

Director Tie



A special request resulted in a hand-knit tie that resembles the dimensions and shape of a sewn fabric tie. The choice of small yarn and needles and a simple stitch pattern created a reversible knit fabric with smooth edges and a “woven” appearance. The wearer was very pleased!

Sample Project: Malabrigo Sock Kettle Dyed, 100% Superwash Merino Wool, 100 grams, 440 yards, 1 skein; US 0 (2mm) needle; 2 stitch hooks.

Dimension: approximately 59” long, 2.75” at widest point, 1.5” wide narrow section. **Gauge:** approximately 8 stitches per inch in garter stitch.

Substitute Yarn: 180 yards fingering weight.

Recipe

- **CO 3 and Knit one row.**

Row 1 (RS): Slip 1 purlwise wyib, Kfb, K1. (4 sts)

Row 2: Slip 1 purlwise wyib, K3.

Row 3: Slip 1 purlwise wyib, (Kfb) twice, K1. (6 sts)

Row 4: Slip 1 purlwise wyib, K5.

Row 5: Slip 1 purlwise wyib, Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, Kfb, K1. (2 sts inc)

Row 6: Slip 1 purlwise wyib, knit to end.

- Repeat Rows 5 and 6 until 22 sts on needle. **Note:** *mark the RS with a stitch hook.*

Even Row: Slip 1 purlwise wyib, knit to end.

- Repeat Even Row until piece measures 12” from CO point.

Decrease Row (RS): Slip 1 purlwise wyib, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1. (2 sts dec) **Note:** *after completion of a decrease row, place stitch hook on that row.*

- Complete Decrease Row one time. (20 sts)
- Repeat Even Row for 4.5” from the stitch hook that marked the Decrease Row, ending WS row complete.
- Complete Decrease Row one time. (18 sts)
- Repeat Even Row for 4.5” from the stitch hook that marked the Decrease Row, ending WS row complete.
- Complete Decrease Row one time. (16 sts)
- Repeat Even Row for 4.5” from the stitch hook that marked the Decrease Row, ending WS row complete.

Abbreviations: CO-cast on; RS-right side; WS-wrong side; wyib-with yarn in back; Kfb-knit through front and back of stitch; ssk-slip slip knit; K2tog-knit 2 sts together; inc-increase; dec-decrease; RH-right hand; st/sts-stitch/stitches; BO-bind off.

- Complete Decrease Row one time. (14 sts)
- Repeat Even Row for 4.5” from the stitch hook that marked the Decrease Row, ending WS row complete.
- Complete Decrease Row one time. (12 sts) *Note: tie measures approximately 30” from CO point.*
- Complete Even Row for 28”, ending WS row complete.

Finish (small point section)

Row 1 (RS): Slip 1 purlwise wyib, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1. (10 sts)

Rows 2, 3, 4, 6, 8: Slip 1 purlwise wyib, knit to end.

Row 5: Repeat Row 1. (8 sts)

Row 7: Repeat Row 1. (6 sts)

Row 9: Slip 1 purlwise wyib, ssk, K2tog, K1. (4 sts)

Row 10: Slip 1 purlwise wyib, ssk, K1. (3 sts)

Row 11: ssk, K1, pass the 1st stitch on RH needle over the 2nd stitch on RH needle to BO. Cut yarn and pull tail through loop. Weave in ends. Lightly block if desired.

