



Picnic Bandana

The picnic bandana uses stranded/fair isle knitting with an i-cord tie and the choice of an i-cord or a crochet trim. The pattern begins at the base of the triangle and decreases to create the bandana shape. The crochet trim is added after the body of the bandana is completed, and the i-cord trim is worked with the body of the bandana. The tie for the bandana is worked last and attached to the cast on edge. This project comes together quickly and is a great stash-buster!

Gauge:

10 sts x 12 rows = 4 cm x 4 cm (1" x 1") on size 2.25 mm (US size 1) needles

Size:

medium(large)

Materials:

2.25 mm (US size 1) knitting needles

2 mm (US size 0) double pointed needles

2 mm (US size A) crochet hook (*optional for crochet trim*)

25g of super fine/fingering weight yarn in main color (*recommended: Isager Alpaca 2, 50g/273 yards*)

25g of super fine/fingering weight yarn in contrasting color (*recommended: Isager Alpaca 2, 50g/273 yards*)

darning needle

scissors

Knitting abbreviations

co: cast on

st(s): stitch(es)

k: knit

p: purl

dpn: double pointed needles

k2tog: knit 2 sts together

k3tog: knit 3 sts together

ssk: slip slip knit

mc: main color

cc: contrasting color

sl: slip stitches

tbl: through the back loop

wyif: with yarn in back

wyib: with yarn in front

Crochet abbreviations

ch: chain

dc: double crochet

sc: single crochet

Instructions for crochet trim:

CO 125 (135) sts on 2.0 mm (US 0) needles in MC. From row 1, follow chart A. When decreasing, decrease in the color that is next in the pattern.

Row 1: k all sts

Row 2: p all sts

Row 3: k1, ssk, k until 3 sts left, k2tog, k1

Row 4: p all sts

Repeat rows 3-4 until 5 sts remain

Next row: ssk, k1, k2tog

Next row: p all

Next row: k all

Next row: p all

Final row: k3tog, then cut yarn and pull through final stitch

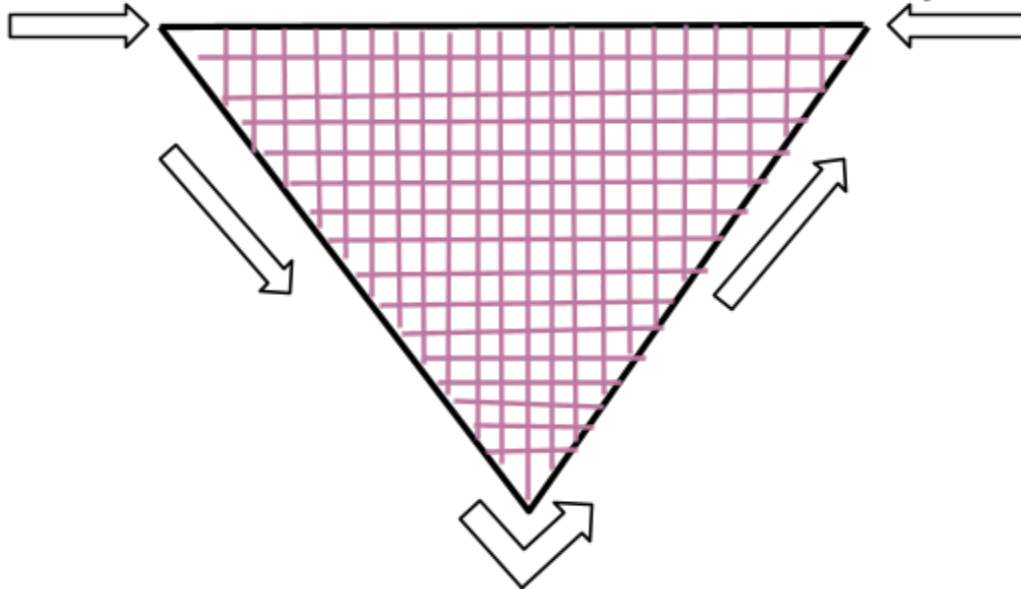
Note: If you wish to make the bandana longer, simply repeat rows 1-2 as many times as needed, based on the gauge and your desired length.

Using crochet hook, repeat the following in either MC or CC, starting from the left CO edge of the bandana.

Row 1: single crochet into the row of knit sts. (one sc per one row of knit sts)

Repeat row 1 to the tip of the bandana, then up the right edge of the bandana, stopping when you get to the right side of the CO edge. See below for a visual on how to do this.

First sc st here, then
continue in the direction
of the arrows around the
triangle



End row 1 of crochet
trim here, turn and
begin row 2

Row 2: start with a ch 3, dc into the second sc st from the right edge of the bandana. Then, skipping 2 sc sts, dc into the third sc st and ch 2. Repeat this to the tip of the bandana, working in the opposite direction as row 1, then back up the left side of the bandana. Finish with a dc in the last sc and BO.

Instructions for i-cord trim:

CO 128 (138) sts on 2.0 mm (US 0) needles in MC. Follow chart A from here. Chart A does not include the i-cord trim, which is worked in MC. When decreasing, decrease in the color that is next in the pattern.

Row 1: k 128 sts, sl last 4 sts wyib

Row 2: p 128 sts, sl last 4 sts wyif

Row 3: k4, ssk, k until 7 sts left, k2tog, k, sl last 4 sts wyib

Row 4: p until 4 sts left, sl last 4 sts wyif

Repeat rows 3-4 until 11 sts remain

Next row: k 3, ssk, k1, k2tog, sl last 3 sts wyib

Next row: p until 3 sts left, sl last 3 sts wyif
Next row: k until 3 sts left, sl last 3 sts wyib
Next row: p until 3 sts left, sl last 3 sts wyif
Next row: k 2, k2tog, sl last 3 sts wyib
Next row: p3tog, sl last 3 sts wyif
Next row: k3tog, k 1
Last row: cut yarn and BO

Instructions for i-cord tie:

If you have never done an i-cord before or are unfamiliar with the technique, I recommend this [youtube video](#) for the i-cord tie, and this [youtube video](#) (3:00-5:48) for applying the i-cord to the cast on edge.

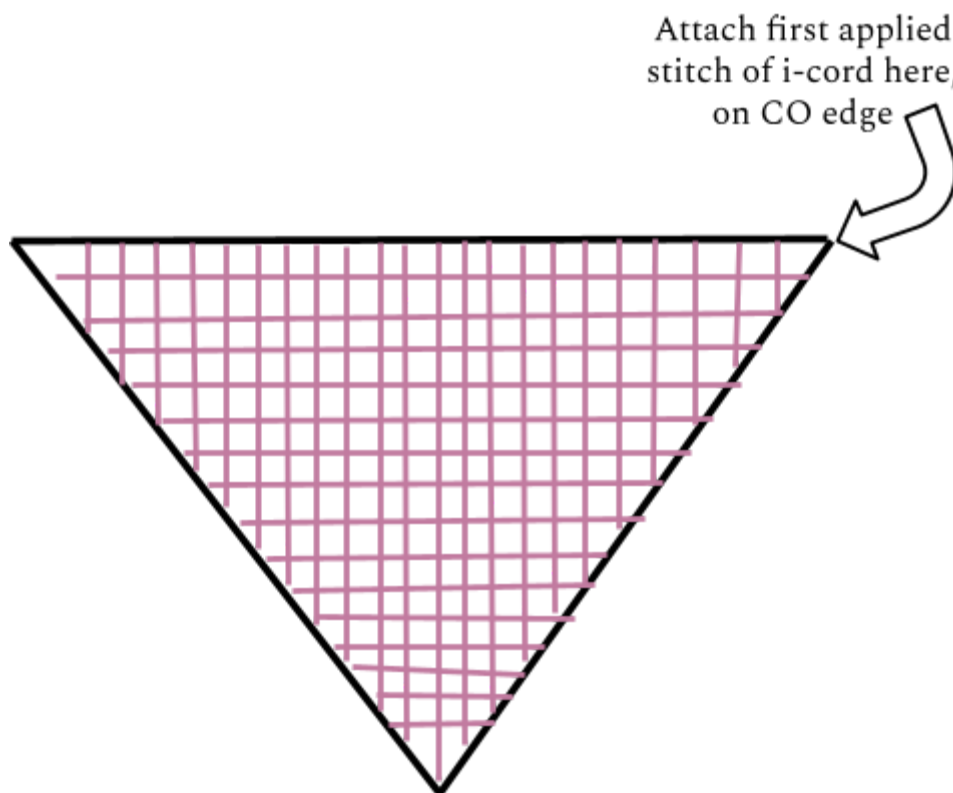
CO 4 sts on 2 mm (US size 0) DPNs or circular needles, then slide to the opposite side of the needle.

Row 1 of i-cord: Do not turn your work. k all sts, slide to opposite point of needle wyib.

Repeat row 1 until the i-cord tie is desired length (approximately 40 cm). Remember that this is only one side of the tie, and that the next step will be attaching the i-cord to the cast on the edge of the bandana.

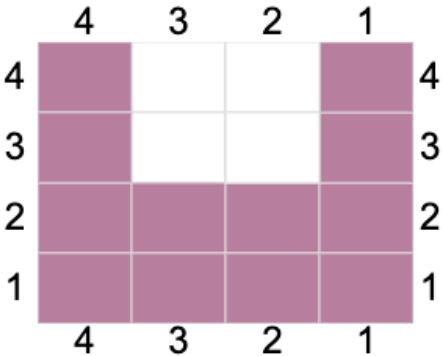
Row 1 of applied i-cord edge (picking up sts on bandana co edge): continuing from i-cord, k 2, k2tog tbl, pick up 1 sts starting from the right side of the bandana on the CO edge. Slide sts to the opposite side of the needle.

Repeat row 1 of picking up sts on bandana, with one sts picked up for every cast on sts (125 sts picked up).



After picking up the final co st on the left side of the bandana, continue row 1 of the i-cord until it is of equal length with the first section of your i-cord tie (about 40 cm). BO off all sts and weave in loose ends.

Chart A:



Note: If you wish to make the bandana longer, repeat rows 1-2 as many times as needed, based on the gauge. If you wish to make the bandana or narrower, cast on less than or more than 125/135 sts in multiples of 4.