Sexy buttonhole aka Anna Zilboorg's Perfect Double Band Buttonhole



Starbucks cup cozy (Grande).

Size 8 needles
Worsted weight yarn

Loosely cast on 24 sts.
Row 1: Knit.
Row 2: K1, Kfb, Knit to last 2 sts, Kfb, K1.
Row 3: Knit.
Row 4: Knit.
Row 5: Knit.
Row 6: Knit.
Row 7: Knit.
Row 8: Knit.

Repeat rows 1-8 4 times more. 34 sts.
Continue in garter stitch until you gave 23 ridges.
Bind off loosely.
Do not weave in ends.

Button band:
Right side facing, starting on the left edge, pick up and knit 24 sts.
Row 1: Purl.
Row 2: Knit.
Row 3: Purl.
Row 4: Knit.
Row 5: Purl.
Row 6: Knit.
Row 7: Knit.
Row 8: Knit.
Row 9: Purl.
Row 10: Knit.
Row 11: Purl.
Row 12: Knit.
Row 13: Purl.
Bind off or working with live stitches, whip each stitch down carefully to pick up stitches, sew ends closed if desired.

Buttonhole band:
Right side facing, starting on the left edge, pick up and knit 24 sts.
Row 1: Purl.
Row 2: Knit.
Row 3: Purl.
Row 4: place waste yarn for buttonholes, knit 3, *Knit 3 in waste yarn and transfer back to left needle, Knit these same three in working yarn, K4, repeat from* to end.
Row 5: Purl.
Row 6: Knit.
Row 7: Knit.
Row 8: Knit.
Row 9: Purl.
Row 10: K3, [cut working yarn leaving 6" tail, thread this end onto a tapestry needle.



Looking at the wrong side, slide a smaller dpns through the Purl bumps from the closest edge of the first buttonhole. Do not remove waste yarn yet. Hold the new needle together and parallel to the left needle. Join the next 3 stitches together as follows: insert the tapestry needle through the first stitch on the real left hand needle as if to Purl. Leave this stitch on the needle and pull the yarn through. ** insert the tapestry needle through the first stitch on the back needle as if to Purl and let it slip to the tapestry needle, then insert the tapestry needle into the next stitch in the back needle as if to knit but leave it on the back needle, pull the yarn through both. Return to the real needle and insert the tapestry needle into the first stitch as if to knit, let it slip to the tapestry needle and then insert the tapestry needle into the next stitch on the real needle as if to purl but leave it on the left needle and pull the yarn through both. Repeat from ** until no bumps remain and three stitches have been removed from the left needle. Pick up your working yarn, Knit next 4 sts from left needle.] repeat across.
Row 11: (P4, p3 bumps from waste yarn) repeat across, end p3.
Row 12: Knit.
Row 13: Purl.

From the inside of the button band, locate the two tails at one edge of each buttonhole, tie these together in a square knot and trim ends to 1" long. Do this for each buttonhole.
Bind off or working with live stitches, whip each stitch down carefully to pick up stitches, sew ends closed if desired. Remove waste yarn. Weave in ends.

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