

# Tape Measure Cover

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This cover uses a standard round 2" tape measure. These can be purchased for under \$1 each on the internet. Also, companies use them as giveaways to advertise their products. This makes a quick, useful gift for a knitter or crocheter.



## Materials:

- Paintbox Simply DK, small amount
- Contrasting DK yarn or embroidery thread or an applique or a button.
- US Size 3 (3.0 mm) double pointed needles
- Standard circular tape measure, 2" diameter
- Sharp pointed yarn needle

Gauge: Knit rnds 1 – 10 = 2" diameter

## Abbreviations:

- Inc Right lifted increase: Insert the right-hand needle in the right side of the stitch 1 row below the stitch on the left-hand needle. Lift it and place on left-hand needle. Knit in the front leg of the stitch.
- K Knit
- K2tog Knit 2 sts together.
- P Purl.
- SSK Slip 1 knitwise, slip 1 purlwise, return to lefthand needle and knit together in back loop.

Note: Turn at the beginning of Rows 13 and 14 to create a slit for the tape.

## Directions:

- Cast on 8 sts using Emily Ocher's cast on. (Directions are on the last page.)
- Rnds 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9: K.
- Rnd 2: Inc, k1, repeat from \* around (16 sts)
- Rnd 4: Inc, k2, repeat from \* around (24 sts)
- Rnd 6: Inc, k3, repeat from \* around (32 sts)
- Rnd 8: Inc, k4, repeat from \* around (40 sts)
- Rnd 10: Inc, k5, repeat from \* around (48 sts)
- Rnd 11: P.

Weave in beginning end. Embroidery an initial on top or sew a pretty button or an applique on.

- Rnd 12: K.
- Row 13: Turn and with wrong side facing, p 48 sts.
- Row 14: Turn and with right side facing, k 48 sts.
- Rnd 15: K.
- Rnd 16: P.
- Rnd 17: \*SSK, K4, repeat from \* around. (40 sts)

Rnds 18, 20, and 22: K.

Rnd 19: \*SSK, K3, repeat from \* around. (32 sts)

Rnd 21: \*SSK, K2, repeat from \* around. (24 sts)

Tighten up any loose sts at the slit.

Insert tape measure. The end of the tape should be aligned with the edges of the “turn” rows.

Rnd 23: \*SSK, K1, repeat from \* around. (16 sts)

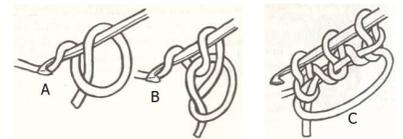
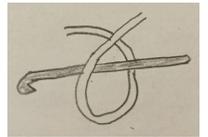
Rnd 24: K.

Rnd 25: \*SSK, repeat from \* around. (8 sts)

Cut yarn leaving a 6" tail. Weave yarn through live stitches. Pull tight and weave in end.

## Emily Ocher's Circular Cast-on.

1. Make a ring. Do not pull it tight; keep it loose. Grasp the loop where the strands meet with your left thumb and index finger. You can make the loop with the tail going up. You will then have to weave in the tail.
2. Insert the hook into the loop from front to back. Grab the yarn with the hook (yo) and bring through the loop. You now have one loop on the hook.
3. Insert the hook into the loop again; you will be going under the yarn tail as well. Hook the yarn (yo) and bring through the loop. Hook the yarn again and bring through the loop on the hook as if you were making a chain. You now have two loops on the hook. Repeat this step until you have the required number of loops.
4. Carefully replace the hook with your needles and begin knitting in the round. After you have finished a few rounds, pull the tail to close up the circle and weave in.



You now have a nice, tight circle with no hole in the middle.