

## **CHILLY NOVEMBER LEGWARMERS**

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Our late October weather has been frigid with record-low temperatures in the teens and twenties. And I still have summer clothes in my closet. Yikes! I guess November has been sneaky and reared its chilly head sooner than usual. That's when I decided to make these leg warmers.. Made of ribbing and cables, these legwarmers will stay in place! Use a different weight of yarn depending on the size of leg/calf that you're knitting for.

**Yarn needed:** 100 grams of fingering yarn for ladies small size (13½" calf), **or** 100 grams of sport weight yarn for a ladies medium size (being totally honest here, I haven't knit this for a ladies' medium, but it should work. Hey, it's a free pattern! 😊 )

**Materials needed:** Size 2 (or size to achieve gauge) double pointed needles for Ladies Small (or Flexi-Flips, magic loop method, whichever you prefer). For Ladies Medium, use size 4 needles if you're a tight knitter, and size 3 if you're a loose knitter. You also will need a tapestry needle.

**Stitching notes:** To make these legwarmers, you should be familiar with basic "in-the-round" knitting on double pointed needles, OR be able to change the pattern up in your head so you can use magic loop or knitting on two circular needles.

**Gauge:** 8 stitches per inch, 12 rounds per inch for ladies' small. Ladies medium will be slightly less stitches per inch. Also, row/round gauge is not vital because you can just knit these legwarmers to your favorite length. Make a swatch, change needle sizes if necessary, or use sock/fingering yarn (which varies greatly!) that you know your gauge in stockinette.

### **Stitches Glossary**

**C2:** a 2-stitch Cable; Knit into the 2<sup>nd</sup> stitch on left needle, leave it on the needle, then knit the 1<sup>st</sup> stitch on the needle. This creates a 2-stitch cable that leans to the right.

**C4:** a 4-Stitch Cable; hold 2 stitches to the front of the work on a cable needle (or better yet, learn to cable without a cable needle—see YouTube), knit the next 2 stitches from the left needle, and then knit the two held stitches. This results in a left leaning cable. Want it to lean to the right? Hold those first 2 stitches in the back instead of the front.



## **Begin Knitting**

### **KNIT THE BOTTOM RIBBING**

Cast on 72 stitches and knit this ribbing row:

#### **Ribbing**

\*K2, P2, K2, P2, K2, P2, K4, P2\* Repeat 3x (total 4x—72 stitches)

Continue in ribbing pattern for 12 rows.

### **KNIT THE CABLE ROW**

Cable row:

\*K2, P2, C2, P2, K2, P2, C4, P2\* Repeat 3x (total 4x—72 stitches)

#### **Continue up the leg:**

Knit the ribbing row 5x, and then the cable row. Continue these 6 rows until you are ready to do the 6<sup>th</sup> cable row.

#### **6<sup>th</sup> cable row increase:**

On the row where you are doing the 6<sup>th</sup> cable, work as follows:

\*K2, P2, C2, P2, K2, P1, P1-Increase in this stitch, C4, P2\* repeat 3x (for a total of 4x—76 stitches because of the 4 increases).

New ribbing pattern repeat is: \*K2, P2, C2, P2, K2, P3, C4, P2\*

New cable pattern repeat is \*K2, P2, C2, P2, K2, P3, C4, P2\*

Continue the new ribbing pattern for 5 rows and the cable row on every 6<sup>th</sup> row.

#### **8<sup>th</sup> cable row increase:**

On the row where you are doing the 8<sup>th</sup> cable, work as follows:

\*K2, P2, C2, P2, K2, P3, C4, P1, P1-increase in this stitch\* repeat 3x (4x total—80 stitches because of the 4 increases).

New ribbing pattern repeat is: \*K2, P2, C2, P2, K2, P3, C4, P3\*

New cable pattern repeat is \*K2, P2, C2, P2, K2, P3, C4, P3\*

Continue the new ribbing pattern for 5 rows and the cable row on every 6<sup>th</sup> row. Notice that at this point the 4-stitch cable has 3 purl stitches on each side. There are now 80 stitches.

### **12<sup>th</sup> cable row increase**

On the row where you are doing the 12<sup>th</sup> cable, work as follows:

\*K2, P, P1-Increase in this stitch, C2, P1, P1-M1, K2, P3, C4, P3\* repeat 3x  
(4x total—88 stitches because of the 8 increases).

New ribbing pattern repeat is: \*K2, P3, C2, P3, K2, P3, C4, P3\*

New cable pattern repeat is \*K2, P3, C2, P3, K2, P3, C4, P3\*

Continue the new ribbing pattern for 5 rows and the cable row on every 6<sup>th</sup> row. Notice that at this point that all purl columns have increased to 3 stitches each. There are now 88 stitches.

### **Knit to the top**

Continue in pattern ribbing and cabling until the leg warmer is about 12" long. For the final 12 rows, work in the ribbing pattern only.



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