spoor for Stilly River Yarns