

Stockinette Button Band & Three Stitch Buttonhole Band

The bands will be double, resulting in a front and a facing, and the buttonholes will be vertical to the garment. These directions are for a three stitch buttonhole, but can be adapted to any size. Also the width of the band can be changed, with the buttonhole in the middle of each half of a band.

Button Band

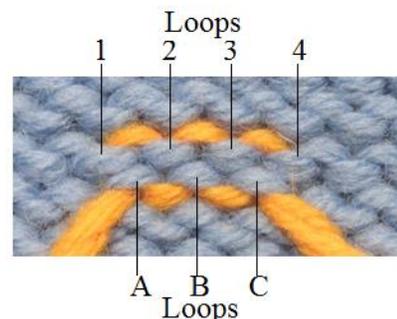
- 1: Walk the front edge of the garment across the needle bed to determine the number of stitches for the band. Hang the selvedge edge evenly across onto these needles, purl side toward you.
- 2: With the carriage on the right, carefully, knit a double marker row at garment tension. Because you are knitting onto a selvedge with no stretch, you may want to manually knit the double slip row.
- 3: RC 0: carriage on the right, knit 1 tension tighter (or pre-determined tension) than garment tension. Knit 12 rows; knit 1 row at a looser tension for a turning row; knit 12 rows at band tension. Pick up the up and down loops from the double marker row. Knit one row and bind off.
- 4: From the button band determine button placement and mark the needle bed accordingly.

Buttonhole Band – have ready a 9” piece of ravel cord or contrast yarn for each buttonhole

Repeat steps 1 & 2 of the button band using the same number of needles and matching any stripes or pattern.

- 3: RC 0: carriage on the right, at the chosen band tension, knit 6 rows and manually-knit the 3 buttonhole stitches onto the ravel cord pieces. The contrast is marking the delineation of the main yarn loops to pick up.
- 4: Knit 6 rows; knit 1 row at a looser tension for a turning row.
- 5: Knit 6 rows at band tension.
- 6: Work left to right on each buttonhole. Put loop 1 of main yarn onto the left needle of the buttonhole and manually knit the loop through the stitch on the needle. Transfer this new stitch to the next buttonhole needle to the right.
Put loop 2 onto the needle of the buttonhole with the new stitch (above) and manually knit the loop through the two stitches on the needle. Transfer this new stitch to the next buttonhole needle.
Put loop 3 onto the needle of the buttonhole with the new stitch (above) and manually knit the loop through the two stitches on the needle. Transfer this new stitch to the last buttonhole needle.
Put loop 4 onto the needle right of the buttonhole needles and manually knit the loop through the two stitches on the needle. There will be three empty needles.
- 7: Place loop A onto the left empty needle
Place loop B onto the center empty needle
Place loop C onto the right empty needle
- 8: Knit 6 rows across all stitches.
- 9: Pick up the up and down loops from the double marker row and place a loop onto each needle. Knit one row and bind off.

Pick Up Double Marker Row	
12 rows	6 rows
	6 rows
Turning Row	
12 rows	6 rows
	6 rows
Double Marker Row	



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