

REPTILIAN



Reptilian is an elegant, easy to knit scarf that can be worked in yarn of any weight and any fiber. A simple yarn-over pattern at the edges and beads at each tail accent the primarily garter stitch fabric. Beads can be added using a crochet hook or pre-strung; if you want to avoid pushing the 25 beads for the end section of the scarf along as you knit the body, cut the yarn before beginning the end section, pre-string the 25 beads, and rejoin the yarn.

Size

Approximately 75 inches long by 11 inches wide, after lightly steam blocking

Skills Used

Basic yarn over pattern, beading either by pre-stringing or using a crochet hook

Supplies

- 2.5 oz (approx. 255 yds) Habu Textiles 2/7 Soft Wool (100% wool; 109 yds/oz)
- US size 11 (8.0mm) needles or size to obtain desired fabric
- Yarn needle for weaving in ends
- 50 size 08 seed beads
- Magic eye or threading needle for pre-stringing beads

Gauge

14 sts and 16 rows = 4 inches in garter st, after a light steam blocking

Gauge is unimportant for this project; experiment with yarn weigh and needle size to find a fabric that pleases you.

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Stitch Instructions

Bead 1 (b1): Hold bead to back of work (p bump) and k st as usual.

Simple Pattern Stitch

Row 1: K

Row 2: K1, *[yo, k1], rep from * 6 times, k to end of row.

Row 3: K2tog 6 times, k to end of row.

Row 4: Rep Row 2.

Row 5: Rep Row 3.

Instructions

Beginning (inc rows):

Pre-string 25 beads onto yarn.

CO 1 st.

Row 1: Kbfb (3 sts)

Row 2 and all following even-numbered rows: K

Row 3: K1, yo, k1, yo, k1 (5 sts)

Row 5: K1, yo, k1, b1, k1, yo, k1 (7 sts)

Row 7: K1, yo, k1, b1, k1, b1, k1, yo, k1 (9 sts)

Cont to work yo inc and beads on odd-numbered rows in this fashion, beg each row with [k1, yo, k1, b1], k to last 3 sts, end row [b1, k1, yo, k1]. Stop inc when there are 31 sts total, ending with an even-numbered row. All 25 beads should be incorporated.

Body:

Beg working in the 5-row Simple Pattern Stitch, and cont until scarf measures 67 inches or about 8 inches short of desired length. End with Row 5. Cut yarn and pre-string 25 beads. Rejoin yarn to work.

End (dec rows): The following rows will rev the shaping of the beg section.

K 1 row.

Row 1: K1, yo, k2tog, b1, k25, b1, k2tog, yo, k1

Row 2 and all following even-numbered rows: K

Row 3: K2tog, yo, k2tog, b1, k21, b1, k2tog, yo, k2tog

Cont to work dec and beads on odd-numbered rows in this fashion, beg each row with [k2tog, yo, k2tog, b1], k to last 5 sts, end row [b1, k2tog, yo, k2tog]. Stop dec when there are 9 sts total, ending with an even-numbered row. All but 1 bead should be incorporated. The next dec row will be row 15 of the end section.

Row 15: K2tog, yo, k2tog, b1, k2tog, yo, k2tog (7 sts)

Row 17: K2tog, yo, k3tog, k2tog (5 sts)

Row 19: K3tog (1 st)

Cut yarn and draw through rem st.

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Finishing

Weave in ends. Wet block as gently or firmly as you like to open the lace pattern.