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Enjoy a baseball game and knit and craft at the same time! Find out how these two national pastimes will go hand in hand for one night only.

On July 24th, The San Francisco Giants and The National Needlearts Association (TNNA) will hold their 2nd Annual Stitch N' Pitch where hundreds of fans sit together in the stands and knit, crochet, cross-stitch, needlepoint and embroider while cheering on their favorite team!

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The game is July 24th at 7:15pm-SF Giants vs. Atlanta Braves Stitch n' Pitch Night

Tuesday, July 24 - Bring your projects to the game and meet other knitters all while enjoying Giants baseball. Specially-priced tickets for Stitch n' Pitch include your ticket to the game and your own Giants Stitch n' Pitch tote bag to carry around all your supplies. Over 1,000 knitters, crocheters and needle artists showed up last year.

Here are options for buying tickets up to game day:

For individual ticket orders of 1-24 tickets go online to:

<http://www.sfgiants.com/specialevents>

For group orders of 25 or more tickets call: 415-972-2298 or email groupsales@sfgiants.com

Drink Cozy

Okay, so it doesn't exactly help keep the beer cold. However, it does keep your hand warm and, more importantly, it looks great. This is a fabulous gift for the beer drinkers in your life. It also provides a great introduction to knitting in the round using double-pointed needles. If you can make this cozy, you are ready to move on to mittens.

YOU WILL NEED

1 ball (100 grams) acrylic worsted weight yarn, or 2 colors of scrap yarn 1 ounce each) for a striped cozy

4 size 6 double-pointed needles

Scissors

Yarn needle

Row counter (optional)

TECHNIQUES

Casting on

Knitting in the round

Rib stitch

Stockinette stitch

Binding off

Weaving in loose ends

DIFFICULTY LEVEL = 3

1. Cast 32 stitches onto 1 of the needles. Divide the stitches among 3 of the needles, with 12, 12, and 8 stitches on the needles.
2. Join the stitches in a circle and work 5 rounds in knit 2, purl 2 ribbing.
3. Work the next 14 rounds in stockinette stitch (knit only, since you're working in the round). If you want to make a stripe around the cozy, attach the second color at the beginning of round 9 and return to the main color at the beginning of round 17.
4. Work 5 rounds in knit 2, purl 2 ribbing.
5. Bind off, and use your yarn needle to weave in the loose ends.

Improvisation ideas: Knit the cozy in your favorite team's colors. You can also personalize it by cross-stitching an initial on the front.