

Knitted Cross Bookmark

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A pretty quick knit, this can serve as a great gift or as a handy bookmark for yourself.

The first time I wrote a cross bookmark pattern, I knitted the cross in garter stitch. While this may work depending on the type of yarn and needles you're using, the new stitch pattern I use (which I've nicknamed Sturdy Stitch) has given me better results.

I knitted the purple cross with worsted yarn and US 7 needles. However, the smaller the needle size, the tidier the cross. Also, I've found that the cross looks better if I cast on and bind off loosely.



Abbreviations

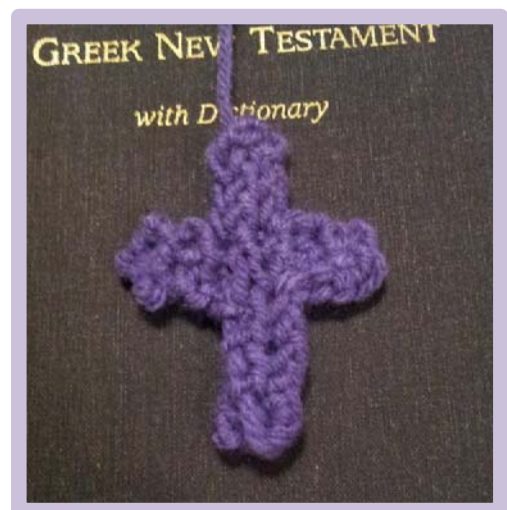
- ♥ bo - bind off
- ♥ co - cast on
- ♥ k - knit
- ♥ p - purl
- ♥ rep - repeat
- ♥ sl - slip
- ♥ sl-k wyif - *slip 1 knitwise with yarn in front*; bring yarn to the front of your work, then insert needle into stitch as if to knit, then just slip the stitch to the other needle without working it
- ♥ sl-p wyib - *slip 1 purlwise with yarn in back*; making sure that the working yarn is behind your needles, insert needle into stitch as if to purl, but just slip the stitch to the other needle without working it
- ♥ sl-p wyif - *slip 1 purlwise with yarn in front*; bring working yarn to the front of your work, then insert needle into stitch as if to purl and slip the stitch to the other needle without working it
- ♥ st - stitch

Materials

- ♥ yarn of any weight
- ♥ knitting needles that are 1 or more sizes smaller than recommended for the yarn weight

Sturdy Stitch

- ♥ *k1, sl-k wyif; rep from * to end



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Instructions

- ♥ Cast on 4 sts, leaving a tail that is approx. 1” longer than desired for your cross’s tail.
- ♥ Rows 1-6: Knit in Sturdy Stitch.
- ♥ At the end of Row 6:
 - CO 4 stitches using the Thumb Method.
Wrap the yarn around your thumb from front to back, then slip that loop you made from your thumb to your needle, creating a simple stitch. Make sure that your 4 new stitches are evenly spaced and not too tight.
- ♥ Row 7:
 - Carefully slip the first 2 of your 4 new stitches to the needle purlwise wyib, then finish the row as follows:
 - * sl-p wyif, sl-p wyib; rep from * to end
You are basically just weaving the yarn in and out of the stitches to get to the other side of your cross without knitting this row.
 - CO 4 stitches again using the Thumb Method.
- ♥ Rows 8-9: Knit in Sturdy Stitch.
- ♥ Row 10:
 - BO 4 sts,
 - then weave the yarn through the sts as follows:
 - * sl-p wyif, sl-p wyib; rep from * to end
- ♥ Row 11:
 - BO 4 sts, then knit the remaining 4 in Sturdy Stitch.
- ♥ Rows 12-20:
 - Work the final 9 rows in Sturdy Stitch.
- ♥ Row 21: BO all sts.
- ♥ Weave in your bind-off end, and then weave your cast-on end through the top center of your bookmark.



That’s all there is to it! I hope you enjoy your new cross bookmark!!

Oh, and by the way, I bet you can find many other ways to use your cross, too, besides as bookmarks. ☺

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