

Ribbed Baby Bib

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This ribbed baby bib is an idea I've had in my mind for a long time, but I just couldn't hit upon the right combination of yarn, spacer setting, and knitting board gauge. The fabric just wasn't turning out like I wanted. I had actually given up on the project. Finally, while experimenting on a different project, it all came together.



With three buttonholes, it is adjustable to various sizes. Try it in self-stripping cotton yarn, or add some stripes of your own. This bib is quick and easy to knit, and would make a great gift. It would also be ideal to donate to charities.

Materials

Knitting Loom: Small gauge double sided knitting board with at least 24 pegs set at 1/4" spacer setting. The 18" Authentic Knitting Board was used in the sample.

Yarn: 65 yards of 100% cotton worsted weight yarn. Peaches & Creme (variegated bibs) and Sugar'n Cream (solid bib) were used in the sample.

Notions: Tapestry Needle, Knitting tool, Crochet hook, 3/4" button (1)

Gauge: 14 stitches and 14 rows on a 4"x 4" swatch in the ribbing stitch

Abbreviations: Cast on—CO, Bind Off—BO, Knit—K

Pattern Notes:

The ribbing stitch is used throughout the pattern. To wrap the ribbing stitch, after wrapping up to the first peg on the back board, wrap down to the third peg on the front board. Continue wrapping every other peg. The last two pegs will be wrapped consecutively. Wrap directly across the board at the end, and then wrap back down the board, covering all the empty pegs. The last two pegs will again be wrapped consecutively. See http://65.61.171.117/stitch_ribbing.pdf (This is a PDF file of the ribbing stitch with step by step pictures.) When wrapping the ribbing stitch for the neck strap, you will wrap it a bit differently because it is an odd number of stitches. To wrap the neck strap, wrap up to the first peg in the back, down to the third peg in the front, back up to the third peg in

the back, and then down to the fifth (last) peg in the front. Now, take the yarn straight across to the fifth peg in the back, and wrap back to the beginning, covering all the empty pegs.

To knit the buttonhole row, move the loop on the third peg to a peg adjacent to it. Do this to both the front and back board. I suggest moving the front and back loop opposite each other, so that all the extra bulk won't end up on just one side of the buttonhole. The third peg will now be empty. Wrap the board as usual. When picking over, pick 2 over 1 on the pegs that have 3 loops on them. Do not pick over the pegs with only one loop on them. When finished with the row, each peg should have just 1 loop on it.

Every once in a while I'll have a stitch or two on the edge that looks a little more loopy than the rest. To remedy this, find where that yarn loop enters the body of the knitting and gently pull in the excess yarn. Distribute the excess yarn into the body of the knitting.

Instructions

Finished size is 7"x 7", excluding neck strap

The ribbing stitch is used throughout the pattern.

1. Co 24 pegs using the stockinette cast on.
2. K 25 rows or 7".
3. BO 19 stitches (there will be 5 stitches remaining), starting at the end opposite the working yarn. After binding off, there will be one loop left on the crochet hook. Place the remaining loop on the back peg nearest it that has a loop on it.
4. K 25 rows or 7" over the remaining 5 stitches. When picking over the first row, make sure to pick 2 over 1 on the peg that has 3 loops on it from binding off.
5. Buttonhole row.
6. K 3 rows.
7. Buttonhole row.
8. K 3 rows.
9. Buttonhole row.
10. K 3 rows.
11. BO. Weave in all loose ends. Sew on the button to the front of bib, near the top corner opposite the strap.

Faith is a home schooling mom of seven. In the summer of 2006 she picked up a one dollar spool knitter. From there, she graduated to the larger round looms, and then double sided knitting boards, her favorite type of loom. At the beginning

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