Bow Tie
from Knit Picks Design Team

## Notes:

Tie is worked in two pieces. Double Knitting is used for increased body and thicker fabric. Double Knitting creates a reversible fabric so the tie will stand up on its own and never appear "inside out". This is achieved by working every other stitch and slipping the rest. The neckband is worked in plain stockinette stitch. Before sewing together seam on neckband, try on tie with seam pinned together to ensure it is long enough. Knit along either end of neckband until desired length is achieved.

## Directions

Bow (Make two):
Cast on 40 stitches.

Row 1: [K1, yfwd, slip next st purlwise, ybk] repeat until end of row.
Rows 2-30: Repeat Row 1.

## Begin Shaping

## Decrease Rows:

Row 31: K1, yfwd, slip next st purlwise, ybk, slip next st knitwise, place next st on cable needle and hold to back, slip next st knitwise, complete a ssk (having already slipped the 2 sts), yfwd, slip st off of cable needle purlwise, slip next st purlwise, ybk, [k1, yfwd, slip next st purlwise, ybk] until 6 sts remain.
Slip next st to right hand needle, place next st on cable needle and hold to back, pass slipped st back onto left hand needle, k2tog, yfwd, slip st off of cable needle purlwise, slip next st purlwise, $\mathrm{ybk}, \mathrm{k} 1$, yfwd, slip last st purlwise.

Row 32: K1, yfwd, slip next st purlwise, ybk, ssk, yfwd, slip next st purlwise, ybk, [k1, yfwd, slip next st purlwise, ybk] until 5 sts remain.
K2tog, yfwd, slip next st purlwise, ybk, k1, yfwd, slip last st purlwise.
Rows 33-38: Repeat Row 1.
Rows 39-40: Repeat Rows 31 and 32.
Rows 41-46: Repeat Row 1.
Rows 47-48: Repeat Rows 31 and 32.
Rows 49-52: Repeat Row 1.
Rows 53-54: Repeat Rows 31 and 32.
Rows 55-60: Repeat Row 1.

## Begin Reverse Shaping

Row 1: [K1, yfwd, slip next st purlwise, ybk] until end of row.
Rows 2-6: Repeat Row 1.

## Increase rows:

Row 7: K1, yfwd, slip next st purlwise, ybk, k1, m1, [yfwd, slip next st purlwise, ybk, k1] until 3 sts remain, m1, yfwd, slip next st purlwise, ybk, k1, yfwd, slip last st purlwise.


## Finished Size:

To fit neck sizes $16^{\prime \prime}\left(17^{\prime \prime}, 18^{\prime \prime}, 19^{\prime \prime}, 20^{\prime \prime}, 21^{\prime \prime}, 22, " 23\right.$,"
$24^{\prime \prime}$ ); finished length $31^{\prime \prime}$ ( $32^{\prime \prime}, 33^{\prime \prime}, 34^{\prime \prime}, 35^{\prime \prime}, 36^{\prime \prime}, 37^{\prime \prime}$, 38", 39")

## Yarn:

Knit Picks "Pā̄ette" (100\% Peruvian Wool; $231 \mathrm{yds} / 50 \mathrm{~g})$ :
Pool 237231 skein

## Needles

US 1 $\overline{1}(2.5 \mathrm{~mm})$ circular or straight.
Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

## Notions

Tapestry needle
Cable needle

## Gauge:

38 sts and 44 rows $=4 " \times 4$ " square over double knitted fabric Check your gauge before you begin.
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Row 8: K1, yfwd, slip next st purlwise, ybk, k1, yfwd, slip next st purlwise, ybk, m1, [yfwd, slip next st purlwise, ybk, k1] until 4 sts remain, yfwd, slip next st purlwise, ybk, m1, yfwd, slip next st purlwise, ybk, k1, yfwd, slip last st purlwise.

Rows 9-12: Repeat Row 1.
Rows 13-14: Repeat Rows 7 and 8.
Rows 15-20: Repeat Row 1.
Rows 21-22: Repeat Rows 7 and 8.
Rows 23-28: Repeat Row 1.
Rows 29-30: Repeat Rows 7 and 8.
Rows 31-60: Repeat Row 1.
Return to the very beginning of the pattern and work the first set of Rows 1-60 a second time.


## Begin Neckband

Row 1: *K2tog, repeat from * to end of row. (12 sts)
Row 2: P1, p2tog, p6, p2tog, p1. (10 sts)
Row 3: K1, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k1. (8 sts)

Continue in St st until piece measures $151 / 2(16,161 / 2,17,171 / 2,18$, $18^{1 / 2}, 19,19^{1 / 2}$ ) inches.
Bind off all sts.

You have now completed half of the bow tie. Repeat instructions in their entirety to make the second half of the bow tie.

## Finishing

Weave in remaining yarn ends.

Seam two ends of neck band together, making sure that the knit and purl sides of each piece match up.


| Abbreviations |  | cn | cable needle | pat | pattern | sl1k | slip 1 kwise |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | CO | cast on | pm | place marker | sl1p | slip 1 pwise |
| " | inches | cont | continue | pop | popcorn | SSK | $\mathrm{sl}, \mathrm{sl}, \mathrm{k}$ these 2 sts tog |
| () | rep inst bet ()'s as | dec | decrease(es) | pr | previous row | sssk | $\mathrm{sl}, \mathrm{sl}, \mathrm{sl}, \mathrm{k}$ these 3 sts |
|  | many times as noted | dpn | double pointed | prev | previous | tog |  |
|  | afterward |  | needles | psso | pass slipped stitch | St st | stockinette stitch |
| * | rep inst foll single * as | $f$ | front loop(s) |  | over | sts | stitch(es) |
|  | directed | foll | follow(s)(ing) | pwise | purlwise | tbl | through back loop |
| ** | rep inst bet **'s as | Inst | instructions | R | row | tfl | through front loop |
|  | many times as noted | K, k | knit | rem | remain(ing) | tog | together |
| after |  | k2tog | knit two sts together | rep | repeat | WE | work even |
| [] | rep inst bet [ ]'s as | kwise | knitwise | Rev st st | reverse stockinette | WS | wrong side |
|  | many times as noted | LH | left hand | stitch |  | wyib | with yarn in back |
| after |  | lps | loops | RH | right hand | wyif | with yarn in front |
| alt | alternate | m | meter | rnd(s) | round(s) | ybk | yarn backward |
| approx | approximately | M1 | make one stitch | RS | right side | yd (s) | yard(s) |
| beg | begin/beginning | MC | main color | sk | skip | yfwd | yarn forward |
| bet | between | mm | millimeter(s) | sk2p | sl 1, k2tog, pass | yo | yarn over |
| BO | bind off | ndl(s) | needle(s) |  | slipped stitch over | yon | yarn over needle |
| CA | color A | oz | ounce |  | k2tog: 2 sts dec | yrn | yarn around needle |
| CB | color B | P up | pick up and purl | skp | sl, k, psso: 1 st dec |  |  |
| CC | color C | P, p | purl | sl |  |  |  |
| cm | centimeter(s) | p2tog | purl 2 sts together | sl st | slip stitch(es) |  |  |

