Squishy, Slouchy, Stripey Legwarmers

A fun and easy pattern designed by Kathryn Drummond





Yarn: Uneek Sock Twins, 1 2x50g (2x220 yards) set of matched, fingering weight, self-

striping yarn (models used Color #55 and Color #63, one set for each pair)

Needles: 2.25 mm (US 1) and 2.75 mm (US 2) DPN sets, or size needle to obtain gauge

Notions: Knitting stitch marker, tapestry needle for weaving in ends

Gauge: approximately 20 st and 30 rounds per 4" in stockinette in the round after blocking

(although row/round gauge is not critical)

Finished size: 18" long, 7" diameter at cuffs (relaxed)

Difficulty: Easy



Abbreviations

BO – bind off

C6B – slip 3 st to cable needle and hold in back, k3, k3 from cable needle

C6F – slip 3 st to cable needle and hold in front, k3, k3 from cable needle

CO - cast on

k – knit

p – purl

PM - place marker

st - stitches

Notes

My husband bought me a Uneek Sock Twin set for Christmas a couple of years ago (great hubby, right?) and at first I thought I would knit some toe up socks, to make the most of the self-striping yarn. But then I got this idea and I just love them! Then I made a pair for my best friend, who also loves them! To make these larger or smaller in diameter, increase or decrease by a multiple of 4 st (note that this will change the length of your legwarmers).

Instructions

Casting On

With 2.75 mm needles and the first of the sock twins, CO 80 st, distributing them evenly across your needles (I like to use a set of five needles, so I would distribute 20 stitches on each of four of them, using the fifth one for knitting). Join in the round and PM (to mark the end/beginning of each round).

<u>Ribbing</u>

Switch to the 2.25 mm needles to knit the ribbing.

*k2, p2** repeat from * to ** to the end of the round. Continue to knit and purl in this pattern until you have 2" of ribbing, slipping the marker each time you come to it.

Cable Pattern Section

Switch to the 2.75 mm needles to knit the main body of the legwarmer.

Round 1 - k2, p2, k6, p2, k to end of round

Rounds 2 and 3 - Repeat Round 1

Round 4 – k2, p2, C6B, p2, k to end of round

Round 5-10 - knit as for Round 1

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Repeat Rounds 1-10 until you have just enough yarn left for the ribbing on the other end (for me this was about 30 yards), but don't end with round 2, 3, 4 or 5 (the last cable crossover will just look better that way).

Ribbing

Switch to the 2.25 mm needles to knit the second ribbing section.

Repeat first ribbing section until you have about 2 yards of yarn left or your ribbing is the desired length. BO with 2.75 mm needle using your favorite stretchy bind off.

Second Legwarmer

With the second of the sock twins, repeat the instructions from the beginning, substituting C6F for C6B in the cable section. This will give a mirror image cable.



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