



Melt the ICE Badge (Flat Version)

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Materials

This project is perfect for using up yarn scraps — anything that gives you a firm little fabric will work. Use whatever needles match your yarn and your preferred tension.

For the sample shown:

- ~8 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, knit (left-leaning decrease)
- **P2tog tbl** — purl 2 stitches together through the back loops (left-leaning decrease)

Instructions

Body of the Badge

CO 16 sts in 1×1 rib. Or just cast them on straight if you'd rather. Work **6 rows** in 1×1 rib.

Row 7 (RS): Knit all sts.

Row 8 (WS): Purl all sts.

Shaping the Point

Row 9 (RS): SSK, k12, K2tog. (14 sts)

Row 10 (WS): P2tog, k10, slip 2 knitwise, P2tog tbl. (12 sts)

Row 11 (RS): SSK, k8, K2tog. (10 sts)

Row 12 (WS): P2tog, k6, slip 2 knitwise, P2tog tbl. (8 sts)

Row 13 (RS): SSK, k4, K2tog. (6 sts)

Row 14 (WS): P2tog, k2, slip 2 knitwise, P2tog tbl. (4 sts)

Row 15 (RS): SSK, K2tog. (2 sts remain)

I-cord Tail

Using the remaining 2 sts, work **6 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.

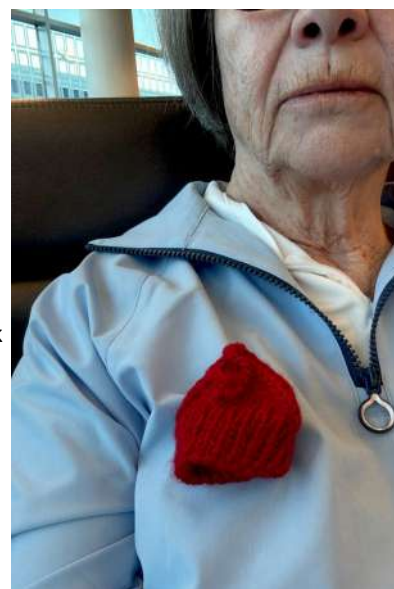
Cut the working yarn, leaving an 8-inch tail. Wrap the tail firmly around the base of the i-cord to secure the tassel strands.

Blocking

Your badge will be all curled up like a cinnamon roll when it comes off the needles. Wet-block or steam-block it flat. It may soften or curl again if it gets damp — that's normal for a small flat piece of knitting. Feel free to experiment with your own stabilization method if you prefer a firmer finish.

How you pin your badge on is up to you — craft store findings, a tie tack, or just a pin. I recommend placing your pin right where the hat and tassel meet to keep your top-heavy badge from flopping forward.

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



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