

Stay-Put Bookmarks (knit version)

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Materials:

20-yard samples of the following yarns:

Spud and Chloe Fine (Color A, fingering)

Madelinetosh Twist Light (Color B, fingering)

Cascade Forest Hills (Color A, lace)

Fyberspates Scrumptious Lace (Color B, lace)

Size US 2 and US 3 straight or circular needle

Tapestry needle

Button

Stretchy, fabric-covered elastic band

Gauge: fingering: 8 sts/in on size US 3 needles. Laceweight: approximately 8 sts/in on US 2 needle.

Finished Measurements: Fingering-weight version: approximately 1.5 inches wide and as long as you like; laceweight version: approximately 1 inch wide and as long as you like.

Abbreviations:

Sl 1 – slip one stitch purlwise

Wyif/wyib – with yarn in front/with yarn in back

k2tog: knit two together, knitwise

yo: yarnover

Fingering-weight bookmark:

With size US 3 needle and fingering-weight Color A, CO 12.

Row 1 (WS): K1 Tbl, k to last st, sl 1 wyif.

Rows 2 (RS), 3, 4, and 5: repeat row 1.

Row 6 (RS): K1 Tbl, k to last st, sl 1 wyif.

Row 7: K1 Tbl, k2, p to last 3 sts, k2, sl 1 wyif.



Repeat rows 6 and 7 two more times.

Drop Color A (cut if you like) and join fingering-weight Color B. (You may choose to carry colors up the side, or cut all ends and weave or work them in as you go).

Row 12 (RS): K1 Tbl, k to last st, sl 1 wyif.

Rows 13-17: Repeat Row 12.

Drop Color B and return to Color A.

Repeat rows 6-11 with Color A, then rows 12-17 with Color B, until bookmark is desired length, ending with a Color A sequence.

Still with color A: Work row 6 for 5 rows, then bind off and weave in ends.

With matching yarn or thread, secure button to one end of bookmark and elastic to other end. Hook around pages of book and enjoy!

Laceweight Bookmark:

With size US 2 needle and laceweight Color A, cast on enough stitches that your bookmark will fit comfortably around book (100-110 stitches will fit a large book, and this bookmark can be adjusted to fit a smaller book).

Knit 4 rows with Color A. Change to laceweight Color B. (You may choose to carry colors up the side, or cut all ends and weave or work them in as you go).

With Color B: Knit 2 rows.

Next row: K1, *(yo, k2tog) to last st, yo, k1.

Next row: Knit.

Change back to Color A and knit 4 rows, then bind off and weave in ends.

To make this bookmark adjustable, create a shank button by sewing 2 small buttons together back-to-back, leaving about ½" space in between. This special button can be moved to any of the holes in the bookmark (fold over excess fabric and secure it in the button if needed) to make it fit any size book. Sew elastic to one end of the bookmark, place shank button where desired, and hook elastic to button. Enjoy!

