

Tucked Ribbon Trim



Yes, I've been 'digging' through old boxes and piles of old notes in the knitting area again. Here's where another of my goofs turned out to be an advantage and this trim was 'born'. It is 'flat-ish', with just a hint of the tucking pulling in and makes the 5 stitches lay partially flat and looks like ribbon. This one is very, very easy to do and any machine which has a hold capability is used.

Sample knit on Brother 890 -- T: 6 -- based on 5 stitches, requires HOLD technique either by machine setting or ravel cord.

3/11 Nomis acrylic for the trim. Swatch is 8/2 cotton stonewash denim

Take a swatch of material, place 5 edge stitches onto 5 needles on the machine.

E-wrap with trim yarn over those 5 needles

* Knit 6 rows

Pick up MIDDLE stitch of swatch edge, place it on the middle needle and pull needle out to HOLD position -- place machine on HOLD

Knit 2 rows

Take machine off HOLD

Knit 6 rows

Hang next series of 5 edge stitches onto the needles in work

Repeat from * for the length of your desired trim.

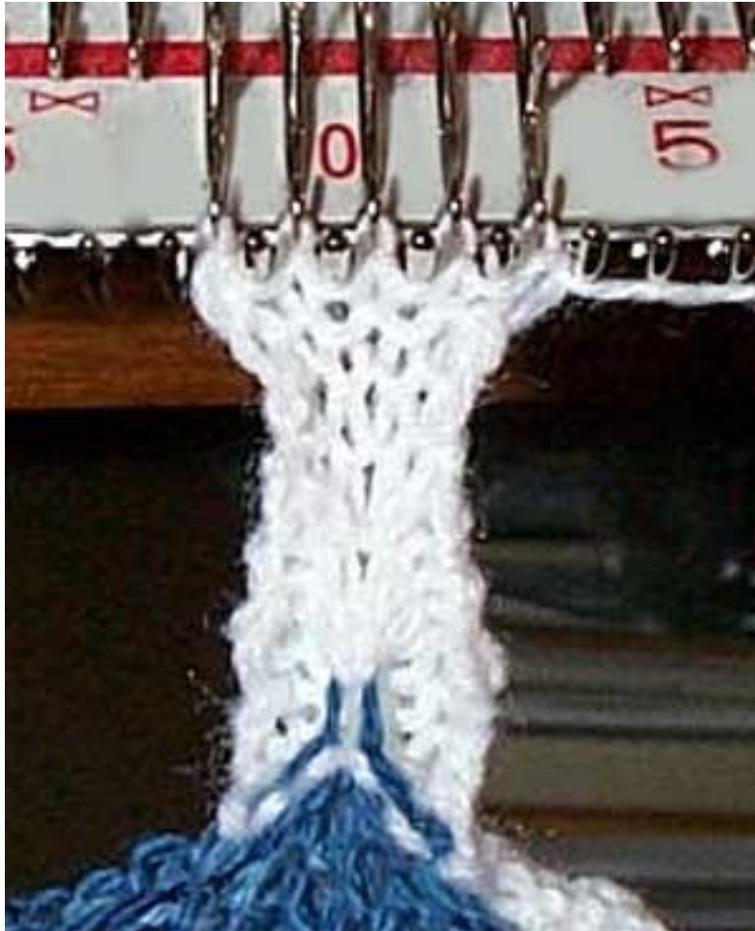
Here are some how-to pictures for you ...



Picking up the center swatch bar and hanging it onto the middle needle.



This picture shows the two rows of HOLD have been completed and we're ready to start up the next 6 rows.



We've completed the 6 rows after the HOLD in the pattern and are about to place 5 more edge stitches onto the needles.



This is the purl side of the trim.

Going around a corner can be a bit of a pain with this type of trim. I'd seriously suggest that you calculate how many edge stitches you are going to have on your finished piece and then have the central part of the trim (where you hang the middle stitch) be at the corner and add 1 or perhaps 2 rows to the 6 rows to help in the turn. I almost always use this when doing ovals or round pieces so it's never been an issue for me.

It can be done with 7 stitches as well, but the edge will curl in more toward the purl side. If that's what you want, then do the same as above with 7 stitches, and increase your rows to 8 rather than 6 to maintain the ribbon effect.

This is a very versatile trim and I think it flattens out much better than the more tubular look to the worm trim. I've used it on placemats and table runners for years and it is always well received as a gift or at craft fairs.

