Melt the ICE Badge

The 3D Version

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About this pattern

This badge began as a tiny act of solidarity—a quick and fierce little gesture meant to be shared freely.

Whether you choose the flat version or this 3D one, this is a small symbol with a big purpose.

Both remain free because the point is participation. If you're knitting one, you're part of the reinforcements. Knit one, share one, pass it on!

Viva la … whatever this is we're doing together!

Materials

This project is perfect for using up yarn scraps. Use whatever needles match your yarn and your preferred tension.

For the sample shown:

- ~15 yards DK weight yarn (I used Berroco Vintage, colorway *Berries*)
- US 6 (4 mm) double-pointed needles (you'll use just two, and for the flat portion they function exactly like straight needles)
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors

Gauge

Whatever your yarn and needles decide. This is a tiny act of solidarity, not a sweater.

Abbreviations

- **CO** — cast on
- **st(s)** — stitch(es)
- **RS** — right side
- **WS** — wrong side
- **k** — knit
- **p** — purl
- **K2tog** — knit 2 stitches together (right-leaning decrease)
- **P2tog** — purl 2 stitches together (right-leaning decrease)
- **SSK** — slip, slip, then knit the 2 slipped stitches together (left-leaning decrease)
- **P2tog tbl** — purl 2 stitches together through the back loops (left-leaning decrease)
- **i-cord**—a narrow tube of knitting worked on a small number of stitches—double-pointed needles required

Instructions

Body of the Badge

CO 32 sts in 1×1 rib, leaving a 12-inch tail. You'll be using the tail to sew the sides together later. Work **6 rows** in 1×1 rib.

Row 7 (RS): Knit 16, place marker, knit 16

Row 8 (WS): Purl all sts.

Shaping the Point

Row 9 (RS): *SSK, k12, K2tog, slip marker, repeat from *(28 sts)

Row 10 (WS): *P2tog, p10, slip 2 knitwise, P2tog tbl, slip marker, repeat from * (24 sts)

Row 11 (RS): *SSK, k8, K2tog, slip marker, repeat from *(20 sts)

Row 12 (WS): *P2tog, p6, slip 2 knitwise, P2tog tbl, slip marker, repeat from * (16 sts)

Row 13 (RS): *SSK, k4, K2tog, slip marker, repeat from * (12 sts)

Row 14 (WS): *P2tog, p2, slip 2 knitwise, P2tog tbl, slip marker, repeat from * (8 sts)

Row 15 (RS): *SSK, K2tog, slip marker, repeat from *(4 sts remain)

Row 16 (WS): P2tog, remove marker, P2tog tbl (2 sts remain)

Row 17 (RS): k2

I-cord Tail

Using the remaining 2 sts, work **5 rows of i-cord**.

Make the Tassel

With your tapestry needle, thread four 6-inch yarn strands through the final two i-cord stitches to form the tassel, centering your last 2 stitches in the middle.
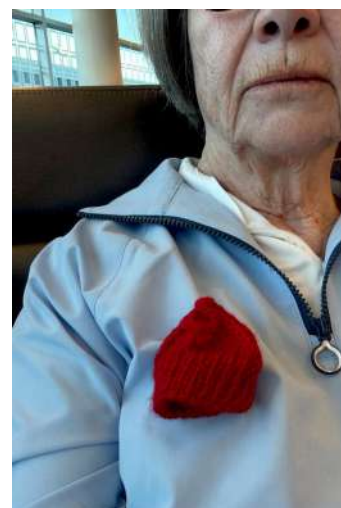
Closing the I-cord Tip

To close the final two stitches neatly over the 4 tassel strands, tighten them one at a time. Use the tip of your needle or a tapestry needle to tug the *left* stitch first — this closes the *right* stitch. Then pull the tail to tighten the left stitch.

Cut the working yarn, leaving an 8-inch tail. Wrap the tail firmly around the base of the i-cord to secure the tassel strands.

Finishing

Fold the piece in half, right side out, lol, and use the 12-inch tail from the cast-on to whip stitch the side together, making sure to catch the outermost loops. Weave in the yarn end. Block if desired, but you probably won't need to. Pin to your clothing through the back side of the mini hat. Or hang it from your rearview mirror. Or set it on your desk….

Laura Kalfahs Brill, whose DIY lapel pin inspired this pattern.

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Made in the spirit of showing up for each other, one tiny act at a time.