

I-CORD BRACELETS

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How about a quick gift? Use leftover yarn to knit a simple I-cord bracelet. Because the cording has a natural stretch, you don't have to make an exact size as the band will slide over the hand. Match some socks by using the same yarn! Add some "bling-bling" by using a yarn with a metallic thread, or twist two cords together, or add a single fancy button or charm.

Size

Adult Average = Wrist 6 ½" circumference

Finished circumference = 7" unstretched

Materials

Fingering, sock, Sport or DK weight yarns. Samples knit in 24K Plymouth Yarns (82% Nylon, 18% Lame) and German sock yarn (75% wool, 25% Nylon)

2 each US Size 3 (3.25mm) double point needles

Gauge

6 sts = 1", but this is not really important

I-cord instructions: I-cord is knit on two double point needles. You do not turn your work after knitting a row, instead, you will move/slide the stitches over to the other end/side of the needle and begin knitting them again. This means that you will be pulling the working yarn from the last stitch *across the back of the 4 stitches* to reach the first stitch. Tug tightly when knitting the first stitch. At first, it looks a little sloppy, but as you continue to work the stitches, give cording a tug and it will even out and you won't have a loose thread at the back. Really.

SIMPLE BRACELET

Cast on 4 stitches. Work I-cord until piece measures 7" *un-stretched*. Cut yarn leaving a 6" tail. Thread tail through the 4 stitches. Using tail, sew the ends together. Weave tails up inside of I-Cord tube.

TWISTED BRACELET

Following instructions for Simple Bracelet above, make 2 I-cords through the gathering of the 4 stitches together at each end, but do not sew ends together yet. Holding the two I-Cords *side by side lengthwise*, use one of the yarn tails, sew the two cast on edges together. Twist the two I-Cords around each other about 8 or 9 times.

Holding the twist, sew ends together. Weave tails up inside of I-Cord tube.

