Free Knitting Pattern
Lion Brand® LB Collection Superwash Merino - Sock-Ease™
Houndstooth Check Tie

Pattern Number: 90122AD

This fun knitted tie features a classic houndstooth pattern.

SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate

SIZE: One Size
About 3 1/2 x 56 in. (9 x 142 cm)

CORRECTIONS: None as of Jun 5, 2009. To check for later updates, click here.

MATERIALS

- 486-141 Lion Brand LB Collection Superwash Merino: Wild Berry
    1 Ball (A)
- 240-205 Lion Brand Sock-Ease Yarn: Cotton Candy
    1 Ball (B)
- 240-201 Lion Brand Sock-Ease Yarn: Rock Candy
    1 Ball (C)
- 240-200 Lion Brand Sock-Ease Yarn: Toffee
    1 Ball (D)
- Large-Eye Blunt Needles (Set of 6)
- Additional Materials
    Knitting needles size 3 (3.25 mm)

GAUGE:

30 sts + 40 rows = 4 in. (10 cm) in St st (k on RS, p on WS) with A. BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE. When you match the gauge in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will be sufficient. If it takes you less stitches and rows to make a 4 in. [10 cm] square, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

STITCH EXPLANATION:

ssk (slip, slip, knit) Slip next 2 sts as if to knit, one at a time, to right needle; insert left needle into fronts of these 2 sts and knit them together.

Check Pattern (multiple of 4 sts)
Note: In Check Pattern, the contrast color (CC) alternates between B, C, and D as specified in Tie pattern.
Row 1 (RS): With A k1, *with CC k1, with A k3; rep from * to last 3 sts, with CC k1, with A k2.
Row 2: *With CC p3, with A p1; rep from * across.
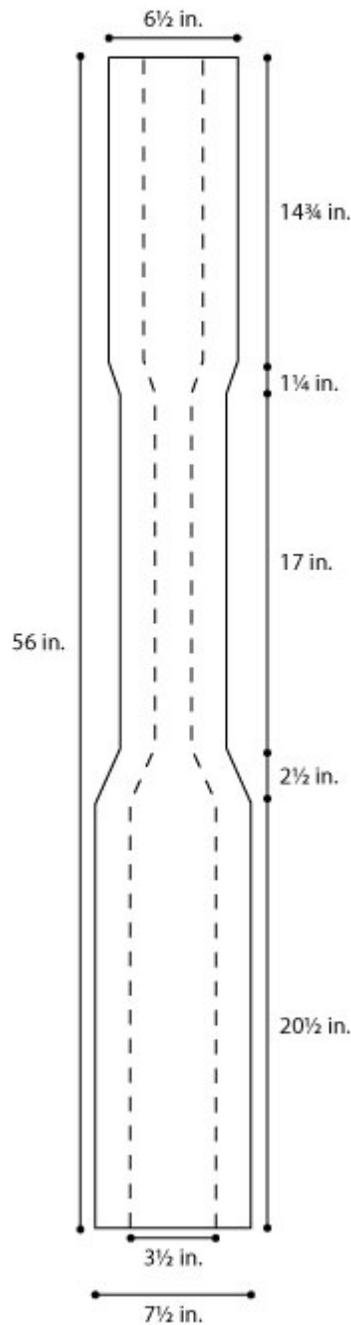**Row 3:** *With CC k3, with A k1; rep from * across.
Row 4: With A p1, *with CC p1, with A p3; rep from * to last 3 sts, with CC p1, with A p2.
Rep Rows 1-4 for Check Pattern.

NOTES:

When changing color, pick up new color from under old color to twist yarns and prevent holes.

6½ in.

14¾ in.

1¼ in.

17 in.

56 in.

2½ in.

20½ in.

3½ in.

7½ in.

TIE
With A, cast on 56 sts.
Row 1: With A, k14; with B as CC, work Row 1 of Check Pattern across next 28 sts, with A, k14.
Row 2: With A, p14, with B as CC, work Row 2 of Check Pattern across next 28 sts, with A, p14.
Continue as established, keeping first and last 14 sts in St st (k on RS, p on WS) with A and working rem sts in Check Pattern with B as CC, until piece measures 7 in. (18 cm) from beg, end with a Row 4 of Check Pattern.
Next Row: Cut B, join C. Continue as established, keeping first and last 14 sts in St st with A and working rem sts in Check Pattern with C as CC, until piece measures 14 in. (35.5 cm) from beg, end with a Row 4 of Check Pattern.
Next Row: Cut C, join D. Continue as established, keeping first and last 14 sts in St st with A and working rem sts in Check Pattern with D as CC, until piece measures 20 in. (51 cm) from beg, end with a Row 4 of Check Pattern.
Next Row: With A k16, with D k1, *with A k7, with D k1; rep from * across to last 15 sts, with A k15.
Next Row: With A, purl.

Next Row: With A k18, with D k1, *with A k9, with D, k1; rep from * once more, with A, k to end of row.
Cut D, remainder of Tie is worked with A only.
Next Row: With A, purl.
Next (Dec) Row: K1, k2tog (dec made), k to last 3, ssk (dec made), k1– 54 sts remain.
Continue in St st with A only, AT THE SAME TIME, rep Dec Row every 4 rows 6 more times – 42 sts after all decs have been made. Continue in St st until piece measures 40 in. (101.5 cm) from beg, end with a WS row.
Next (Inc) Row: K1, k into front and then back of next st (inc made), k across to last 2 sts, k into front and then back of next st (inc made), k1 – 44 sts remain at end of row. Continue in St st, AT THE SAME TIME, rep Inc Row every 6 rows 2 more times – 48 sts after all incs have been made.
Work in St st until piece measures 56 in. (142 cm) from beg. Bind off.

FINISHING
Seam long sides of Tie. Flatten Tie with seam centered at back. Seam top and lower edges. Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES	
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beg = begin(s)(ning)	CC = contrasting color
dec = decreas(e)(s)(ing)	inc = increas(e)(s)(ing)
k = knit	MC = main color
p = purl	rem = remain(s)(ing)
rep = repeat(s)(ing)	RS = right side
St st = Stockinette stitch	st(s) = stitch(es)
WS = wrong side	

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