

The Nifty iPod

Nano Necklace

A Designedly, Kristi Original Pattern

I recieved a lovely iPod Nano shortly after its release. I love it to death, however cases and such were not readily available for it at that point. Yet, i have a wonderful inscription from my husband on the back that I wanted to keep as free from scratches as possible. I had just finished knitting some gauntlets with this great sock yarn and figured I had more than enough left over to knit myself a case for my iPod Nano. I also thought about how much I like to be able to move about while listening to my music or audiobooks and I decided to make the case into a necklace so I could do just that.

Gauge isn't terribly important here, so feel free to grab any left over sock yarn you have. You should in general need about 50 yds or less and you could certainly stripe multiple yarns as well.



Skill Level

Advanced Beginner. Experience with knit, purl, picking up stitches, i-Cord, and attached i-Cord recommended.

Fibers

~50 yds of sock weight yarn. Shown in Mountain Colors Bearfoot, color "Meadow."

60% Superwash Wool, 25% Mohair, 15% Nylon, 360 yds per 4 oz

Needles and Notions

Set of 4 DPNs, size US 1.5 (2.75 mm) or size needed to achive the fabric you desire with your chosen yarn.

Sizes and Gauge

This is to fit the ultra slim iPod Nano, though you could certainly apply similar design elements to fit the iPod or other MP3 device of your choice.

No specific gauge is required as long as you use a similar weight yarn and size of needles.

Notations

All abbreviations used follow those listed at <http://www.yarnstandards.com/knit.html> if at all possible. Below is a list of those used in this pattern:

BO - Bind off

CO - Cast on

k - Knit

k2tog - Knit two stitches together

p - Purl

sl - Slip stitch purlwise unless noted otherwise

sts - stitches

St st - Stockinette stitch

wyib - With yarn in back

wyif - With yarn in front

Pattern

CO 24 sts.

Top Ribbing

Row 1 (RS): sl 1, *p1, k1; repeat from * to end, ending with a p1.

Row 2 (WS): wfib sl1, *p1, k1; repeat from * to end, ending with a p1.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 until piece measures 1/2 to 3/4 inches. End after completing a wrong side row (row 2).

Main Body

Row 1 (RS): wfib sl 1, *p1, k2; repeat from * to end, ending with a k1.

Row 2 (WS): wyif sl 1, *k1, p2; repeat from * to end, ending with a p1.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 until piece measures 4.25 inches from last of the k1p1 ribbing, or 4.75 - 5 inches total. End after completing a right side row (row 1).

On the WS, knit 1 row.

Then continue the previous two Main Body rows of p1k2 ribbing until you have the same number of chain sts along the edges as the previous Main Body section.

Repeat the directions for the top ribbing until you have the same number of chain stitches along the edges of both halves of the pouch. BO loosely.

The piece, when folded at the knit row should easily cover your iPod within the p1k2 ribbing, leaving the p1k1 ribbing to act as a slight stop gap from the iPod falling out of your necklace.

Seaming

Fold the piece in half. Then, using new yarn and a DPN for each side of the case pick up and knit together a chain stitch from the front and back of the pouch. Repeat for the other side of the pouch.

You may now try on the case to make sure it fits your iPod as desired and make any necessary adjustments.

Necklace

With another two DPNs, CO 3 sts and knit two rounds of i-cord.

Then, begin attaching the i-cord to one side of the pouch by knitting the last stitch of your i-cord round with the seam stitch on the side of the pouch. This can seem a bit awkward and fiddly at first, but once you get started it goes pretty easily. Knit one round of i-cord then attach again on the next round. This method produces some small holes that can then be dressed up farther by weaving ribbons and such through it if you desire.

Repeat this until all the stitches on one side of the pouch have been picked up and knit into the i-cord. Then, knit i-cord until desired length (shown ~30 inches) and begin attaching the i-cord to the other side of the pouch (from the top down this time) as described previously. Once all the stitches are picked up and knit into the i-cord, knit 2 rounds of i-cord and BO.

Weave in ends and block if desired.

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