

Marilyn's Easy Rainbow Shawl

by Susan Elizabeth



Marilyn's Easy Rainbow shawl is, as the name implies, an easy knit. It is perfect for beginning knitters, or easy TV knitting for more advanced knitters. I originally learned to knit English style, and used this pattern to practice Continental style knitting. The pattern was designed for my friend Marilyn, who said, "No one can teach me to knit something". I took up the challenge and the Rainbow shawl was begun.

Choose any yarn, and needles for this shawl. I suggest going with needles a size or two larger than recommended for your yarn to make a nice loose fabric. One skein of DK weight yarn and size 9 needles makes the shawlette pictured above. One skein of sock yarn and size 7 needles makes a nice small shawl. Make your shawl as large as you like by repeating the 2 row pattern over and over, using as much yarn as you want. Stop when you decide you are finished.

Marilyn and I both chose bright variegated yarns, hence the 'rainbow' name. Your shawl will be pretty in any yarn you choose, striped, variegated, tonal, or plain. You can have fun changing colours and make stripes as you go. This would also be a wonderful way to use up scrap yarns. Even yarns of different weights could be used in stripes. There really is no limit with this shawl.

Have fun, and 'make something' while learning to knit.

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There are no purls in this pattern!

Finished Size: 47" x 15.5" (120 cm across x 40 cm deep) (depends on what and how much yarn you use)

Materials: 1 skein of DK or fingering weight yarn, to make a shawl. More yarn will make a bigger shawl.

Gauge: 13 stitches in 4 inches of BLOCKED garter stitch for DK weight yarn. Gauge will vary with your yarn choice, and is not particularly important as long as you get a fabric you like.

General Information:

- This is a beginner level knitting pattern, and can be made as is, or spiced up with stripes, varying yarn colours or weights. Have fun with eyelets, beads, fancy stitch patterns or fringe. Anything goes!
- Size can be changed by going up or down needle sizes and yarn weights and number of repeats.
- In the sample pictured above, I used 1 skein of Yarn Ink DK Superwash yarn.
- I used the knitted on cast on method. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xocjmgIM1Q> Any cast on method can be used.
- Yarn overs are used to increase 4 stitches on each right side row.
- The first stitch of each row is always slipped with yarn in back.
- There is a 2 stitch edging on each side, separated from the shawl by a yarn over. The center spine of the shawl is flanked by two yarn overs. All of the stitches in between the edge and the center spine are knit stitches.

Tools:

- Size 5.5 mm US 9, cable needle for DK weight. I suggest size 7 for fingering.
- a tapestry needle for weaving in ends
- 4 stitch markers, one being unique from the other 3. The unique one will be used to signify Right Side rows.

Abbreviations:

k = knit
s = slip
pm = place marker
sm = slip marker
yo = yarn over
rs = right side
ws = wrong side

Instructions:

Cast on 7 stitches.

Set up row A: s1, k1, pm (the unique one), yo, k1, yo, pm, k1, pm, yo, k1, yo, pm, k2 (11 stitches)

Set up row B: s1, k all stitches, slipping the markers as you come to them.

Row 1 (rs): s1, k1, sm, yo, knit to next marker, yo, sm, k1, sm, yo, knit to next marker, yo, sm, k2.

Row 2 (ws): s1, knit all stitches, slipping markers as you come to them.

Repeat Rows 1 – 2 until you have used up almost all of your yarn, or your shawl is as large as you like.

Bind off.

Sew in the ends of the yarn, and block your shawl.

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