

Candy Cane Wristlets

knit pattern



Yarn: Worsted Weight - I used Vanna's Choice in Scarlet and white. The acrylic gives your wristlets great shape retention. Go with two colors to achieve the stripe pattern shown.; 50 yards per color

Needles: size 4 US straight needles (this gives you a nice tight gauge that adds to the warmth of the glove)

Other Notions: yarn needle, and scissors

Notes Before You Get Started:

I am almost embarrassed to write up the directions for these, because really, it is a square, folded in half, and sewn up. However, they are cute and colorful and think of all the school colors you can do! I love the red and white Candy Cane look. And for those who can do dishcloths in your sleep, this gives you another gift giving option. These wristlets do not have a thumb, just a thumb hole.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Long tail cast on, with color A, 3 stitches, leaving a 12" tail to comfortably sew up to the bottom of the thumb when it comes time to finish the wristlets.

Row 1: K2, KFB (you should have 4 stitches on needle)

Row 2: K2, KFB, K to end (you should have 5 stitches on needle)

Switch to color B at beginning of next row. Tie on the second color, do not cut color A, leave it hanging to back of work.

Repeat Row 2 twice with color B. (You should now have 7 stitches on needle)

Switch to color A at beginning of next row, and make sure to not let the yarn have any slack when you change colors, or you will have some loopy ends on your finished product. Do not cut color B when switching colors, leave it hanging to back of work.

Repeat row 2 twice with color A. (You should now have 9 stitches on needle)

Keep repeating row 2, doing a color change every two rows, until you have 41 stitches on your needle (your last two rows before the decreases should be color A). It is time to decrease now.

Switch to color B at the beginning of the row.

K2, K2Tog, K to end of row.

Repeat above row.

Now switch back to color A at the beginning of the next row, and repeat the above sequence, with color changes, until you have 3 stitches on your needle.

Bind off, leaving about a 12" tail with your final color. With the other color yarn that is still attached, tie that off and leave yourself about a 12" tail as well. You will use both colors when sewing up the wristlet.

Fold your piece in half to form a rectangle. I like to keep the color change 'loops' on the bottom edge of the wristlet, and of course they continue up the side seam.

Starting at the top, using your yarn needle and your red and white tails accordingly, sew up the side seam about 2 1/2", then try on your wristlet. Once you like where the wristlet sits, then you can begin sewing it up from the bottom. You will need to use some scrap yarn from color B to sew up the coordinating stripes on the bottom, along with your yarn tail from your original long tail cast on. Try it on again, and make sure your thumb has the perfect amount of room before trimming and weaving in the ends.