

Maker Love Legwarmers



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I recently explored ReCreative, a thrifty secondhand shop set in Denver's beautiful art district. An impromptu visit revealed it's brimming with artisan supplies, full of craft delights, and beautiful yarn, all which truly took my breath away!! I found a bag of a super soft and squishy merino blend and decided to bring it home with me! Over the next few days, I squished the yarn and couldn't help but daydream about cozy leg warmers for dog walks or a good cozy couch sesh. I knew the yarn that I

snagged at ReCreative, Scheepjes Merino Soft, was perfect for my leg warmer WIP! This yarn comes in an amazing 56 various colors and hues! It's super bouncy and gives the legwarmers stretch and fabric resilience. My issue with previous legwarmers has been a difficulty with getting them stay up and not fall around my ankles while I'm walking. These have the perfect combination of knits and purls that create a fun, textured, stretchy fabric that **stays up!**

Stay cozy and happy knitting!

XO, Kaysie



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Materials

YARN

- Scheepjes® Merino Soft - Number of balls: 3 (3, 4, 4, 5) Balls

Sample color: 606 Da Vinci

Yarn weight: 3 DK

Fiber: 50% superwash merino wool, 20% microfibre, 25% acrylic

≈115 yards/105m/50g per ball

NEEDLES

- Size A Needles: US 2 (2.75mm) 16-inch circular knitting needles
- Size B Needles: US 4 (3.5mm) 16-inch circular knitting needles

(Feel free to opt for Magic Loop Technique or Double-Pointed Needles)

NOTIONS

- Stitch markers (5 total, 1 in a different color for BOR)
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors
- Tailor's Tape
- Row Counter

Gauge

24 Stitches & 44 Rows = 4"/10cm

Measured over Garter Rib Stitch, before blocking

Sizing

Sizes: XS (S, M, L, XL)

Sample is shown in Size S

Finished Circumference: 10 (11, 12, 13, 14)" [25.5 (28, 30.5, 33, 35.5) cm]

Finished Length: 13 (13.5, 14, 14.5, 15)" [33 (34, 35.5, 37, 38) cm]

"Circumference" refers to full measurement around your leg. Circumference of legwarmers is measured by laying flat, measuring the width, and multiplying that by 2.

"Length" refers to distance from cast-on to bind-off.

How to Choose Your Size:

Review size chart below.

Measure your calf at the widest point, then choose the size that is approximately 1-2" smaller in circumference.

If you are in-between sizes or unsure of which size to make, I recommend sizing *down* for best fit.

Sizes	XS		S		M		L		XL	
	in	cm	in	cm	in	cm	in	cm	in	cm
Circumference	10-11	25.5-28	11-12	28-30.5	12-13	30.5-33	13-14	33-35.5	14-15	35.5-38
Length	13	33	13.5	34	14	35.5	14.5	37	15	38

Modifications

Mods are for all sizes:

To Modify the Length:

Adjust the number of repeats of rows 10-11 in pattern. Remove repeats to shorten, add repeats to make them longer* for a slouchier look!

To Modify the Width:

Adjust the number of stitches between stitch markers- these are the sections of garter rib stitch.

For legwarmers *smaller* than the recommended pattern sizes, begin with size XS and follow the pattern repeat as established to remove stitches and decrease circumference.

For legwarmers *larger* than the recommended pattern sizes, begin with size XL and follow the pattern repeat as established to add stitches and increase circumference*.

Make the same adjustment to the pattern repeat for each of the three garter rib texture sections, between the columns of knit rib that divide them.

**Note that modifying the pattern to add length or width will increase the amount of yardage required.*

Abbreviations

BOR = Beginning of Round (*Marker*)

CO = Cast On

St(s) = Stitch(es)

K = Knit

P = Purl

R = Round

Rep = Repeat

PM = Place Marker (*Different than BOR Marker*)

MIR = Make 1 Right (*Single Increase*)

SM = Slip Marker

K2tog = Knit 2 Together (*Single Decrease*)

BO = Bind Off

Pattern (Make 2)

With **smaller size A needles**, CO 56 (62, 66, 68, 72) sts and join in the round.

PM for BOR.

R1-8: *K1, P1: rep from * to end. [56 (62, 66, 68, 72)] sts.

Switch to **larger size B needles** and follow the instructions for your size:

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Size Extra-Small (XS) Only

R9: K1, P2, *K2, P2*, Rep * to * 2 more times, K2, PM, P2, K1, P2, PM, Rep * to * 3 times, K2, PM, P2, K1, P2, PM, Rep * to * 3 times, K1, M1R, P2. [57 (-, -, -, -)] sts.

R10: K1, P2, *P2, K2*, Rep * to * until 2 sts before marker, P2, SM, P2, K1, P2, SM, Rep * to * until 2 sts before marker, P2, SM, P2, K1, P2, SM, Rep * to * until 4 sts before BOR, P4. [57 (-, -, -, -)] sts.

R11: K1, P2, *K2, P2*, Rep * to * until 2 sts before marker, K2, SM, P2, K1, P2, SM, Rep * to * until 2 sts before marker, K2, SM, P2, K1, P2, SM, Rep * to * until 4 sts before BOR, K2, P2. [57 (-, -, -, -)] sts.

R12-121: Rep R10-11 (55) more times. [57 (-, -, -, -)] sts.

R122: K1, P2, *P2, K2*, Rep * to * until 2 sts before marker, P2, SM, P2, K1, P2, SM, Rep * to * until 2 sts before marker, P2, SM, P2, K1, P2, SM, Rep * to * until 6 sts before marker, K2tog, P4. [56 (-, -, -, -)] sts.

Continue to “All Sizes” for the bottom ribbing.

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Size Small (S) Only:

R9: K1, P2, *K2, P2*, Rep * to * 7 more times, PM, P2, K1, P2, PM, Rep * to * 8 times, PM, P2, K1, P2, PM, Rep * to * 7 times, K1, M1R, P4. [- (63, -, -, -)] sts.

R10: K1, P2, *P2, K2*, Rep * to * until marker, SM, P2, K1, P2, SM, Rep * to * until marker, SM, P2, K1, P2, SM, Rep * to * until 2 sts before BOR, P2. [- (63, -, -, -)] sts.

R11: K1, P2, *K2, P2*, Rep * to * until marker, SM, P2, K1, P2, SM, Rep * to * until marker, SM, P2, K1, P2, SM, Rep * to * until 2 sts before BOR, P2. [- (63, -, -, -)] sts.

R12-127: Rep R10-11 (58) more times. [- (63, -, -, -)] sts.

R128: K1, P2, *P2, K2*, Rep * to * until marker, SM, P2, K1, P2, SM, Rep * to * until marker, SM, P2, K1, P2, SM, Rep * to * 3x, P2, K2tog, P2. [- (62, -, -, -)] sts.

Continue to “All Sizes” for the bottom ribbing.

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Size Medium (M) Only:

R9: K1, P2, *K2, P2*, Rep * to * 3 more times, K1, PM, P2, K1, P2, PM, K1, Rep * to * 4 times, PM, P2, K1, P2, PM, K1, Rep * to * 4 times, P2. [- (-, 66, -, -)] sts.

R10: K1, P2, *P2, K2*, Rep * to * until 1 sts before marker, P1, SM, P2, K1, P2, SM, P1 Rep * to * until marker, SM, P2, K1, P2, SM, P1, Rep * to * until 2 sts before BOR, P2. [- (-, 66, -, -)] sts.

R11: K1, P2, *K2, P2*, Rep * to * until 1 sts before marker, K1, SM, P2, K1, P2, SM, K1, Rep * to * until marker, SM, P2, K1, P2, SM, K1, Rep * to * until 2 sts before BOR, P2. [- (-, 66, -, -)] sts.

R12-133: Rep R10-11 (61) more times. [- (-, 66, -, -)] sts.

Continue to “All Sizes” for the bottom ribbing.

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Size Large (L) Only:

R9: K1, P2, *K2, P2*, Rep * to * 3 more times, K2, PM, P2, K1, P2, PM, Rep * to * 4 times, K2, PM, P2, K1, P2, PM, Rep * to * 4 times, M1R, K1, P2. [- (-, -, 69, -)] sts.

R10: K1, P2, *P2, K2*, Rep * to * until 2 sts before marker, P2, SM, P2, K1, P2, SM, Rep * to * until 2 sts before marker, P2, SM, P2, K1, P2, SM, Rep * to * until 4 sts before BOR, P4. [- (-, -, 69, -)] sts.

R11: K1, P2, *K2, P2*, Rep * to * until 2 sts before marker, K2, SM, P2, K1, P2, SM, Rep * to * until 2 sts before marker, K2, SM, P2, K1, P2, SM, Rep * to * until 4 sts before BOR, K2, P2. [- (-, -, 69, -)] sts.

R12-139: Rep R10-11 (64) more times. [- (-, -, 69, -)] sts.

R140: K1, P2, *P2, K2*, Rep * to * until 2 sts before marker, P2, SM, P2, K1, P2, SM, Rep * to * until 2 sts before marker, P2, SM, P2, K1, P2, SM, Rep * to * until 6 sts before BOR, K2tog, P4. [- (-, -, 68, -)] sts.

Continue to “All Sizes” for the bottom ribbing.

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Size Extra-Large (XL) Only:

R9: K1, P2, *K2, P2*, Rep * to * 3 more times, K2, P1, PM, P2, K1, P2, PM, P1, K2, Rep * to * 4 times, K2, PM, P2, K1, P2, PM, Rep * to * 4 times, K2, P3. [- (-, -, -, 72)] sts.

R10: K1, P2, *P2, K2*, Rep * to * until 3 sts before marker, P2, K1, SM, P2, K1, P2, SM, K1, P2, Rep * to * until marker, SM, P2, K1, P2, SM, Rep * to * until 5 sts before BOR, P2, K1, P2. [- (-, -, -, 72)] sts.

R11: K1, P2, *K2, P2*, Rep * to * until 3 sts before marker, K2, P1, SM, P2, K1, P2, SM, P1, K2, Rep * to * until marker, SM, P2, K1, P2, SM, Rep * to * until 5 sts before BOR, K2, P3. [- (-, -, -, 72)] sts.

R12-145: Rep R10-11 (67) more times. [- (-, -, -, 72)] sts.

Continue to “All Sizes” for the bottom ribbing.

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All Sizes Resume:

Switch to **smaller size A needles**.

Round numbering restarts for simplicity:

R1-8: *K1, P1; Rep from * to end, removing all markers except BOR on the first round.

[56 (62, 66, 68, 72)] sts.

BO all stitches in pattern [56 (62, 66, 68, 72)] sts.

Finishing:

Break yarn and weave in all ends.

*(Tip: Heavy/aggressive blocking is **not** recommended to keep the legwarmers stretchy, resilient, and fitting well.)*

Enjoy your new legwarmers! Share your projects with #MakerLoveLegwarmers!

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