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WHAT TO GATHER

Yarn

Small amounts of assorted worsted weight yarns (labeled gauge 20 sts to 4"/10cm) in 10 colours. One colour is a main colour so be certain to have a bit more of that one. See **Notes**.

Needles

1 set US #7/4.5 mm needles

Tools & Notions

Yarn needle

Buckle with a 2"/10cm opening or to accommodate belt width.



WHAT TO KNOW

Gauge

4.5 sts/ 6 rows = 1" in StSt **before** felting

4.75 sts/ 8 rows = 1" in StSt **after** felting.

Notes

Please note that felting is not an exact science. Different yarns felt differently and can obtain a dramatically different gauge when felted. If you want to avoid disappointment it is ALWAYS best to knit, felt and dry a swatch before beginning.

The belt in the photo uses Patons Classic Wool, Ella Rae Classic and Knit Picks

Wool of the Andes in 10 colours.

Call your main colour "A". Then line up the remaining 9 colours and call them B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J, and L.

What size?

This belt is customized to the knitter and/ or wearer! To determine how many rows to knit before you cast off you must do some simple math. 1- Knit, felt and dry a swatch to find out how many rows equal 1"-- in my case 8.

2-Measure the length of a belt you already have and like-- in my case 38". Add 1" for attaching to the buckle-- in my case the total is 39".

3- Multiply rows by inches (8 x 39) equals 312 rows!

I always add a few more mores for "insurance" so I knit 320 rows before my cast off.

Stripe Pattern (SP)

*B6 rows, C6, D6, E4, F4, G4, A30, C6, H10, J6, D4, G6, E4, B6, F6, L6, C2, L2, C2, L2, C2, L2, C2, L2, C2, L2, C2, G4, F4, J4, C4, A30, G4, D4, E4, L6, J6, C6, F4, B4, D4, C4, A30, C4, J4, D4, B4, H10, G6, E6, C4, J4, B4, F8. Repeat from * until desired length.

WHAT TO DO

Belt

With H cast on 10 sts.

Work in GS for 5 rows.

Change to B and begin SP working straight in StSt.

Work until desired length-- See **What Size?**. Cast off.

Belt Loop

With H cast on 4 sts.

Begin SP as follows working straight in StSt:

H2, G6, E6, C4, J4, B4, F8.

Cast off.

Felting

Fill up one side of double basin sink with hot, soapy water (I use just a quarter size squish of a baby shampoo), and the other side with very cold water and ice cubes. Agitate and rub the pieces to be felted in hot water (I wear rubber gloves), then immerse in ice water. Top up the hot and cold basins as required to keep at correct temperature. Repeat this process until pieces have shrunk to desired size and stitches are no longer visible. Let completely air dry flat. You may need to pin the pieces onto a surface to help in keeping things straight.

Finishing

Confirm size and trim at cast off end if needed.

Firmly attach cast off end onto buckle with matching yarn.

Attach belt loop to correct position and firmly secure at back.

WEAR!

Abbreviations

K- Knit
P- Purl
Sts- Stitches
RS- Right side
WS- Wrong side
GS- K every row
StSt- K on RS / P on WS

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