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Add some personalised PIZZAZ to your Tree or gifts this year with these easy to follow, step by step instructions for Ribbon Candy Ornaments.

RIBBON CANDY ORNAMENTS

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Love your sweet treats but are watching calories? How about knitting up some of these simple garter stitch ribbon candies? Use to decorate your tree, place some in a dish for a decoration, or use as package ornaments. Two versions are presented;

1) with knit and purl sts
2) simple with only knit sts but will show “blips” of color on right side.





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Materials

- 16 yds divided, Fingering weight yarn in 4 assorted colors, sample knit with Palette by Knit Picks, 100% wool
- US Size 1 (2.25mm) needles, your choice of straight or circular
- 5 round chopsticks, dowels, pens, or pencils

Colorway #1		**Colorway #2**
Color A: Red	2.5yds	Color A: Pink
Color B: White	9 yds	Color B: White
Color C: Orange	3 yds	Color C: Mint green
Color D: Green	1.5 yds	Color D: Light Orange

Size

Approx. 1 ¼” wide, 7” long before shaping. 1 ¼”wide x 1 ½” tall when shaped.

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Gauge
8.3 sts x 15 rows = 1” in garter stitch



Cast on 59 sts using Color A and the Long Tail Cast-on Method.

PATTERN for KNIT & PURL version (Recommended)
k13, p11, k11, p11, k13 every row

Row 1: work pattern. Cut Color A leaving a tail for weaving in later
Rows 2 & 3 : Join in Color B, work two rows of pattern. Do not cut Color B after Row 3
Rows 4 thru 7: Join in Color C, work four rows of pattern, carrying Color B up along the
side and “catching” with Color C at the beginning of Row 5. Cut Color C after Row 7
Rows 8 & 9: Pick up Color B, work two rows of pattern. Do not cut Color B
Rows 10 & 11: Join in Color D, work two rows of pattern
Rows 12 thru 15: Pick up Color B, work four rows of pattern. Cut Color B
Rows 16 & 17: Join in Color A, work two rows of pattern.
Bind off in Color A.

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SUPER SIMPLE VERSION (but will have “blibs” of color on wrong side)
With Color A: Cast on 58 sts using the Long Tail (Sling-shot) cast on method.
Row 1: Knit. Cut Color A, leaving a tail for weaving in later.
Rows 2 & 3: Add Color B. Knit these 2 rows. Do not cut Color B but instead carry along the side
“catching” the strand with Color C between the next 2nd and 3rd row.
Rows 4 – 7: Add Color C. Knit these 4 rows. Cut Color C
Rows 8 & 9: Pick up Color B. Knit these 2 rows. Do not cut Color B.
Rows 10 & 11: Add Color D, knit these 2 rows. Cut Color D **Rows 12 – 15:** Pick up Color B, knit these 4 rows. Cut Color B. **Rows 16 & 17:** Add Color A, Knit these 2 rows.
Bind off in Color A.



FINISHING
Weave in all tails. With water, thoroughly wet your knitting, roll in a towel to blot out moisture. Make 5 gentle folds alternating accordion style approx 1” apart (the extra inch is absorbed in the folds).
Thread a length of Color B yarn thru yarn darning needle. Starting at the bottom in the center, carefully push needle through all layers of the folded ornament in matching row (Row 3) of Color B. Take a small stitch in the “valley” between garter stitch ridges on the top, and return through all layers again to the bottom of the ornament. Do Not Pull Tight! Do not fasten off yet

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Allow ornament to measure 1 ½” from top to bottom. Repeat with a second strand of yarn in the opposite side of the strip in Row 14. Slide a chopstick, or other tool into each of the five folds. Adjust the two strand of yarn threaded through the folds to hold the folds together without pulling too tightly and secure these yarn ends.

Let ornament dry. Remove chopsticks. For hanging, attach a piece of gold cording or wire to the top of the ornament.







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