Any Yarn Scarf

True to its name, the Any Yarn Scarf works with any yarn weight and color.

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I always find myself buying beautiful yarn and absolutely nothing to knit with it. It is especially difficult for me to find a pattern for yarn that is extremely variegated or bright. I set out on a mission to design something simple to work, but not mind numbingly dull, with accents that would suit almost any yarn you choose.

Materials and Information

Materials

Item	Requirements
Needles	One US 5 (3.75mm) needle, your choice of length (I'd recommend 24" circular since the scarf gains width).
Gauge	20 sts and 30 rows per 4"/10cm, stockinette stitch.
Yarn	Approximately 380 yards/347 meters fingering weight.
Yarn shown	Miss Babs Windsor Sock (approximately 400 yds per 100 grams, fingering weight) shown in Mums.
Notions	Stitch marker, darning needle

Finished size

66"/168cm long, 14"/35.5cm at widest point.

Changing the size or shape

You can adjust the scarf to be any width you prefer, pro- vided you have enough yarn. The pattern is written in a manner that divides half of your yarn for the increases and the remaining half for the decreases. If you wish, you can work the scarf Saroyan-style and work a set num- ber of increases repeats, followed by straight repeats, and a set number of decrease repeats. A small scale will help you determine your yarn usage and make it significantly easier to adjust the shape of the pattern.

Changing yarn weight and needle size

You can use any yarn weight for this pattern. Using a scale makes it easy if you have one ball of yarn to work with. If you're working with two balls, it's even easier! Use one for your increases and the other for your de- creases. I would recommend using a needle several sizes larger than called for to obtain a soft drape for the yarn.

Instructions

Reading the pattern

Instructions are provided in a table format to make reading the pattern easier. Both right and wrong side rows in the table are read from left-to-right. Charts and written instructions for the Braid and Eyelet motifs can be found below.

Instructions with a `red background` are to knit a sample as shown. Instructions with a `blue background` are for custom yarn weights or yardage amounts. Information that appears with a `gray background` apply to all sizes, they are just there to catch your attention.

Set Up

CO `29 sts` .

Row	Edge	Special stitches	Edge
1 (RS)	k2tog, k1, yo, ssk, yo, pm	Braid Row 1, Eyelet Row 1	k2
2 (WS)	k2	Eyelet Row 2, Braid Row 2	slm, k to end
3	k2tog, k1, yo, ssk, yo, slm	Braid Row 1, Eyelet Row 3	k2
4	k2	Eyelet Row 4, Braid Row 2	slm, k to end

`30 sts` total.

Increases

Each 4-row repeat will increase your stitch count by 1.

`Repeat 22 times total` , or until `50% of yarn is used` .

Row	Edge	Special stitches	Edge
1 (RS)	k2tog, k1, yo, k to m, yo, pm	Braid Row 1, Eyelet Row 1	k2
2 (WS)	k2	Eyelet Row 2, Braid Row 2	slm, k to end
3	k2tog, k1, yo, k to 2 sts before m, ssk, yo, slm	Braid Row 1, Eyelet Row 3	k2
4	k2	Eyelet Row 4, Braid Row 2	slm, k to end

Decreases

Each 4-row repeat will decrease your stitch count by 1.

Repeat 23 times total , until 28 sts remain .

Row	Edge	Special stitches	Edge
1 (RS)	k2tog, k1, yo, k to 3 sts before m, k3tog, yo, pm	Braid Row 1, Eyelet Row 1	k2
2 (WS)	k2	Eyelet Row 2, Braid Row 2	slm, k to end
3	k2tog, k1, yo, k to 2 sts before m, k2tog, yo, slm	Braid Row 1, Eyelet Row 3	k2
4	k2	Eyelet Row 4, Braid Row 2	slm, k to end

28 sts total.

Bind Off

RS row: ssk, *sl st just worked back to left ndl, ssk, rpt* to end of row.

Block gently for best results.

Special Abbreviations

Braid Stitch

Row	Instructions
1 (RS)	k1, p1, C2F, p1, k1.
2 (WS)	p1, k1, C2B, k1, p1.

Eyelet Stitch

Row	Instructions
1 (RS)	p1, *k1, yo, ssk, p3, rpt from * twice more.
2	k2, *p3, k2, rpt from * twice more.
3	p3, *k2tog, yo, k1, p2, rpt from * twice more.
4	k3, *p3, k2, rpt from * twice more.

Standard Abbreviations

Key	Definition	Key	Definition	Key	Definition
k	knit	p	purl	sl	slip
yo	yarn over	CO	cast on	st	stitch
ssk	slip, slip, knit two slipped stitches together	k2tog	knit two stitches together	k3tog	knit three stitches together
sts	stitches	cn	cable needle	ndl	needle
RS	right side	WS	wrong side	slm	slip marker
pm	place marker	tbl	through the back loop	BO	bind off
C2F	knit 2nd stitch on left needle through the front loop, knit 1st on left needle, slip both stitches off left needle.				
C2B	purl 2nd stitch on left needle through the back loop, purl 1st stitch on left needle normally, slip both stitches off left needle.				