

Cat Silhouette Bookmark

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Finished toy / bookmark size: Approximately 7" (18 cm) long.

Yarn:

Any sport to worsted weight yarn.

Yardage:

Approximately about 30 - 40 yards / 27 – 36.5 meters total.

Recommended Needle Size: DPN US#5/3.75mm (set of 5). Or use your preferred needles for knitting in the round.

Notions: Yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker.

Abbreviations:

KFB = Knit in front and back of the same st, it creates 2sts from 1st.

SSK = Slip st, slip st and knit the 2sts together. This decreases 2sts to 1st.

K2tog = Knit 2 sts together. This decreases 2sts to 1st.

R = Round

K = Knit

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I-cord = the sts are knitted from one needle to second needle, do not turn the needle with sts around, just push the sts to the beginning of the needle and knit again. This technique makes tube.

Technique:

Grafting (Kitchener stitch):

This technique is used for joining two pieces of work together creating an almost invisible seam. With an equal number of stitches on two needles, thread end through tapestry needle. Hold needles parallel, with WS's facing in and both needles pointing to the right.

Perform Step 2 on the first front st, and then Step 4 on the first back st, and then continue with instructions below.

- 1: Pull tapestry needle knitwise through front stitch and drop stitch from knitting needle.
 - 2: Pull tapestry needle purlwise through next front stitch, leave stitch on knitting needle.
 - 3: Pull tapestry needle purlwise through first back stitch and drop stitch from knitting needle.
 - 4: Pull tapestry needle knitwise through next back stitch, leave stitch on knitting needle.
- Repeat Steps 1 – 4 until all stitches have been grafted.

Gauge: 21sts & 27 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Body:

With the yarn and two DPN cast on 16 sts (8 sts per needle). Place the stitch marker on the first st and begin working in the round.

- R 1:** Knit around
R 2: *KFB, K6, KFB; repeat from * around (20 sts total)
R 3: Knit around
R 4: *KFB, K8, KFB; repeat from * around (24 sts total)
R 5: Knit around
R 6: *KFB, K10, KFB; repeat from * around (28 sts total)
R 7 – 8: Knit around
R 9: *KFB, K12, KFB; repeat from * around (32 sts total).
R 10 – 15: Knit around
R 16: *SSK, K12, K2tog; repeat from * around (28 sts total)
R 17 – 19: Knit around
R 20: *SSK, K10, K2tog; repeat from * around (24 sts total)
R 21 – 22: Knit around
R 23: *SSK, K8, K2tog; repeat from * around (20 sts total)
R 24 – 25: Knit around
R 26: *SSK, K6, K2tog; repeat from * around (16 sts total)
R 27 – 28: Knit around
R 29: *SSK, K4, K2tog; repeat from * around (12 sts total)
R 30 – 31: Knit around
R 32: *KFB, K4, KFB; repeat from * around (16 sts total)
R 33: Knit around
R 34: *KFB, K6, KFB; repeat from * around (20 sts total)
R 35: Knit around
R 36: *KFB, K8, KFB; repeat from * around (24 sts total)
R 37: Knit around
R 38: *KFB, K10, KFB; repeat from * around (28 sts total)

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R 39 – 40: Knit around
R 41: *SSK, K10, K2tog; repeat from * around (24 sts total)
R 42: Knit around
R 43: *SSK, K8, K2tog; repeat from * around (20 sts total)
R 44: Knit around
R 45: *SSK, K6, K2tog; repeat from * around (16 sts total)
R 46: *SSK, K4, K2tog; repeat from * around (12 sts total)
Using Kitchener stitch close the live stitches from both needles.

Ears (make 2):

With the yarn and DPN pick up 6 sts (3 sts per needle) on the side of the cat's head.

R 1: Knit around (6 sts total).

R 2: *SSK, Knit 1; repeat from * around (4 sts total)

R 3: SSK around (2 sts total)

Cut the yarn, leaving long enough tail, and thread the end on a yarn needle. Pull the end through the remaining stitches on needles, gather up and close the hole, stitch to secure.

Tail:

With the yarn and DPN cast on 3 sts.

Work in I-cord for about 4.5" (12 cm)

Cut the yarn, leaving long enough tail, and thread the end on a yarn needle. Pull the end through the remaining stitches on needles, gather up and close the hole, stitch to secure. Sew the tail to the side of the cat's bottom part. Sew together the cast on stitches.



Finishing:

Weave in the ends.

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