So Much for My Anti-Garter Bias

(Super Bulky Version)
A Splendor Design

A different angle on a traditional garter stitch scarf, I knit this both as a means to rectify a gap in my Knitter's Education and to create something eyecatching and fun-to-knit with this big, bold yarn. I'd never really made the *de rigeur* beginner's garterstich scarf and wanted to play with that stitch pattern, but I also didn't want to make a plain, rectangular scarf with horizontal garter stitch, so I decided to try knitting on the bias. Not long after that, a pile of Brown Sheep Burlyspun caught my eye and insisted that I play with it. It comes in some really bold colors, and I lit'rally couldn't stop thinking about it until I realised it was *perfect* for the garter stitch-on-the-bias scarf I so wanted to make.

Knit in super-bulky yarn in a vibrant color, the big stitches and diagonal garter ridges are eye-catching and mask the super-easy backwards-loop cast-on used to increase stitches. The slipped-stitch edge on the 'increase' side serves both to hide the increase stitch and mirrors the K2tog on the decrease side.



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Gauge:

8 sts & 12 rows = 4" in st st. To be honest, though, gauge isn't super-important for this type of scarf.

Materials:

- Brown Sheep Burlyspun, 2 skeins in Fuschia, or super-bulky yarn of your choice.
- US 13 Needles, or the size you need to obtain gauge.

Make it!

The construction of this scarf can, essentially, be broken down into three major parts: increasing, adding length, and decreasing.

Increasing:

-CO 3 sts, sl 1 knitwise, co1 using twisted loop cast-on, k1, co1, k1

-next row: k4, p1

[next row: sl 1, co1, k all sts to last st, co1, k1

-next row: k all sts to last st, p last st] repeat until

you have 20 sts

Adding Length:

Once you have 20 sts:

[1: sl 1, m1, k all sts to last 2 sts, k2tog

2: p1, k all sts to last st, p last st]

-one edge of the scarf (the "m1" edge) will be longer than the other. repeat these two rows until the "long side" measures desired length, then...



Decreasing and Binding-Off:

Once you have the desired length for your scarf: [3: k2tog, k all sts to last 2 sts, k2tog

4: P1, k all sts], repeat these two rows until you have 2 sts left.

-slip the first stitch (the one closest to your hand on the "working needle") over the 2nd stitch. cut a 10" tail, pull this through last stitch and weave in ends.

Finishing:

Apply tassels as desired.