

# BITTY BRITCHES (ORNAMENTAL LONGIES)



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This quick little knit made with scrap yarn is a fun and inexpensive gift for any knitter or cloth diapering mama. Hang it on a tree or a key chain or anywhere you think it's fun to look at tiny pants!



## Size

One size

## Materials

Yarn: I used scrap amounts of two colors of DK weight, but sport or worsted would work fine too.

Needles: I used US #3 dpns, but your needle size could vary with the weight of yarn you choose.

Notions: Tapestry needle & scrap yarn.

## Gauge

Gauge is unimportant since they're only ornamental.

## Techniques & Stitches Used

- cast on
- knitting in the round
- knit
- purl
- increase
- bind off

## Abbreviations

st = stitch

k = knit

p = purl

dpns = double pointed needles

## KNITTING DIRECTIONS

### Starting at the waist with your trim color:

Cast on 24 sts and join into a round. K1P1 for 4 rounds.

**ROW 5:** Knit around increasing every 6 sts (28 sts) Change to main color and continue in stockinette (knit all sts) for 10 rounds.

### Divide for legs:

K 7 sts. Using your darning needle and scrap yarn transfer the next 14 sts onto scrap yarn. These are your stitches for the second leg and you will return to them later.

### Knit legs:

Divide the remaining live sts evenly among 3 DPNs and \*knit in stockinette for 16 rounds. Change to trim color and knit 1 round. Knit 3 rounds of seed stitch and bind off.\* Return to the sts on the scrap yarn and divide them evenly among 3 DPNs. Join new yarn at the inside of the leg (leaving at least a 6-8" tail for closing the "crotch" later) and repeat steps between \*'s.

### Finishing & adding your "drawstring":

Turn your Bitty Britches inside out. Make a couple stitches with your long tail to close the crotch opening. Weave in all ends.

For my drawstring/hanger I made a tight twisted cord using my main color yarn and a hand mixer. You could just use a single strand of yarn, braided embroidery floss, ribbon, or any number of creative things to hang your britches. Whatever you use, you'll need a couple feet of it. Using your tapestry needle

start at the front-center and weave your drawstring in and out of the ribbing until you arrive back in the front. Choose a hip you want the pants to hang from and pull a few inches of slack on the inside of the britches. Tie a little knot to keep it from pulling back out. Pull your cord snug from the front, tie a little bow, and snip the excess.

Block and you're done. Wet blocking allows you to shape them a little more and really makes them look nice, so take the time!

### **PATTERN SUPPORT & PHOTO SHARING**

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