

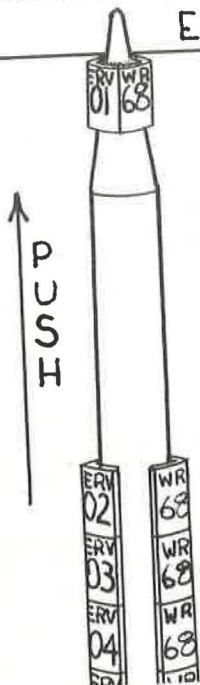
KNITTING NEEDLES FOR HOLDING BANDS
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A system of keeping the many small sized bands in organized order is essential for efficient banding and data keeping. The system I have found most convenient I believe is worth passing along to others. For each series of bands from #0 through #3 I have two or three plastic knitting needles graduated in the following sizes:

<u>Band Size</u>	<u>Needle Size</u>	<u>Band Size</u>	<u>Needle Size</u>
0	3	1a	6
1	3	2	8
1b	5	3	10

For 0's to 1a's, two 14" needles will hold 100 bands; 2's and 3's may be put on three needles. Forcing the individual bands over the point of the needle opens them to correct size, and sliding them down the needle keeps them in numerical order. Put the bands on in reverse order so that they will come off in ascending order. Plastic needles are definitely preferable to those of aluminum, as the plastic grips the band firmly, and does not score the inside of the band. Using the illustrated method of opening results in an even split which can be closed tightly and evenly. This technique is especially useful in field work where time and organization is a must.

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