

Knitted Brittlestar

Equipment needed

4 ply self-striping yarn e.g. sock yarn [any colour]
3mm double-pointed knitting needles x 2
Tapestry needle
Tape measure

Pattern:

Body [make 2]

Note – This section is knitted flat, i.e. back and forth

Cast on 5 sts

ROW 1: K to end

ROW 2: P to end

ROW 3: KFB, K3, KFB [7sts]

ROW 4: P to end

ROW 5: K to end

ROW 6: P to end

ROW 7: K to end

ROW 8: P2tog, P3, P2tog [5sts]

ROW 9: K to end

ROW 10: P to end

Cast off purl-wise.

Sew the body pieces together. Before closing, lightly stuff the body with a small amount of the yarn. The body should measure about 2cm across.

Arms [make 5]

Pick up 3 sts on the front edge of the body on one of your needles (Needle 1)

[See Fig 1] They should be fairly close together, as you will need to repeat this 4 more times, with a small amount of space between each arm.

Fig 1:



Using Needle 2 and the same piece of yarn, pick up 3 sts from the opposite back.



Key

K – Knit

P – Purl

sts – stitches

KFB – Knit into the front and back of one stitch to make two stitches

K2tog – Knit two stitches together

P2tog – Purl two stitches together

It should now look like **Fig 2**.

Fig 2:



Using Needle 2 and the long end of the yarn knit the sts from Needle 1 onto Needle 2 [See **Fig 3**]. When you have done that it should look like **Fig 4**. Now proceed to knit in I-cord [see key].

Fig 3:



Fig 4:



Knit 2cm* of I-cord with the 6 sts you have picked up.

Then: K1, K2tog, K3 [5sts]

Knit 2cm [4cm]

K1, K2tog, K2 [4sts]

Knit 2cm [6cm]

K1, K2tog, K1 [3sts]

Knit 4cm [10cm]

K1, K2tog [2sts]

Knit 4cm [14cm]

Cast off knit-wise.

Weave in the ends and block lightly.

NOTE- if the diameter of the body is not roughly 2cm, then use the diameter measurement in place of 'Knit 2cm' to keep the correct proportions.

HOW TO MAKE I-CORD:

Knit a row of knitting as normal on a double-pointed needle. At the end of the row, instead of turning your needle round, push the knitting to the other end of the needle and pull the working yarn end round the back. Continue with this end to knit the next row with. Repeat until your I-cord is the length you need.

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