

Bottoms Up Kocker for Magic Loop

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Materials:

- 32"- 40" cable needles, US 4 [3.5 mm] or US 5 [3.75 mm], or size to get gauge
- Sport or DK weight soft, washable non-wool yarn. See list of approved yarns for distribution by knittedknockers.org groups. Link provided below.
- Stitch marker
- Tapestry needle

Gauge:

- 6 St=1" using US 4 for sport weight yarn; 5 St=1" using US 5 for DK Yarn. Counts in () are for DK/US 5 needles. See **Knocker Cup Sizes** below for stitch counts.

Legend
CO - cast on
KFB - knit into front and back of stitch
K - knit
P - purl
K2TOG TBL - knit 2 together through back loop

Bottom Piece:

Cast On

Starting with a 20" tail, CO 15 stitches using the long-tail cast on, as follows: CO 5 stitches, place marker and CO another 10 stitches. Point the needle tip with the CO stitches to the right and slide all 15 CO stitches including the marker, onto the center of the cable. With both needle tips pointing to the right, bend the cable and tease it out so that the first 10 stitches with the marker between them are together on one side of the bend in the cable, and the last 5 stitches with the yarn tail and working yarn are on the other side of the bend in the cable. Now bring both empty needle tips together and point them both to the right. Slide the first 5 stitches, the marker, and the second 5 stitches onto the front needle tip, and the last 5 stitches along with the cast-on yarn tail and the working yarn onto the back needle tip, both needle tips still pointing to the right. Take care not to twist the stitches while you slide them onto their respective needles. This is the structure of the project: 3 equal sections, consisting of two sections on one needle with a marker between the sections, and one section by itself on the other needle. Initially each section has 5 stitches in it, but after the joining round, each section will increase in size on the bottom of the knocker, and decrease in size when you knit the top of the knocker.

Magic Loop Joining Round

Holding both needles together with tips both pointing to the right, place the working yarn (not the yarn tail) between the front and back needles and up so that you don't do a yarn over. Then pull the back needle out so that the 5 stitches with the working yarn and yarn tail are back onto the cable, and bring the now-empty back needle tip around so it can knit the first stitch off the front needle. This motion makes a loop in the cable. Make sure you are using the working yarn, knit the first 5 stitches from the front needle, slip the marker, and then knit the second 5 stitches. The first ten stitches with the marker between them are now on the right needle. Turn your work so that the right needle tip with the 10 stitches you just knit is pointing at you, then keep turning another quarter turn until it is now pointing to the right. Next, slide the five stitches that have been resting on the cable and haven't yet been knit, onto the empty needle tip, point it to the right and make that needle the front needle, taking care not to twist the stitches. Hold the front and back needle tips together with both tips pointing to the right. Bring the working yarn dangling from the first stitch on the back needle up between the two needles and hold it up so you can see the two legs of the first stitch on the back needle. Then pull out the back needle so that the 10 stitches you just knit (5 stitches, the marker, 5 stitches, and the working yarn attached) so that these stitches, the working yarn and the marker are now on the cable. Bring the now empty needle tip around and using the working yarn knit the five stitches from the front needle. You have now joined your work in the round and completed the joining round. Refer to online videos for more information on the Magic Loop technique.

Bottom Piece Pattern Rounds

The bottom piece (the back side of the of the knitted knocker) consists of two alternating rounds:

Round 1 and all odd numbered rounds increase the stitch count by 3 stitches, one increased stitch on the last stitch of each section, as follows: **K to the last two stitches of the section, KFB, K1.**

Round 2 and all even numbered rounds increase the stitch count by 6 stitches, one increased stitch on the first and the last stitch of each section, as follows: **KFB, K to last 2 stitches of each section, KFB, K1.**

Continue alternating Rounds 1 and 2 using the Magic Loop technique until you reach the number of stitches for the cup size you are making.

Turning Rows Do NOT FORGET THESE ROWS!!!:

Continuing with the Magic Loop technique, **purl two rounds.** These two rounds help define the edge between the back (bottom piece) and the front (top piece) of the knocker.

Top Piece:

The top piece is the front of the knocker. Each pattern round is the same, and will decrease 1 stitch in each section for a total decrease of 3 stitches on each round.

Top Piece Pattern Rounds:

Continuing with the Magic Loop technique, decrease each section as follows: **K to the last 2 stitches in each section, then K2TOG TBL.** Repeat until only 2 stitches in each section (6 stitches in total) are left. Cut the working yarn leaving about 10" or so and put it onto a tapestry needle, then thread the tapestry needle through the 6 remaining stitches on the knitting needles. Slip the stitches off the knitting needles and pull yarn tight; take a stitch or two into the bump of this closure. This creates a small nipple-like bump on the outside of the knocker. Bring yarn to the inside of the knocker and fasten off.

IMPORTANT! Final Step to Finish Knocker:

Using a tapestry needle, weave the **cast on tail** through every other cast on stitch in the circular opening on the bottom piece of the knocker. This will make a drawstring-like closure so the knocker stuffing level can later be adjusted by the wearer. Fill with Premium Poly Fiber Fil, and **DO NOT** cinch up! Stuffing will not come out when worn or washed.

Notes:

1. Very important to check gauge and adjust accordingly to ensure the proper size knocker will be knit.
2. Before knitting the joining round, tie up the remaining yarn tail from the cast on to ensure you don't mistake it for the working yarn. This cast-on yarn tail will be used for the final step of the project.
3. Check after each of the first few rounds of the bottom piece to make sure the rounds haven't gotten twisted. Purl bumps should always be on the inside, knit stitches on the outside.
4. When switching between needles for Magic Loop, give the first stitch on what is now the front needle a bit of a tug to tighten up the yarn.

Knocker Cup Sizes:

Number of Stitches Needed for Bottom Piece Completion

A Cup -- stuffed diameter 4.5" across _____	72 (66*)
B Cup -- stuffed diameter 5" across _____	78 (72)
C Cup -- stuffed diameter 5.5" across _____	90 (78*)
D Cup -- stuffed diameter 6" across _____	102* (90)
DD/E Cup -- stuffed diameter 6.5" across _____	108 (96)

The first number of stitches indicated for each cup size is the total needed for completing the bottom pieces using US 4 needles; the second number (in parentheses) indicates the number of stitches needed using US 5 needles.

*These sizes need to repeat Round 1 one more time to reach the desired number of stitches

Larger Cup Size Instructions:

F Cup -- stuffed diameter 7" across:	Repeat rounds 1 and 2 <u>one</u> more time Complete the two turning rounds as indicated in the pattern After turning rounds, knit two more rounds before beginning top piece
G Cup -- stuffed diameter 7.5" across:	Repeat rounds 1 and 2 <u>two</u> more times Complete the two turning rounds as indicated in the pattern After turning rounds, knit four more rounds before beginning top piece
H Cup (stuffed diameter 8" across) and beyond:	Repeat rounds 1 and 2 <u>an additional time per each size</u> Complete the two turning rounds as indicated in the pattern After the turning rounds, knit 4 more rounds before starting top piece

Other Helpful Notes

Video Tutorial on Bottoms Up Knitted Knockers Magic Loop

Please note that if there is a variation between the pattern and the tutorial use the pattern as things may have been updated since the tutorial was made.

[Bottoms Up Knitted Knockers Magic Loop Adaptation](#)

Approved Yarns: Please note that if knitting or crocheting for knittedknockers.org, **we will only distribute knockers made from yarns on our approved list to fill orders.** While knitted knockers are a great "stash buster" taking only about 50 yards of yarn each, knockers are likely to be worn against sensitive skin and must be durable, breathable, and stay soft after washing. Also note that the acrylic yarns are only used for swimming knockers and noted with an "S".

Sizing

Sizing can be an art. Looser knit will stretch more when stuffed. Stuffed Knockers should measure the diameters listed above measured straight across the back from the point to the mid of the opposite side.

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. [How to size a stuffed Knocker.](#)

Only Neutral Colors on the front (top) please

Neutral colors are the top request.

- We define light neutral as the entire front of the Knocker shades of white, cream, beige, or sand.
- Dark neutral colors are defined as shades of brown or black.
- Pastel/Bright is defined as any color outside of those listed above. Even Knockers made with pink nipples.

Unless you are working up a specially requested Knocker, we ask that you work all Knockers in a light neutral or dark neutral color for the entire front and the first three rows on the back. This is so the color doesn't show when worn. Feel free to use any other color after the first three back rows so long as it comes from the approved yarn list. (Remember if this is a bottoms up knocker though you will start from the bottom so use your fun color there and change to the neutral color a few rows before the purl rows).

Video Tutorials

We have found a nice video on how to make great knitted Knockers using the Magic Loop method on You Tube, [Knitted Knockers Bottoms Up Magic Loop by In Knit](#) **If you see differences in the video go by the pattern as it may have been revised after the video was done.**

Mailing Knockers for Distribution

If you don't have someone to give your beautiful Knocker(s) to please send them to us for distribution (always free to the recipient). We need lots of them! We request that you mail in pairs of matching Knockers because most requests are for two Knockers. Do not size or package as we need to process them anyway. Do not pin together please. It is also helpful for us if you include the yarn labels and/or tell us what yarn you used.

Send finished Knitted Knockers to:

Knitted Knockers Support Foundation
1405 Fraser St. #F103
Bellingham, WA 98229

Be sure to include your contact information so that we can thank you!

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