

Rhinebeck or Bust Wristers

The question was innocent enough: “What’s everyone knitting for Rhinebeck?” Knitting? For Rhinebeck? Of course—why did I think of that? It’s a fiber festival, after all. But what to knit, especially for an outdoor festival in the northeast in mid-October, when temperatures can range from the 30s to the 80s...sometimes all in the same day?



Size: Adult*

Finished Measurements:*

Length: 7”

Circumference: 8”

Materials:

Three Irish Girls Carys BFL –
80 yds

Size US9 circular needle

Tapestry needle

Gauge: 16 sts = 4” in garter stitch

*These wristers can easily be resized by adding or removing an even number of stitches from the cast on, or by adding or removing rows as noted in the pattern.

Open Honeycomb Stitch

(Modified from Barbara Walker’s *A Treasury of Knitting Patterns*, p. 152)

Round 1 (RS) – Purl

Round 2 (WS) – Purl

Round 3 – sl1, k1, *YO, k2tog tbl, rep from * to end of round

Round 4 – Purl

Note: This stitch pattern is different from the one used for the capelet and hat as the wristers are knit flat, not in the round. If converting this pattern to knit in the round, remove the sl1 and k1 to begin round 3 and cast on an even number of stitches.

Note: These wristers are patterned along the back of the hand, so there is a left hand wrister and a right hand wrister. Knit one of each!

Instructions

Cast on 32 sts.

Knit in garter stitch for 2", ending with a wrong side row.

Row 1 – Purl

Row 2 – Purl

(Left) Row 3 – Sl1, k1, (YO, k2tog tbl) 8 times, knit to end

(Right) Row 3 – Sl1, k14, (YO, k2tog tbl) 8 times, k1

Row 4 – Purl

(Left) Row 5 – Sl1, p18, knit to end

(Right) Row 5 – Sl1, K13, p18

Row 6 – Purl

Row 7 – Knit

Row 8 – Purl

Row 9 – Rep row 5

Rep rows 6 – 9 twice more (or fewer or less times, for desired length).

Rep rows 2 – 5.

Knit in garter stitch to desired length. Bind off loosely and sew up side seam, leaving opening for thumb. Weave in ends.