

Pencil Bookmark

A fun, free pattern from Tess Young

Materials

2.75mm (US2) needles
Tapestry needle

Yarns

4 ply / fingering yarns used throughout

Main yarn - approx 9m

Oddments of:

- pink yarn for the eraser
- gold/silver for metal section below eraser
- brown for wood sharpened section
- black for pencil lead or other colours for coloured pencils

Abbreviations

K	knit
K2tog	knit 2 sts together
K2togtbl	knit 2 sts together through the back of the loop
Kfb	knit into front and back of stitch to increase
Inc(d)	increase(d)
P	purl
S	slip
St(s)	stitch(es)
Rem(s)	remains(s)
Rep	repeat
RS	right Side
WS	wrong Side

Originally designed to celebrate and fundraise during Blackpool's Festival of Words "Wordpool" in 2011, this pattern has become a firm favourite among those promoting literacy and a love of reading.

Eraser

With pink yarn, cast on 7 sts.

Row 1 - SI, k to end.

Work this row 12 times.

Gold section

Change to gold coloured yarn.

Row 1 (RS) inc: Kfb in first st, knit to last st, kfb in last st, 2 sts inc'd, 9 sts.

Row 2 (WS): *P1, k1, rep from *until 1 st rem, p1.

Row 3: * K1, p1, rep from * until 1 st rem, k1.

Work rows 2 and 3, 6 times then work row 2 once more.

Pencil section

Change to main colour yarn.

Row 1 (RS): Knit.

Row 2 (WS): * P1, k1, rep from * until 1 st rem, p1.

Row 3: * K1, p1, rep from * until 1 st rem, k1.

Work rows 2 and 3 until the pencil section measures 16cm or your desired length, ending with a wrong side Row 2 .

Note: It will shorten slightly when you block and open out the rib.



Nib

Change to pale brown yarn for the wooden sharpened section.

Row 1 (RS) dec: K2togtbl, k to end, 1st dec'd, 8 sts.

Row 2 (WS) dec: P2tog, p to end, 1 st dec'd, 7 sts.

Row 3: Knit.

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5 dec: K2togtbl, k to end, 1 st dec'd, 6 sts.

Row 6 dec: P2tog , p to end, 1 st dec'd, 5 sts.

Row 7: Knit.

Change to black yarn

Row 8: Purl.

Row 9: Knit.

Row 10 dec: P2tog , p to end, 1 st dec'd, 4 sts.

Row 11 dec: K2togtbl, k to end, 1 st dec'd, 3 sts.

Row 12 dec: P2tog , pl, 1 st dec'd, 2 sts.

Row 13 dec: K2togtbl, 1 st dec'd, 1 st.

Draw thread through remaining stitch to cast off.

Finishing

Sew in ends and block to open up the rib and set the straight along the full length of the pencil.



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About me...

Originally from the south coast after living in both Edinburgh, Scotland and the north west of England, I now live in Italy. These places and my love of travel find their way into my knitwear design.

Inspired by environments as diverse as the coast, mountains and cities, alongside a love of textile and ceramic design and architecture, my designs aim to marry form with function.

Mobilising the characteristics of natural materials, I like to work with texture and construction to create well thought through, crafted pieces that will be a pleasure to knit and wear.

I hope you enjoy knitting this pattern.



You can find out more and follow my journey through making and designing, with a little added gardening and cooking, and some sojourns into textile productions and history all at:

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