

CRAZY-CHECK BELT



Hand-dyed sock yarn is transformed into a fun-to-knit, uniquely unusual accessory!

Skill level: Intermediate  INTERMEDIATE

Size: 1.5" high x desired waist circumference plus 8" for drop

Materials:

100 yds. sock-weight  yarn

(Sample shown in Pagewood Farm "Yukon" (70% merino wool/20% bamboo/10% nylon), 450 yards per 4 oz. hank)

Pair of size US 3 (3.25 mm) knitting needles, or size needed to achieve gauge

Crochet hook size US D/3 (3.25 mm)

Two 1" cabone rings

Tapestry needle

Gauge: 24 sts & 32 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch on size 3 (3.25 mm) needles

Terms/Abbreviations: beginning (beg), bind off (BO), cast on (CO), decrease (dec), each (ea), increase (inc), knit (k), knit front & back (kf&b), knit two together (k2tog), pass slipped stitch over (pss), pattern (patt), place marker (pm), purl (p), remaining (rem), repeat (rep), round (rnd), slip (sl), stitch (st), yarn over (yo)

Pattern notes:

Belt is worked outward from a beginning ring fastener created by working single crochet around two cabone rings.

Belt

With crochet hook, attach yarn to one cabone ring. Ch 1, sc around ring until it is completely covered, join with sl st and fasten off. Repeat on second ring. Set aside.

With knitting needles, CO 5. Work in garter stitch (knit every row) until piece measures 1.5" from beg.

Join strip to rings:

Holding both rings together as one, slip free end of knitted piece through rings and bring cast-on end up to meet sts on needle. Working through both thicknesses, knit one row (5 sts).

Next row (inc row): Kf&b in ea st across (10 sts)

Begin pattern:

Rows 1, 3, 5, 7 (RS): K1, (sl 1, k1, pssso, yo)twice, k4, k1.

Rows 2, 4, 6, 8 (WS): K1, k4, p4, k1.

Rows 9, 11, 13, 15: K1, k4, (yo, k2tog)twice, k1.

Rows 10, 12, 14, 16: K1, p4, k4, k1.

Rep Rows 1-16 until belt measures desired length to fit around waist comfortably plus 8" for drop.

Next row (dec row): *K2 tog, rep from * across (5 sts)

Next row: K.

Next row (dec row): K2tog, k1, k2tog.

BO and weave in tails.

To wear: Loop end of belt through both rings, then loop back through one ring to secure.

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