

Signs

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Replace your boring signs with something special—handknit signs that are sure to attract attention. This is an open-ended pattern. The general instructions will help you get started.

Materials:

worsted weight yarn or any weight you choose
needles appropriate for the weight of yarn to be used
tapestry needle
dowel

Signs shown were knitted in Reynolds Utopia (no longer available) with US 8 (5 mm) needles.

Each letter is 15 rows. The width varies, those most are 8 stitches. The exceptions are I, M, N and W.

Gauge swatch:

Cast on 24 sts and knit for 4". Measure the inside 20 sts. This will be the width of your vertical banner. Adjust the needle size and make another swatch if the width is not correct. As an alternative, you can add stitches to each side of the lettering to make the banner wider. The height of your banner will be determined by the number of letters you use.

For a horizontal banner, knit at least 35 rows. Measure the inside 31 rows to determine the height of your banner. The width of the banner will be determined by the letters you use.

Each banner has a border:

Top: 4 rows of garter stitch, followed by 4 rows of stockinette stitch.
Bottom: 4 rows of stockinette stitch, followed by 4 rows of garter stitch.
Left: 3 sts of garter stitch, followed by 3 stitches of stockinette stitch.
Right: 3 sts of stockinette stitch, followed by 3 stitches of garter stitch.

Spacing between letters: 2 stitches

Spacing between words: 4 stitches or 6 rows

These signs were created for the NOPL Library in Cicero, NY.



A B C D E F G H I
J K L M N O P Q R
S T U V W X Y Z
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
a b c d e f g h i j
k l m n o p q r s
t u v w x y z