

# Katalin

a möbius wrap and wristlet set by Shannon Okey for [knitgrrl.com](http://knitgrrl.com)



Katalin is a möbius wrap and wristlet set that knits up fast and pretty in textured merino/alpaca/silk yarn, or any multicolored yarn you like. See the notes for suggested substitutions.

## Materials

5 skeins The Fibre Company Terra (60% merino, 20% baby alpaca, 20% silk, 50 gm/100 yd per skein); shown here, 3 skeins Sorrel (color A, blue) and 2 skeins Nettle (color B, green). The wristlets only take half a skein of color B and a little Color A for trim, so be sure to purchase the full amount..

1 47" long 5mm/US #8 circular needle (for wrap)

1 5mm/US #8 needle of any length (for wristlets)

Yarn needle

Stitch marker

## Gauge

Gauge is not critical to this project, and the yarn used is somewhat thick-thin, so gauge will vary. There are approximately 4.5-5 stitches per inch using this yarn. See notes for suggested yarn substitutions.

## Notes

The radiant shading effect seen here is created using two yarns that share color elements. The Fibre Company's Terra in Sorrel (left) and Nettle (right) use the same light turquoise color in each yarn and similar blue and green tones elsewhere.



If substituting yarns, look for a DK or worsted weight. Sock yarn or Kauni rainbow yarn would also be beautiful here due to the patterning, but you will likely need to cast on quite a few more stitches and go down a needle size or two. You could also use a heathered yarn and then pick out a single color in the heather for the edges, or try a multicolor handpaint yarn fading out to black.

The möbius cast on is deceptively simple once you've mastered the hand motions. And speaking of möbius masters... Cat Bordhi, author of two books which incorporate the technique, has placed an excellent tutorial online here: <http://tinyurl.com/moebius> – to learn more about Cat's books, see <http://catbordhi.com>.



## Patterns

### Wristlets

Note: Knit the wristlets first if you're planning to make them; then you can use every bit of what's leftover in the wrap.

Cast on 42 stitches with 5mm/US #8 needle and Color B.

Rows 1-35: Slip first stitch, \*K2, P2\* to end, turning work. Knit the knits and purl the purls (2x2 ribbing), repeating until there are 35 rows in total.

Rows 36-38: Switch to Color A and knit 3 rows garter stitch (knit every row)

Row 39: Knit first 21 stitches then \*K2, make 5-stitch bobble\* to end.

Row 40: On next row, knit until first set of bobble stitches, and purl 5 together. K2, and repeat P5tog, knitting all other stitches, until the end of the row.

Rows 41-42: Knit 2 more rows garter stitch.

Bind off in purl.

For second wristlet, reverse shaping on row 39 by \*K2, make 5-stitch bobble\* then knitting last 21 stitches.

Making a bobble is simple. Knit into the front and back of the stitch, then bring your needle to the front again (without removing the stitch from your needle), and continue knitting alternately into the front and back of the stitch until you have 5 stitches instead of 1.

### Finishing

Fold the wristlets in half and seam the top section closed (Color A). Try on wristlet and determine where the bottom of your thumb meets your wrist. From that point forward to the bottom, seam closed. Done!

### Wrap

Using möbius cast on and Color A, cast on 500 stitches. (For a smaller wrap, use 400. You may need to move to a slightly shorter needle).

This sounds like a lot, I know! DON'T PANIC. Remember that each time you scoop a new stitch from either side of the cord onto your needle during cast on, that's one stitch. Also, remember that a möbius has one long continuous edge, so essentially you are casting on both the first and last rounds at the same time...well, kind of. This first cast on edge actually ends up in the center of the finished item.

When you have finished casting on stitches and go to join the round, place a stitch marker and do not weave in the one end. Each time you knit a full round, you actually go around the circle of cast on

stitches twice. Keep an eye on that tricky stitch marker as it comes up underneath your needles – unless you actually have to slip it from one needle to the next, you have not done a full round!

On the first round, your stitches will be oriented in two alternating directions – with right leg forward, then left leg, all the way around. The easiest way to manage this, instead of manually moving your stitch around with the needle tip, is to knit normally for the first stitch, then into the back loop of the second stitch, and continue alternating until all stitches are mounted normally.

Round one: after one half round you will encounter purl stitches. Purl them. Remember what I just said? (You need to go around the circle twice to do a full round of stitches). Half of that will be knits, and half will be purls. Knit your knits and purl your purls for 7 full rounds, counting from the center cast on round where the unwoven-in end from the beginning of your cast on rests. Want to knit without paying attention to where you are? Knit every stitch, that's fine, too. This actually creates a reversible effect that causes half the möbius surface to be stockinette at any given time.

Switch to \*k2, p2\* ribbing for all remaining rounds.

Rounds 10-20: alternate Color A and Color B.

Rounds 21-23: Color B.

Before binding off, this is what the piece will look like. It opens up quite a bit as it comes off the needles.

### **Finishing**

Bind off loosely in purl and weave in all ends.

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