

Support our Troops

“Knitted Neck Gator”



*For Beginner Knitters
Following guidelines stays within Military
Regulation.*

Important Information: If you choose to substitute yarns, please make sure that it is 100% soft wool or the following wool blends: lama, alpaca, cashmere. Absolutely no acrylic as it poses a danger to the soldiers and even though cotton and bamboo is nice, it doesn't hold in the heat nor does it fall within regulation and the soldier will not be allowed to wear it.

Materials: **PREFERRED CHOICE**

- 1 skein Cascade 220 SuperWash, Color # 875
(can be purchased at Yorkshire Yarns in Lakewood, WA)
- Tapestry Needle
- Needle: US 7 or 4.5 mm (US 8 or 5.5 mm)

Cast: 120 (or 116 sts if using US 8) Stitches loosely. Join but be sure you don't twist!

This will be a simple 2 x2 rib.

All Rounds: K2, Purl 2.

Continue until you finish the skein (about 8.5 - 9 inches), saving enough for bind off. Bind off loosely in pattern and then weave in the ends. Viola! You now have a military neck gator!

OR

Materials: **THESE ARE GOOD COLORS TO MATCH THE UNIFORM BUT THEY WILL FELT SO IT ISN'T THE BEST CHOICE.**

- 1 skein Cascade Pastaza, Color # 287, 286, or 043
(can be purchased at Yorkshire Yarns in Lakewood, WA)
- Tapestry Needle
- Needle: US 9 or 5.5 mm

Cast: 112 Stitches loosely. Join but be sure you don't twist!

This will be a simple 2 x2 rib.

All Rounds: K2, Purl 2.

Continue until you finish the skein (about 8.5 - 9 inches), saving enough for bind off. Bind off loosely in pattern and then weave in the ends. Viola! You now have a military neck gator!

Getting your FO to the soldiers:

We will have several collection options. Once you drop them off, they will be handed over to Kerlina Vinyard, the FRG Leader for A-Co. She in turn will send them off to the Commanding Officer, who of course, will distribute to the soldiers.

Shipping:

Won't be cheap. If you would like to help with that, put funds in an envelope along with your knitted item and it will be used to offset the shipping.

Drop off Locations:

- Yorkshire Yarns 5808 100th St SW Lakewood, WA
- Kerlina Vinyard 253-345-2617 or kerlinakrafts@mac.com to arrange drop off

Don't know how to knit but want to help out? You can do so by donating to yarn purchases or shipping! Either purchase the desired amount of yarn at Yorkshire Yarn & leave it there for Sonya to get to me or if you aren't local, Contact Kerlina Vinyard for further information.

*I am going to be logging the details of the result on my blog.
If you want to follow it along - here is the link.*

<http://web.me.com/kerlina/TheVinyards/Blog/Blog.html>

If you want a shout out on my blog for your donation, make sure that your name is attached to your donation.

P.S. Color # 875 is a perfect match to their uniform where the others will just do.

Our Goal: 1 for every soldier in A- Co 1/17th Infantry. Currently that is 155 soldiers.

