

Waves & Stripes

A yarn bombing starter kit including easy and more advanced projects. All finished pieces can be used for your yarn bombing with either side facing, depending upon the effect you are wanting to achieve.



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The knits from the waves and stripes kit are designed to be wrapped round bike racks, fencing railings etc, tied to the top of street furniture or to cover a tree trunk and branches.

How to knit for Yarn Bombing.

To start with, look around for a simple object that might benefit from some softness and colour. Choose a 3D object that you can sew your knitted fabric around, like a tree, street post or statue. While scoping out your options, make sure there's a way to keep your yarn bomb from falling down. If you choose to wrap a street-sign pole, for example, you'll need to figure out a way to attach a string (into a hole in the post, maybe, or around the sign), so the yarn doesn't droop to the ground at the first hint of rain. If you plan to stitch directly onto an object, look for something that has plenty of openings, like a fence or a park bench.

Draw a rough sketch of your object, then take measurements of each section you're planning to cover, including height, width and/or circumference, and put them on your sketch. For example, if you plan to yarn bomb a tree, draw a sketch of the area you plan to cover, then measure the circumference of the trunk at both wider and thinner parts and the height of the area you want to cover, as well as the length and circumference of any branches you intend to wrap.

A fabric-measuring tape will work best since it lets you measure oddly shaped objects, such as the arms of a statue or branches on a tree.

Then knit the pieces that match the measurements on your sketch. For example, if you have a tree trunk that measures 36 inches around and 50 inches tall, then create a rectangular piece with those measurements (the knitting will stretch a little). Keep in mind that you'll be sewing a seam on the object when you install it.

Putting colour in to your big wrap around pieces is a must for the overall wow factor. Simple stripes can be incorporated into your pieces for dramatic effects. Waves and chevrons take it one step further.

Abbreviations:

k	knit
kfb	knit through front and back of loop
k2tog	knit 2 together
p	purl
p2tog	purl 2 together
p2togtbl	purl 2 together through back of loop
ssk	slip slip knit
yo	yarn over.

Tip: At any colour change, try and carry the colour not in use loosely up the side of the work.

Want bigger and bolder ! then why not work with 2 strands of the same colour yarn on 6mm needles

SIMPLE STRIPES - easy

Working in garter stitch (all knit) without any shaping but changing colours on a regular basis. Cast on using 4mm needles in multiples of 10 in Yarn A and knit until required length. 30 stitches = piece 6.25" wide, 60 stitches = piece 12.5" wide, 90 stitches = piece 18.75" wide.

How about turning this piece on its side with the stripes going vertical.

1. Work Yarn A for 2 rows
2. Work Yarn B for 2 rows
3. Work Yarn C for 2 rows
4. Work Yarn D for 2 rows
5. Work Yarn C for 2 rows
6. Work Yarn B for 2 rows
7. Work Yarn A for 2 rows
8. Work Yarn E for 2 rows
9. Work Yarn D for 2 rows
10. Work Yarn C for 2 rows
11. Work Yarn D for 2 rows
12. Work Yarn E for 2 rows

Start again at 1 with Yarn A.



SIMPLE STRIPES - stocking stitch

Working in stocking stitch produces a bigger piece quicker so do this for your BIG pieces. Don't worry about the work rolling at the cast on and cast off edges, this will be sorted once the piece is sewn in place.

Cast on using 4mm needles in multiples of 10 in Yarn A. 30 stitches = piece 6.5" wide, 60 stitches = piece 13" wide, 90 stitches = piece 19.5" wide.

Row 1:knit.

Row 2:purl

Repeat rows 1 & 2 to required length.

1. Work Yarn A for 2 rows
2. Work Yarn B for 4 rows
3. Work Yarn C for 2 rows

Start again at 1 with Yarn A.



WAVES - Easy

Cast on using 4mm needles in multiples of 21 stitches plus an additional 2 stitches in Yarn A. 22 stitches = piece 3.5" wide, 44 stitches = piece 7" wide, 65 stitches = piece 10.5" wide

Row 1: k1, *SSK, k7, fkb, k1, fkb, k7, k2tog; rep from * to last st, k1.

Row 2: knit

Repeat rows 1 & 2 to required length.

Different options:

1. Work Yarn A for 3 rows
2. Work Yarn B for 2 rows
3. Work Yarn A for 6 rows
4. Work Yarn C for 2 rows
5. Work Yarn D for 6 rows
6. Work Yarn A for 6 rows

Start again at 2 with Yarn B.



1. Work Yarn A for 3 rows
2. Work Yarn B for 2 rows
3. Work Yarn A for 4 rows

Start again at 2 with Yarn B.



WAVES - More advanced

Cast on using 4mm needles in multiples of 15 stitches plus an additional 4 stitches in Yarn A. 19 stitches = piece 2.25 wide. 34 stitches = piece 4.5" wide. 49 stitches = piece 6.75" wide

Row 1: k1, p3, *k11, p4; rep from * to last 15 sts, k11, p3, k1.

Row 2: k4, *p11, k4; rep from * to end.

Row 3: k1, p1, *p2tog, p11, p2togtbl; rep from * to last 2 sts, p1, k1.

Row 4: k2, *ssk, k9, k2tog; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 5: k1, p1, *p2tog, p7, p2togtbl; rep from * to last 2 sts, p1, k1.

Row 6: k4, *(yo, k1) 5 times, yo, k4; rep from * to end.

Repeat rows 1 - 6 to required length, swapping over colours at the end of Row 6.

1. Work Yarn A for 6 rows
2. Work Yarn B for 6 rows
3. Work Yarn C for 6 rows

Start again at 1 with Yarn A.



WAVES - In stocking stitch

Cast on using 4mm needles in multiples of 16 stitches plus an additional 1 stitch in Yarn A. 17 stitches = piece 2.75" wide. 33 stitches = piece 5.5" wide. 49 stitches = piece 8.25" wide

Row 1: *k1, kfb, k4, k2tog, k1, ssk, k4, kfb; rep from * to last st, k1.

Row 2: purl

Repeat rows 1 - 2 to required length.

1. Work Yarn A for 6 rows
2. Work Yarn B for 4 rows
3. Work Yarn C for 2 rows
4. Work Yarn B for 4 rows

Start again at 1 with Yarn A.



TO FINISH

Do not attempt to block the work. Weave in all the ends and sew on to your other pieces / yarn bomb object.