



Candy Cane Christmas Ornament



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These cute little ornaments knit up in a snap – and once you have the technique down, you can do them in as many different widths, lengths and colour combinations as you want!

DIFFICULTY

Advanced beginner - techniques used: I-cords, knitting with two colours

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approximately 6 inches long

MATERIALS

[MC] Scraps of Caron Simply Soft [100% acrylic; 315yds/288m per 6oz/170g skein]; colour: White, 9701;

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2 US 3 (3.25 mm) double pointed knitting needles

Pipe cleaners

GAUGE

Not important – you use a needle size much smaller than the ball band calls for to make the work as tight and neat as possible.

Basic I-Cord

If you are unfamiliar with knitting an I-cord, here is a little refresher.

Cast on the desired number of sts (usually 3 - 6), **do not turn** and slide the stitches back along the needle so that the yarn comes out of the left side of the stitches, and the first cast on stitch lies on the right tip of the left needle.

With a second double pointed needle, pull the yarn around the back of the stitches, and knit the first stitch on the right tip of the left needle.

Repeat these steps to make an I-cord. Just remember, you never turn, just slide the stitches up and start again at the beginning of each row.

Cast on 6 stitches in white, and do not turn work, instead slide back to the right of the needle.

Hold the pipe cleaner against the back of the work, and wrap the yarn around it at the end of each row, so that it is enclosed inside the tube.

Row 1: K2 Red, K4 White

Row 2: K1 White, K2 Red, K3 White

Row 3: K2 White, K2 Red, K2 White

Row 4: K3 White, K2 Red, K1 White

Row 5: K4 White, K2 Red

Row 6: K1 Red, K4 White, K1 Red

Repeat rows 1-6 until candy cane is about 6 inches, or desired length.

BO all stitches.

Weave in ends, trim pipe cleaner ends, and bend into candy cane shape.



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