

## Girlfriend Bracelets



If you make these for a gift for a special little girl, make 2 so that she can give one to her girlfriend. These bracelets also make a great party favor.

### Basic Pattern

The basic idea is to knit a tube that the hand can go through, but be tight on the wrist. The good thing is that knit stretches, so you can make it the same size as the wrist.

Before knitting, you need to know the circumference of the wrist & the width or height you want for the bracelet. The height could be 4 1/2" to 1/2". Then you need to plan the bracelet. Do you want to knit it from the hand to the top of the bracelet? Or do you want to knit it following the circumference of the cuff? We made ours both ways. It really depends on how you want the stripes to look.

### Knit From Hand to Top of Bracelet

CO the circumference of the wrist. You don't have to make a swatch, make an educated guess. If you are using a yarn that normally gets 8 st to the inch, then CO 8 X "circumference of wrist". Knit to top of bracelet adding stripes or other designs. BO.

### Knit Following the Circumference of the Wrist

CO the width or height of the bracelet. You don't have to make a swatch, make an educated guess. If you are using a yarn that normally gets 8 st to the inch, then CO 8 X "the height of the bracelet". Knit the circumference of the wrist adding stripes or other designs. BO.

### Finishing

Sew Seam. Hide yarn ends.

### Design Ideas

**Beads** are always fun for girls. Don't like the traditional beading technique because it involves too much time or maybe you can find bead with a big enough hole. Try our E Wrap Beading technique. It's so easy, fast to do, and you can use any bead that you can stick a needle through.

**Stripes** are easy to do, and you can use up lots of scrap yarn. Combine crazy colors (maybe some you don't even like). Add a bit of sparkle by using a lurex yarn for a few stripes. Stripes can be knitted in, or make a crochet cast on.

**Other Stitches** will work too like garter, lace or tuck. Maybe try something that is new for you. Then it's a learning project too.

**Fairisle** border designs or a small motif is another idea.

**Embroidery** can another special touch.