

Santa Hat Intarsia Washcloth

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This Santa Hat Washcloth measures approximately 8.5” H x 9.5” W.

Supplies: 36 peg small gauge knitting board (5/16” between pins), 1/4” spacing used (approximately 4-5 washers). This allows you to knit as a single strand and still have a decent thickness to the cloth.

Yarn: 100% cotton yarn, 1 skein for background color (I Love This Cotton used in sample) and 25 yards of white for cuff and pom pon (Bernat Cajun Cotton White used in sample), 1 skein red (Bernat Cajun Cotton Red used in sample).

Stitch: Stockinette cast-on and stitch used throughout. See casting on video tutorial on www.knittingboard.com for stitch information.

Abbreviations:

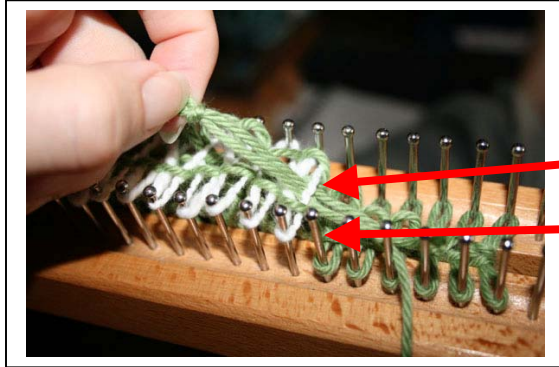
MC – Main Color – green in this example
CC1 – Contrast Color 1 – white in this example
CC2 – Contrast Color 2 – red in this example

Notes: When knitting using the intarsia technique for this project you will need either a second skein of green or approximately 50 yards wound on a bobbin (or you can use a paper towel roll). You will use a separate “skein” of green on each side of the main pattern and twist the colors at the intersections to avoid holes.



Cast on MC in stockinette stitch 36 pegs, count cast on row as first row of pattern. Lay anchor yarn after first row to define stitches for finishing.

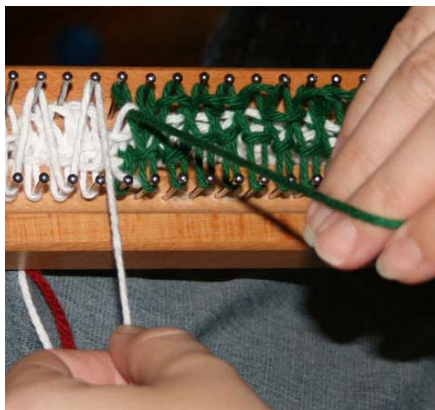
Row 2-4: using MC knit in stockinette stitch



Row 5: start with CC and place slip knot on peg 7 (top or bottom of board doesn't matter) work to peg 30 and back in stockinette. Knit off. Make slip knot in end of second "skein" of green and slip under the row of white yarn going from the top and bottom of pegs 30, then place slip knot on peg 31.

Continue knitting the green on the right side then knit off. Next knit the green yarn on the left side of the loom – knit down to peg 6, knit off last peg wrapped to help hold stitches while wrapping, then twist as described below and continue wrapping the MC back to peg 1 and knit off. Tug gently on the anchor yarn to "set" stitches.

Holding both the MC and the CC1 strands, bring the CC1 yarn over the top of the MC and around underneath the MC (see photos). You will always twist the yarn to the right over the top of the left and around underneath each time – regardless of which side of the board you are on.

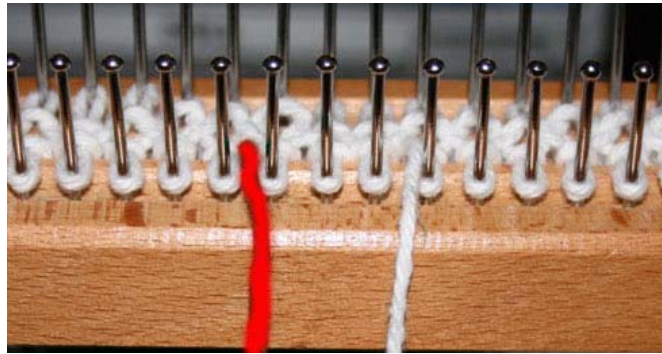


Continue following the chart always starting with the CC's first, then the MC on the right followed by the MC on the left.

When you finish with CC1 on row 8, cut leaving a 5"-6" tail tucking it in the middle of the board.

Continue by placing the red yarn slip knot on row 9 and knitting as described above. You will not need to slide this slip knot or the white clip knot for the pomp on under the other rows.

When you finish with the final red and white pegs, cut the working yarn and lay it out the side of the board (as shown below). You will weave these in later.



Continue knitting the final rows of the pattern. Bind off using 1 over 2 method on starting and finishing edges. Weave in the starting and ending green strands. Pull gently on the red and white sticking out from the ending rows to tighten up those final stitches. If needed, use these strands to fill in any gaps caused by changing colors at the top of the hat, then weave in to the body of the project.

