

ZIPPY BOW TIE

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Difficulty: Beginner

Overview: Just three squares are needed to create this zippy accessory. A band is crocheted and threaded through the “knot” and secured with a snap.

Finished size: 4 ½" x 3". Neck band is 15 ½" long and 5/8" wide.

Yarn:

Kenzie from Skacel (50% merino/25% nylon/10% angora/10% alpaca/5% silk noil at 160 yd/50 gram balls), 1 ball of teal and 1 ball of orange. You can make a lot of bow ties with this yarn. Each square requires just 8 yards of yarn.

Notions:

Tapestry needle, size F crochet hook, 1 snap fastener

Weaving:

Weave three squares on the Zoom Loom. For this particular bow-tie, weave two squares in a two-color pattern. Wind the first 2 layers with teal and the final layer with orange. Weave with orange. Weave one square with teal for the “knot”.

Making the neck band:

With the crochet hook, chain 6 and turn your work. Single crochet 5. Chain one and turn. Crochet as many rows as it takes to get to the length to wrap around your neck. Install the snaps on each end of the neck-strip.

You may want to crochet a little extra length to allow for shrinkage during washing, and a little overlap for the snaps. Adjust the final length with your snap placement.

Note: the band could also be knitted. Skacel recommends 4.0 - 5.0mm knitting needles for the Kenzie yarn. Cast on enough stitches to make a band wide enough to fit under a shirt collar and long enough to wrap around your neck, allowing a little extra for shrinkage and for overlap for the snaps.

Finishing: Wash the squares and neck band in mild soap and hot water. Lay flat to dry and steam press if needed.

Assembly:

For the “knot” of the bow-tie, fold the teal square into thirds. Sew up the side to create a mini tube. Then, sew the ends of the tube together, to create a closed ring.

Take the two squares you want to be the “wings” of the bow-tie and place them right sides together and sew along one edge with a simple whip-stitch. You now have a 1 X 2 rectangle. On each end of the rectangle, fold 1" to the wrong side and stitch.

Fold the rectangle accordion style in fourths the long way and thread through the ring “knot” to form the bow-tie. Even out the sides so that the “knot” is centered and tack into place. Pass the neck band through the back part of the loop. Wrap around your neck, snap, and go out on the town.



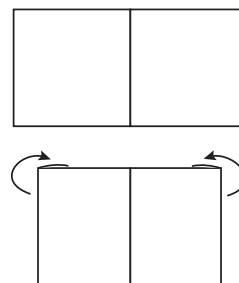
Here's Benjamin in his bow tie, all dressed up in our shipping department.



Close-up of the Zippy Bow Tie.



Slide the band through the loop.



Fold 1" to the back and hem each side of the rectangle formed by the two squares sewn together,

