

Tomte's Sack

Note: To avoid having to bury yarn ends, carry the yarn up the side between rows. Don't break the yarn when changing color: instead, pick up the new color from under the current color, and continue knitting. Give a gentle tug to close up any loose stitches.

Materials:

- Worsted weight/light worsted, red
- Worsted weight/light worsted, white
- Knitting needles US 7 (4.5mm)
- Yarn needle
- Yarn for tie
- Straight pins/steam iron for blocking (if desired)
- A few small twigs
- Miniature bells for embellishment
- Thread or glue to attach embellishments

Gauge: Gauge is not critical for this project



Instructions:

With red yarn, use your preferred method and cast on 17 stitches.

Rows 1 & 2: Knit across.

Row 3: Change to white yarn (Knot the colors together at the base of the first stitch.) K1, p1 across.

Row 4: P1, k1 across (single rib stitch)

Row 5: K1, p1 across.

Row 6: P1, k1 across.

Row 7: Change to red. Knit across.

Row 8: Knit.

Repeat rows 3-8 until you have 7 sets of red and white stripes.

Bind off. Lightly block, pin in place, and allow to dry.

To assemble:

1. Fold sack in half so that short edges meet, wrong sides together. Sew both long sides with running or overcast stitch, leaving top edge open.
2. Attach tiny bells to sticks, using thread or glue, as desired. Place sticks in sack. Cut 6" length of ribbon, or yarn for tie. Measure $\frac{3}{4}$ " down from top edge of sack, and tie sack closed with a bow.