

Suggestions for Using Magic Loop Method to Knit Knockers

Materials

2 double point needles, size 4 (5), Size 4 cable needle 24 + inches,
Cascade Yarns Ultra Pima Fine, sport weight cotton (Ultra Pima, DK), a stitch marker, tapestry needle

Outer Piece

Using 2 DPs, CO 3 sts - Knit 6 rows I-Cord (this will be knotted for "nipple")

Next row - kfb every stitch

Place sts on cable and pull up loop with 2 sts on front needle and 4 sts on back needle.

Place marker in middle of the 4 sts. Start knitting in the round.

Round 1 - *kfb, k1 repeat to end of round

Round 2 - Knit to last stitch of each section, m1, k1

A cup - Repeat rnd 2 - 24(18)times or amount to equal 5" diameter (across)

B cup - Repeat rnd 2 - 26(20) times or amount to equal 5.5" diameter (across)

C cup - Repeat rnd 2 - 30(24) times or amount to equal 6" diameter (across)

D cup - Repeat rnd 2 - 32(26) times or amount to equal 6.5" diameter (across)

E cup - Repeat rnd 2 - 34(28) times or amount to equal 7" diameter (across)

Purl 2 rounds.

of Stitches

3

6

9 (3 per section)

12 (4 per section)

28 sts per section

30 sts per section

34 sts per section

36 sts per section

38 sts per section

Inner Piece

Round 1 - *K to last 2 sts of each section, k 2 tog. Repeat to end of round.

Round 2 - *Ssk, k to last 2 sts of each section, k 2 tog. Repeat to end of round.

Repeat Rnds 1 and 2 until 12 sts total remain.

Cut yarn (long tail) - thread tail through 12 sts and leave loose to allow for stuffing

Knot I-Cord very tightly and stitch down for small nipple

Fill with Fiber Fil - (Optional, we will fill for you if you want :-))

While Knitted Knockers are a great "stash buster" taking only about 50 yards of yarn we recommend Cascade Yarns' Ultra Pima yarn because it is 100% pima cotton; washable, soft and affordable. A skein of Ultra Pima sells for about \$10 and will make up to 5 1/2 knockers and the Ultra Pima Fine sells for about \$5 a skein and makes up to 3 depending on size. If using Ultra Pima Fine we recommend using a size 4 needle and making two sizes larger (use size D pattern to end up with a size B). www.AppleYarns.com offers yarns & kits for Knockers plus they donate money back to KnittedKnockers.org.

The most requested colors are "nude" and pastel pairs. If you don't have enough of one color to finish a knocker feel free to finish the inner piece with a complimentary color using the same type of yarn. If you get bored with the flesh tones by all means make a creative, bright pair if you want. We do get requests for those too :-). Don't stress too much about the sizing. The most important thing is to make sure that all pairs are the same size (same number of stitches). About 75% of the requests are for sizes B and C with the rest size A and D.

We realize that this is not the easiest pattern being knit on double pointed needles but they are beautifully contoured and hold up really well. Getting past the first few rounds is the most challenging but once mastered it becomes an easy, fun and portable project taking most people between 2-3 hours to make one. We will be posting a video on how to make our pattern on www.knittedknockers.org soon.

If you don't have someone to give your beautiful knocker to please send them to us for distribution (always free) and we will reimburse you for postage upon request. We need lots of them! Send to Knitted Knockers, 1780 Iowa Street, Bellingham, WA 98229. Visit www.knittedknockers.org (the one with the pink ribbon logo on it) to learn more and to link yourself as a provider, or to locate a group in your area.