

Cabley Baby Legwarmers



Originally designed for a chunky-legged one-year-old, these cabled legwarmers are fairly stretchy, and will likely fit babies in a range of ages. To make them even stretchier, continue the ribbing pattern down the back of the leg. They can be easily sized up or down by adjusting your needle size. I like to make them extra long on purpose for maximum scrunchability :)

Materials

- 2 skeins Berroco Pure Merino (shown in Teaberry) or approximately 180 yards of other worsted weight yarn
- Set of 4 US size 4 DPNs
- Set of 4 US size 5 DPNs
- Cable needle (or spare DPN)
- Tapestry needle
- Pom-pom maker (optional)

Techniques

- Ribbing
- Seed stitch
- Cabling
- Long tail cast on
- Sewn bind off

Note:

I chose the long tail cast on and sewn bind off for their stretchiness. I recommend them so the ends of the legwarmers aren't too tight. There are several fantastic tutorials for both techniques available online!

Gauge

5.5 stitches and 9 rows per inch in stockinette stitch on larger needles

Directions

With smaller needles, CO 40 sts using a long tail cast on. Divide evenly over 3 DPNs and join, being careful the sts are not twisted. Work K2 P2 rib for 15 rows.

Next row (row 1): Switch to larger needles and work K2, *K1, P1* K6, *P1, K1* K4, P1, K until 3 sts from end, P1, K2.

Note:

The sts between *s are worked in seed stitch. Maintain the pattern on all subsequent rows by knitting the purls and purling the knits as you come to them.

Row 2-6: Repeat row 1, maintaining seed stitch between *s.

Row 7 (cable twist row): K2, *K1, P1* slip 3 sts to cable needle and hold in front, K3, K3 from cable needle, *P1, K1* K4, P1, K until 3 sts from end, P1, K2.

Work these 7 rows 5 more times, for a total of 6 cable twists. Then work row 1-6 again.

Next row: Switch back to smaller needles and work K2 P2 rib. Work another 9 rows of K2 P2, for a total of 10 rows. Break yarn, leaving a tail at least 3 times the length of the edge and work a sewn bind off.

Note:

Err on the side of caution when cutting your tails for the sewn bind off. It's always better to have too much yarn than not enough! ;)

Work the second legwarmer the same way as the first, except on cable rows hold the stitches to the back, rather than the front. This will make the cable twist in the opposite direction.

Finishing

Weave in all ends. Blocking is not necessary :)

If desired, make a cord by twisting a long strand of yarn back on itself. Thread the cord through the top ribbing, close to the start of the cable pattern, and tie in a knot or bow. Adjust the ends to the length you want, and finish off with a pom-pom on each end.

Please send any questions, comments, suggestions, or corrections to me at lindsay.mdna@gmail.com. You can also find me on Ravelry as lindsaypai. I would love to hear from you!

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