

On the Bias

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or



Beyond the Pattern

This simple scarf is worked in garter stitch on the bias. The pattern below provides instructions for two different yarns, Making Tracks Lite (A) and Entropy DK (B). Instructions for customizing the pattern are provided at the end.

Sizes

One Size

Finished Measurements

Length: 68 (60)''

Width: 7''

Materials

A: Junction Fiber Mill MAKING TRACKS LITE (210yds/192m, 50g/1.7oz, 100% American Wool): 3 skeins Alpenglow(1) or Winterberry (2) or Aurora Borealis (3)

B: Feederbrook Farm ENTROPY DK (260yds/238m, 100g/3.53oz, 100% Bluefaced Leicester): 2 skeins Bioluminescence(4)*

A: Size 6 (4mm) or size needed to obtain gauge

B: Size 8 (5mm) or size needed to obtain gauge

Tapestry needle

*The numbers after the color name correspond to the numbers in the photograph.

Gauge

In Garter St, A: 24 sts & 56 rows = 4"/10cm. B: 20 sts & 40 rows = 4"/10cm. To save time, take time to check gauge.



DESIGNER NOTE—Since exact fit isn't important for this scarf, do not worry too much about the gauge. Also note, I used larger needle sizes than expected for the yarn weights. I wanted to create a looser drape for the fabric.

Abbreviations

kfb-Knit the stitch but do not remove it from the needle. Knit into the back of the loop. Transfer both stitches to the right needle.

DESIGNER NOTE—Three stitches are cast on and one increase is made in the second stitch every row until the desired width. Bar increases (kfb) worked in the second stitch create the edging.

CO 3 sts.

Row 1: K1, kfb, k1—4 sts.

Row 2: K1, kfb, k2—5 sts.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2, adding a new stitch each row, until there are 60 (50) sts

DESIGNER NOTE—When the scarf is the desired width, an increase is worked at the beginning of the first row and a decrease is worked at the beginning of the next row. You may want to place a stitch marker at the increase side of the scarf so you don't inadvertently decrease on an increase row.

Row 1: K1, kfb, knit to end of row.

Row 2: K1, k2tog, knit to end of row.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until the desired length (measured on the increase side of the scarf) ending on the decrease side, ready to work the increase side.

DESIGNER NOTE—To complete the scarf, work a decrease at the beginning of every row until 3 stitches remain.

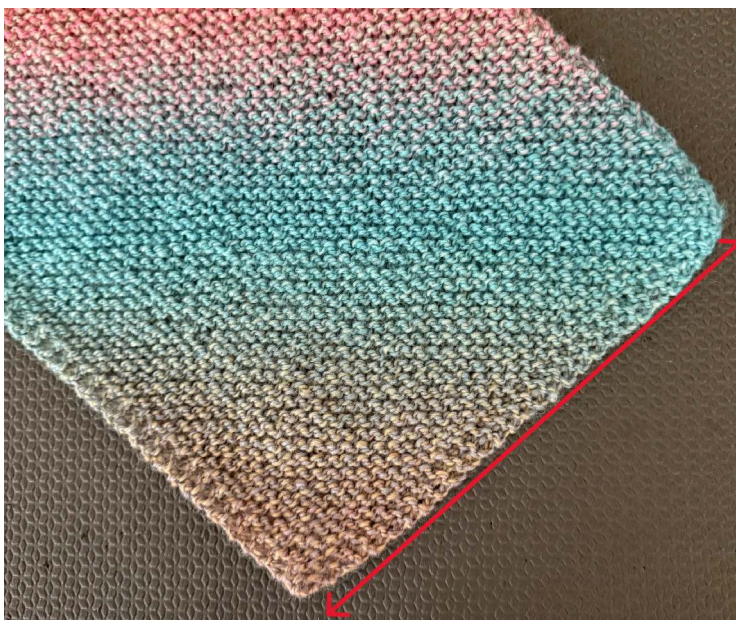
Finishing the Scarf

Row 1: K1, k2tog, knit to end of row.

Repeat Row 1 until 3 sts remain. BO. Block if necessary.

Customizing the Scarf

You can use any weight of yarn and any needle size. I generally use a needle several sizes larger than the needle size recommended for the drape. For a different width, Measure the sides of the “triangle” created by adding stitches at the beginning of each row. Begin the decreases when the sides are the length you want for the width. A photograph on the next pages indicates where to measure.



Don't feel like you have to use a gradient with long, gradual color changes. The scarf will be just as warm if knit in a solid color or several different colors.