

Mod Stripe Tree Skirt

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This modern striped tree skirt is hexagonal in shape and features a four-color stripe pattern. It is knit flat from the center out. At the end, button bands are picked up and knit along the raw edges and one button at the top holds the skirt closed at the center. The yarn from one Cascade Holiday Yarn Wreath can be used to make this tree skirt, or the materials below.

Materials:

- 2 balls Cascade 220 Superwash for Color A – Shown in #808 Sunset Orange
- 2 balls Cascade 220 Superwash for Color B – Shown in #864 Christmas Green
- 1 ball Cascade 220 Superwash for Color C – Shown in #887 Wasabi
- 1 ball Cascade 220 Superwash for Color D – Shown in #871 White
- US 9- 40” circular needle
- 5 stitch markers
- Darning needle for weaving ends

Gauge:

18 sts x 24 rows = 4” in stockinette stitch

Finished dimensions:

53” across point to point
41” across side to side

Abbreviations:

k- knit

p- purl

M1R- An increase. From the back, lift loop between stitches with left needle, knit into front of loop

M1L- An increase. From the front, lift loop between stitches with left needle, knit into back of loop

Garner Stitch- knit every row.

St(s)- stitch(es)

Yo- yarn over

K2tog- A decrease. Knit the next 2 sts together as one stitch.

Directions:

CO 96 sts with color A.

Knit in Garter stitch for 6 rows. On the 6th row, place a stitch marker every 16 sts. There should be 5 markers.

Stockinette Pattern:

Join Color B:

Row 1: *K1, M1L, k to 1 st before marker, M1R, k1; repeat from * to end of row.

Row 2: Purl

Row 3: Same as row 1

Row 4: Purl

Join Color C:

Row 1: *K1, M1L, k to 1 st before marker, M1R, k1; repeat from * to end of row.

Row 2: purl

Join Color D:

Row 1: *K1, M1L, k to 1 st before marker, M1R, k1; repeat from * to end of row.

Row 2: purl

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Join Color A:

Row 1: *K1, M1L, k to 1 st before marker, M1R, k1; repeat from * to end of row.

Row 2: Purl

Row 3: Same as row 1

Row 4: Purl

*Repeat Stockinette pattern in color order above (B, C, D, A) until piece measures 19" ending with a Color D section. (This is approximately 9 or 10 more times depending on whether or not you achieve row gauge.)

Garner Stitch Border:

With Color A:

Row 1: *K1, M1L, k to 1 st before marker, M1R, k1; repeat from * to end of row.

Row 2: Knit

*Repeat rows 1 & 2 twice more (a total of 6 rows), and bind off loosely on the 7th row.

Button Bands:

With Color B:

Pick up and knit 100 sts along one of the unfinished edges. Knit 6 rows in garter stitch and bind off loosely.

Pick up and knit 100 sts along other unfinished edge. Knit 2 rows in garter stitch.

On 4th row, work button hole 3 sts in from the center edge of the tree skirt using button hole method of choice. (I like to simply make a yo, then k2tog on one side of it to keep the number of stitches in the row even.)

Knit 2 more rows, then bind off loosely.

Finishing:

Weave in all ends and steam or wet block to measurements. Sew button onto button band on the opposite button band from the button hole at the center edge of the tree skirt.