



A Natty Knits Pattern 10 Stripe Baby Ball

Materials

Double Knitting yarn in two contrasting colours, one darker and one lighter
US Size 3 or 3.25mm straight needles
Handful of polyester fiberfill (stuffing)
Tapestry needle

Gauge

7 sts and 10 rows = 1" in stockinette stitch

Finished Size

Approximately 3.5 inches in diameter

To Knit Ball

NOTE: This pattern is knitted with Short Row Shaping, each "yarn forward and turn work" creates a loop of yarn under the stitch. When knitting back over a stitch with a loop under it, the loop must be knitted into, at the same time as the stitch above it. Please see photos 1 and 2 for how this looks, or there's a full explanation of how to do this in this blog post:

<http://nattyknitter.wordpress.com/2009/07/25/advanced-short-row-shaping-how-to-close-the-holes/> .

Using darker colour yarn, CO 23 sts (leaving long Cast On tail)

K 1 row

Using lighter colour yarn

*K 1 row

K15 sts, yarn forward and turn work

S11 purlwise, K6 sts, yarn forward and turn work

S11 purlwise, K8 sts, yarn forward and turn work

S11 purlwise, K10 sts, yarn forward and turn work

S11 purlwise, K12 sts, yarn forward and turn work

S11 purlwise, K14 sts, yarn forward and turn work

S11 purlwise, K16 sts, yarn forward and turn work

S11 purlwise, K18 sts, yarn forward and turn work

S11 purlwise, K20 sts, yarn forward and turn work (end of row)

K 2 rows

Using darker colour yarn, repeat from *

Using alternate lighter and darker colour yarn, repeat from * 7 more times

Using darker colour yarn

K 1 row
K15 sts, yarn forward and turn work
Sl1 purlwise, K6 sts, yarn forward and turn work
Sl1 purlwise, K8 sts, yarn forward and turn work
Sl1 purlwise, K10 sts, yarn forward and turn work
Sl1 purlwise, K12 sts, yarn forward and turn work
Sl1 purlwise, K14 sts, yarn forward and turn work
Sl1 purlwise, K16 sts, yarn forward and turn work
Sl1 purlwise, K18 sts, yarn forward and turn work
Sl1 purlwise, K20 sts, yarn forward and turn work (end of row)
K 1 row

Cast Off

Making Up

Thread cast on tail onto a tapestry needle and through the end loops (see photo 3) at the bottom of the ball, pull tight.

Sew up back seam.

Stuff ball with fiberfill until it looks round.

Thread tapestry needle and yarn through the loops that will make the top of the ball pull tight to close the hole and secure yarn by sewing into seam.

Hints and Tips

For hints and tips to help you with this pattern, including information about closing the small holes made by short row shaping please visit the Natty Knits blog at:

<http://nattyknitter.wordpress.com/2009/09/29/10-stripe-baby-ball-free-pattern/>

Photo 1 – Pick Up Loop Under Stitch



Photo 2 – Knit Loop Under St and St Together



Photo 3 – Sewing through end loops



Photo 4 – Finished ball pre-sewing



Photo 5 – Finished ball

