



Freckles & Purls

Entrelac Scarf

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Entrelac is a technique used to create a textured diamond pattern. The resulting fabric looks like woven knitted strips but is actually knitted in one piece. The technique looks more difficult than it is! This scarf is the perfect introduction to entrelac and is great for beginners.

Materials

Suggested Yarn: Noro Silk Garden, color 87 (4 skeins)

Yarn Requirements: approx 440 yards of aran weight yarn

Needles: US size 8 (5 mm) (or size to obtain gauge)

Size

61 inches x 6.5 inches, unblocked (size is dependent upon gauge and how severely you block it, if you decide to do so)

Gauge

18 stitches and 24 rows/4 inches in stockinette stitch. Gauge is not crucial since this is not a fitted garment but changes in gauge can affect both the size of the scarf and the amount of yarn required to complete it.

Stitch Guide

k: knit

p: purl

sl: slip stitch purl-wise

kfb: knit into the front and back of stitch

p2tog: purl two stitches together

m1: make one stitch - insert left needle, from front to back, under strand of yarn which runs between last stitch on left needle and first stitch on right needle; knit this stitch through the back loop

k2tog: knit two stitches together

sl: slip stitch as if to purl

ssk: slip two stitches as if to knit, then knit those two stitches together through the back loops

psso: pass slipped stitch over



Pattern Notes

You are asked to slip the first stitch (purl-wise) on many of the rows. This will result in a nice edge made up of little "V's". This will make it easy for you to see where you need to pick up stitches. Insert your needle beneath both strands that make up the "V" when picking up stitches along the edge.

You can increase or decrease the width of the scarf by casting on more or fewer stitches. The only requirement is that the number of stitches cast on must be divisible by 8.

Base Triangles:

CO 24 sts.

*Row 1: (RS) k1, turn

Row 2: and all WS rows: purl all sts in that section

Row 3: sl 1, k1, turn

Row 5: sl 1, k2, turn

Row 7: sl 1, k3, turn

Row 9: sl 1, k4, turn

Row 11: sl 1, k5, turn

Row 13: sl 1, k6, turn

Row 15: sl 1, k7. Do not turn.*

Repeat from * to * to end of row, turn.

Tier 1:

(consists of a left side triangle, two squares, and a right side triangle)

Left Side Triangle:

Row 1: (WS) k1, turn

Row 2: kfb, turn

Row 3: k1, p2tog, turn

Row 4: k1, m1, k1, turn

Row 5: k1, p1, p2tog, turn

Row 6 and all RS rows: knit to last st, m1, k1

Row 7: k1 p2, p2tog, turn

Row 9: k1, p3, p2tog, turn

Row 11: k1, p4, p2tog, turn

Row 13: k1, p5, p2tog, turn

Row 15: k1, p6, p2tog, do not turn, (8 sts in left triangle)

Work two squares as follows...

Middle Squares:

Row 1: (WS), With wrong side facing, pick up and purl 8 sts along edge of next triangle or square. Sl last st picked up onto left needle and p2tog, turn.

Row 2: k8, turn

Row 3: sl 1, p6, p2tog, turn

Rows 4-15: repeat last two rows six more times. At the end of row 15, do not turn.

When 2 squares have been worked, work a right side triangle as follows...

Right Side Triangle:

Row 1: (WS) Pick up and purl 8 sts along edge of next triangle or square, turn

Row 2 and all RS rows: knit to end of sts in this section, turn.

Row 3: sl 1, p5, k2tog, turn

Row 5: sl 1, p4, k2tog, turn

Tier 1, cont.

Row 7: sl 1, p3, k2tog, turn

Row 9: sl 1, p2, k2tog, turn

Row 11: sl 1 p1, k2tog, turn

Row 13: sl 1, k2tog, turn

Row 15: k2tog. The remaining st will be counted as the first st picked up for the first square in the next tier.

Turn and transfer this st to the right needle.

Tier 2:

(consists of three squares)

Row 1: (RS) With right side facing, pick up and knit 8 sts along edge of next square or triangle. For the first square only, the remaining stitch from the last tier counts as first picked up stitch. Sl last st picked up to left needle and ssk, turn.

Row 2: p8, turn

Row 3: sl 1, k6, ssk, turn

Repeat the last 2 rows 6 more times. At the end of row 15, do not turn.

Repeat rows 1-15 two more times, turn.

Work Tiers 1 and 2 until desired length is reached, then work Tier 1 once more and work the Final Tier Triangles as follows...

Final Tier Triangles:

Row 1: (RS) With RS facing, pick up and knit 8 sts along edge of next square or triangle (the st remaining from previous section counts as the first picked up st). Sl last st picked up to left needle and ssk, turn.

Row 2 and all WS rows: purl to the end of sts in the section, turn.

Row 3: k2tog, k5, ssk, turn

Row 5: k2tog, k4, ssk, turn

Row 7: k2tog, k3, ssk, turn

Row 9: k2tog, k2, ssk, turn

Row 11: k2tog, k1, ssk, turn

Row 13: k2tog, ssk, turn

Row 15: sl 1, ssk, pssso, do not turn. The rem st will count as first st picked up for next triangles.

Work two more triangles this way. When all triangles have been worked, fasten off last st.

Block if desired.