

"Do you know anything about interstellar flora?"

About the pattern.

Materials.

1 skein of Noro Silk Garden Sock [328 yds/300 m, Wool/Nylon/Silk/Mohair, fingering weight]. Colorway shown is S268 (blue/green/grey) and S87 (rainbow).

4mm (US6) 24" circular needle

Tapestry needle for weaving in ends

Stitch marker (optional)

Gauge.

20 sts/30 rows = 4"/10cm in stockinette st

Abbreviations.

k - knit

p - purl

st(s) - stitch(es)

yo - yarn over

k2tog - knit 2 stitches together

kfb - increase by knitting into the front

and back of the same st

Directions.

Set up.

Cast on 3 sts. Knit 6 rows in garter stitch. Pick up and knit 3 sts from side edge and 3 sts from cast on edge. 9 sts should be on your needle.

Note: gauge isn't crucial, but naturally a different gauge will result in a different finished size.





Main Body.

Stockinette Section.

Row I (WS): K3, p3, k3.

Row 2 (RS): K3, yo, k1, yo, k1 (this is the center stitch, you can mark it with a stitch marker if you like), yo, k1, yo, k3. 13 sts.

Row 3 & all odd numbered rows: K3, p to last 3 sts, k3.

Row 4: K3, yo, k3, yo, k1 (center stitch), yo, k3, yo, k3. 17 sts.

Row 6 & all even numbered rows: K3, yo, knit to center stitch, yo, kI, yo, k to last three sts, yo, k3.

Repeat rows 3 & 6 until desired length.

(For the remaining stockinette sections, just repeat rows 3 & 6; begin with row 3, the WS row.)

Garter Section.

Row I (WS): K to center st, p center st, k to end.

Row 2 (RS): k3, yo, k to center st, yo, k1, yo, k to last three sts, yo, k3.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 until desired length.

For my version of Zoe, I did 20 rows of stockinette followed by 20 rows of garter stitch. You can quickly count how many rows of each you've done by counting the yo sts next to the center stitch. Each section of either stockinette or garter will have 10 yos. I alternated stockinette and garter stitch 3 times, like so:

- 20 rows stockinette
- 20 rows garter
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The edging has a subtle ruffle effect for a slightly feminine touch. You can leave this out if you wish. If you like the ruffle, see below:



Ruffles.

In your last garter stitch section, work 17 rows (you'll have 8 yo's) as above, then do the following:

Ruffle row (RS): kfb in first 3 sts, yo, kfb in each st to center st, yo, k1, yo, kfb in each st to last 3 sts, yo, kfb to end.

Next row (WS): K to center st, p center st, k to end.

Next row (RS): K6, yo, knit to center st, yo, k1, yo, knit to last 6 sts, yo, k6.

Bind off: *K2tog, slip st from right needle back to left needle, k2tog; repeat from * until all sts are cast off. Weave in ends.

Finishing.

Silk Garden Sock blocks up beautifully, so feel free to block the shawl once you're finished. If you do, I suggest pinning out the top/neck edge straight across, then pinning slightly above the ruffle row on the body of the shawl. By doing so you won't risk stretching out the ruffle and losing the curliness of the bottom edge. You may also consider keeping the ruffle dry, and just soaking the main body of the shawl. I used a big popcorn bowl to block mine, and I used clothespins to pin the ruffled edge to the rim of the bowl, helping to keep the ruffle out of the water. (Be careful not to stretch it out too much when blocking, or the ruffle will lose its shape! Trust me, I've been there.) Blocking will give the shawl a lovely drape, but feel free to skip the blocking if you feel so inclined.

Enjoy!

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