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Materials: 1 set 7-8" double point needles, size 4(5). Sport or (DK) weight soft, washable non wool yarn.** See below for approved yarns for distribution by knittedknockers.org groups, stitch marker to mark needle 1, tapestry needle. Gauge- 6st= 1" (5st= 1"). Counts in () are for DK/US 5 needles. (Revised for sizing 3/21/17)

Outer Piece Control of the Control o	Stitch Counts
CO 3 sts *	3 sts
Next row- kfb every stitch	6 sts
Divide onto 3 needles to start knitting in the round	6 • 2/needle
Round 1 - kfb, k1 each needle	9 • 3/needle
Round 2 - K to last stitch on each needle, m1, k1, place stitch marker	.12 • 4/needle
A cup - Repeat round 2 20(18) times, stuffed diameter equals 4.5" (across)	. 72(66) • 24(22)/needle
B cup - Repeat round 2 22(20) times, stuffed diameter equals 5" (across)	. 78(72) • 26(24)/needle
C cup - Repeat round 2 26(24) times, stuffed diameter equals 5.5" (across)	. 90(84) • 30(28)/needle
D cup - Repeat round 2 30(26) times, stuffed diameter equals 6" (across)	. 102(90) • 34(30)/needle
DD (E) cup - Repeat round 2 32(28) times, stuffed diameter equals 6.5" (across)	. 108(96) • 36(32)/needle
For larger sizes repeat round 2- 2 more times for each size (2 sts per needle or 6 per round). Each size goes up	
about ½" in diameter. Sizing is a bit of an art. Looser knit will stretch more when stuffed. Stuffed knocker	
should measure about the diameters listed above.	

Purl 2 rounds, these two rounds help define the edge as you begin to create the back of your knocker.

Inner Piece

Round 1 - K to last 2 sts, k2tog (each needle)

Round 2 - SSK, K to last 2 sts, k2tog (each needle)

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until 12 sts remain. (4 on each needle)

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail, thread tail through remaining stitches and leave loose and open to allow for stuffing.

Fill with Poly Fiber Fil™ (optional, we can fill them for you to save on postage.)

Legend

CO - Cast On

kfb - Knit into front & back of stitch

K - knit

P - purl

m1 - make one, increase

k2tog - knit 2 stitches together **ssk** - slip two stitches from left to right as if to knit, then knit them together through the back loops.

Gauge- 6st=1" (5 st=1")

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* Optional nipple: work 4 rows of i-cord after casting on. Stretch and twist I-cord tightly and stitch down to create a small nipple. The completed nipple should be no more than 3/8 inch in diameter.

Knitted Knockers Support Foundation has created a list of tested and approved yarns appropriate for knitted knockers. Please note that **only knockers made from this list will be used to fill orders from knittedknockers.org so if knitting or crocheting for us please only use these yarns. While Knitted Knockers are a great "stash buster" taking only about 50 yards of yarn, the knockers may be worn against sensitive skin and must be durable, breathable and stay soft after washing. Also note the acrylic yarns are **only** used for swimming knockers. Here is a link to the approved yarn list <u>Approved Yarns for Knitted Knockers</u>.

The most requests are for pairs of neutral colors. If you don't have enough of one color to finish a knocker feel free to finish the inner piece with a complimentary color using the same type of yarn. If you get bored with the flesh tones by all means make a creative, bright pair if you want. We do get requests for those too :-). Don't stress too much about the sizing. The most important thing is to make sure that all pairs are the same size (same number of stitches). About 75% of the requests are for sizes B and C with the rest size A, D and DD.

We realize that this is not the easiest pattern being knit on double pointed needles but they are beautifully contoured and hold up really well. Getting past the first few rounds is the most challenging but once mastered it becomes an easy, fun and portable project taking most people between 3-4 hours to make one. There is a 3 part

series of videos on how to make great Knitted Knockers at knittedknockers.org.

If you don't have someone to give your beautiful knocker to please send them to us for distribution (always free to the recipient) and we will reimburse you for postage upon request. We need lots of them! Send to Knitted Knockers, 1780 lowa Street, Bellingham, WA 98229. Be sure and include your contact info so we can thank you! Visit http://www.knittedknockers.org/ (the one with the pink ribbon logo on it) to learn more and to link yourself as a provider, or to locate a group in your area. We have print materials we can help support you with including care instructions, cards and brochures. Thank you so much!!!

KNITTED KNOCKERS APPROVED YARNS

3-9-17 REV

Please note that only knockers made from the following list will be used to fill orders from knittedknockers.org so if knitting or crocheting for us please only use these yarns.

Bellatrista Yarn

Milk Protein- Knit and crochet

Cascade Yarns

Cherub DK (Acrylic for swimming only) Sateen (Acrylic for swimming only)

Ultra Pima-(Knit and crochet)Available at Craftsy.com*

Ultra Pima Fine (Great for crochet)

Cloudborn

100% Pima Cotton DK- (Knit and Crochet)-Available at

Craftsy.com*

Classic Elite Yarns Provence- (Knit)

Ella Rae

Phoenix DX- (Knit and crochet)

Fiesta Yarns

Cottonista-(Knit)

Frog Tree

85% Pima/ 15% Silk Sport Weight- (Knit)

HiKoo

CoBaSi DK- (Knit)

Jaeger

Aqua Cotton- (Knit)

Katia

Mississippi 3- (Knit)

Kertzer Yarns

Fine Cotton- (Knit)

King Cole

Cottonsoft DK- (Knit)

Kraemer Yarns

Tatamy- (Knit)(Acrylic blend for swimming)

Knit Picks

Comfy Sport-(Knit) (Acrylic blend for swimming) Comfy Fingering- (Knit and Crochet)(Swimming)

Paintbox

Cotton DK- (Knit and Crochet)

Patons

Grace- (Knit and crochet) Available at Craftsy.com*

Plymouth Yarns

Anne- (Knit and Crochet)

Cleo- (Knit) Available at Craftsy.com*

Premier Yarns

Afternoon Cotton- (Knit & Crochet) Available at

Craftsy.com*

Cotton Fair- (Knit and Crochet) (Acrylic for Swimming)

Reynolds

Top Seed Cotton- (Knit)

Rowan

Cotton Glace- Knit

Sostene Grene

Anna & Clara- (Knit and crochet)

Vinnis Colours South African Yarns

Serina- (knit and crochet)

Tahki

Cotton Classic DK- (Knit)

Cotton Classic Lite- (Knit and Crochet)

Thomas B Ramsden & Co (Bradford)

Wendy Supreme 100% luxury cotton dk- (Knit)

Trendsetter Yarns

Lana Grossa Elastico- (Knit)

Universal Yarn

Bamboo Pop- (Knit and Crochet) Cotton Supreme DK- (Knit)

Valley Yarns

Southwick- (Knit)

KNITTED KNOCKERS APPROVED YARNS

We have moved away from distributing knockers made with acrylic due to feedback from recipients. Acrylic knockers are reserved for filling orders for swimming because they are not worn daily, just for an hour or so at a time. The acrylic knockers will be used, but there is a very low demand for them.

We have compiled a list of approved yarns for our knitters and crocheters. All yarns on this list are washable, stay soft after air drying, breathable, durable, of the correct weight and are beautiful. Our challenge has always been to identify yarns that are preferred by our recipients, available and affordable. The list has over 30 choices that can be purchased at local yarn stores, online or at "Big Box" stores at a variety of price points. The cost per average sized knocker using these yarns can vary from about \$1.20 to \$2.00 each depending on brand, or sales. Very affordable when you think about the difference it makes to the woman who wears them! Most yarns can be found at your local yarn shop, or online. You can find Afternoon Cotton by Premier Yarns at Walmart and Joanns and Paton's Grace at Michaels. Please note that I Love this Cotton from Hobby Lobby is too heavy and washes up stiff when air dried so is not appropriate for knitted knockers. Please include the yarn label when sending to us and your contact information.

For the wearer, it is crucial that the knocker fiber not exacerbate a highly sensitive part of a woman's body that may have already suffered from surgical scarring, nerve damage, and possible radiation burns. To minimize the chances of this happening we ask that knitters and crocheters choose a yarn that we've already tested and know that every knocker created will be gratefully received and loved by the wearer. We receive constant affirmation that these ladies truly appreciate the time and talent that a caring volunteer took to make these for them. Check out some testimonies from grateful recipients if you ever want to remind yourself that what you are doing is making a difference! http://www.knittedknockers.org/testimonials/

If sending to us mail unstuffed to Knitted Knockers Support Foundation, 1780 Iowa St., Bellingham, WA 98229. Include your contact information and the type of yarn used or label from the yarn.

If stuffing use a high quality poly fiber fill. Slightly overstuff and **leave back open** for adjustment. We use Premium Poly Fiber Fill made by Fairfield and found at Joann's and Walmart.

* Craftsy.com will give Knitted Knockers Support Foundation a portion of your purchase at no extra cost to you! Click here to shop at <u>craftsy.com</u>.