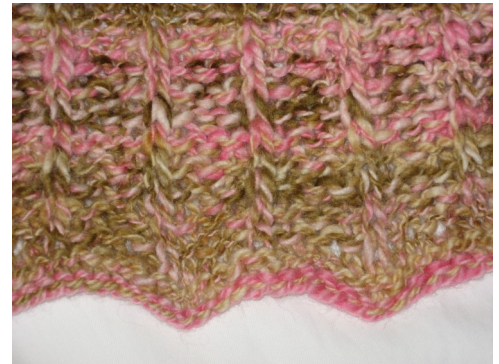# First Down

First Down is a crescent-shaped, kerchief-style scarf designed for 4 ounces of handspun yarn. Knit in a thick slipped rib pattern, First Down is meant to keep your neck warm while enjoying cool weather activities.

Size   11 inches long (top to bottom at center)
               23 inches wide (at widest point)

Fiber   Spunky Eclectic hand-painted wool Corrideale, 4 ounces, colorway Winnipeg, spun thick and thin to an overall bulky weight (11-12 WPI), 104 grams, 135 yards

               Commercial substitute: Cascade Yarns 128 Chunky Solid, 100 grams, 128 yards

Gauge   Gauge is not critical for project success, blocked scarf gauge is 12 stitches/4 inches

Needles and Notions

               Size 10 (US) or 6 mm straight or circular needles
               Size 10.5 (US) or 6.5 mm needle (any style) [used for bindoff only]
               Stitch marker
               Tapestry needle

Directions

Slip all stitches as if to purl, with yarn to the front (as you are working).

Stitch marker is used to mark center stitch and should be slipped from left to right needle every row.

Setup

Using size 10 needles, CO 11 stitches, then P one row.

Body

Written instructions

Row 1: k2, m1, m1, k1, slp, k1, m1, pm, k1, m1, k1, slp, k1, m1, m1, k2

Row 2: k7, p3, k7

Row 3: k2, m1, m1, k3, slp, k2, m1, k1, m1, k2, slp, k3, m1, m1, k2

Row 4: k5, slp, k3, slp, p3, slp, k3, slp, k5

Row 5: k2, m1, m1, k1, slp, *(k3, slp) to 3 sts before marker, k3, m1, k1, m1, k3, *(slp, k3) to 4 sts before end of row, slp, k1, m1, m1, k2

Row 6: k7, *(slp, k3) to 4 sts before marker, slp, k1, p3, k1, slp, *(k3, slp) to 7 sts before end of row, k7

Row 7: k2, m1, m1, *(k3, slp) to 4 sts before marker, k4, m1, k1, m1, k4, *(slp, k3) to 2 sts before end of row, m1, m1, k2

Row 8: k2, *(k3, slp) to 4 sts before marker, k2, p3, k2, *(slp, k3) to 2 sts before end of row, k2

Row 9: k2, m1, m1, k1, slp, *(k3, slp) to 1 st before marker, k1, m1, k1, m1, k1, *(slp, k3) to 4 sts before end of row, slp, k1, m1, m1, k2

Row 10: k7, *(slp, k3) to 2 sts before marker, p3, *(k3, slp) to 7 sts before end of row, k7

Row 11: k2, m1, m1, *(k3, slp) to 2 sts before marker, k2, m1, k1, m1, k2, *(slp, k3) to 2 sts before end of row, m1, m1, k2

Row 12: k5, *(slp, k3) to 3 sts before marker, slp, p3, slp, *(k3, slp) to 5 sts before end of row, k5

Repeat rows 5-12 until there are a total of 52 rows worked (167 stitches). Pattern may be shortened by ending after any even (wrong side) row.

Charted instructions

The charts are shown in two pieces, left and right, each shown with an overlapping center stitch. Cut and paste the two halves together for ease of use.

Place a marker just before the center stitch as a place marker.

Work rows 1-4, then repeat rows 5-12 six times for a total of 52 rows (167 stitches). Pattern may be shortened by ending after any even (wrong side) row.

Edging

Row 1: *(k2, m1) to 1 st before end of row, k1

Row 2: Knit

Row 3: Using a size 10.5 (US) or 6.5mm needle BO all stitches

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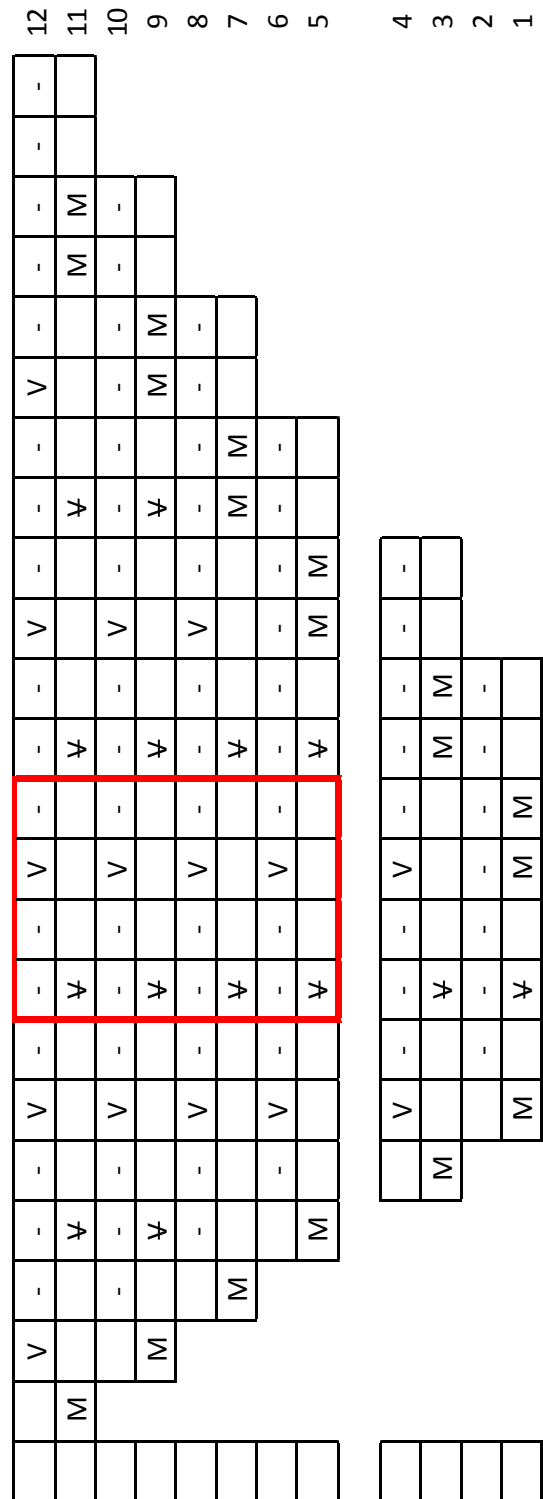Weave in ends.

Block appropriately.

Abbreviations and Symbols

BO	bind off	RS	right side
CO	cast on	slp	slip as if to purl
k	knit	sts	stitches
m1	make 1	WPI	wraps per inch
p	purl	WS	wrong side
pm	place marker		

⬜	k on RS, p on WS
-	p on RS, k on WS
M	m 1
V	slp with yarn on WS
V̶	slp with yarn on RS

Left
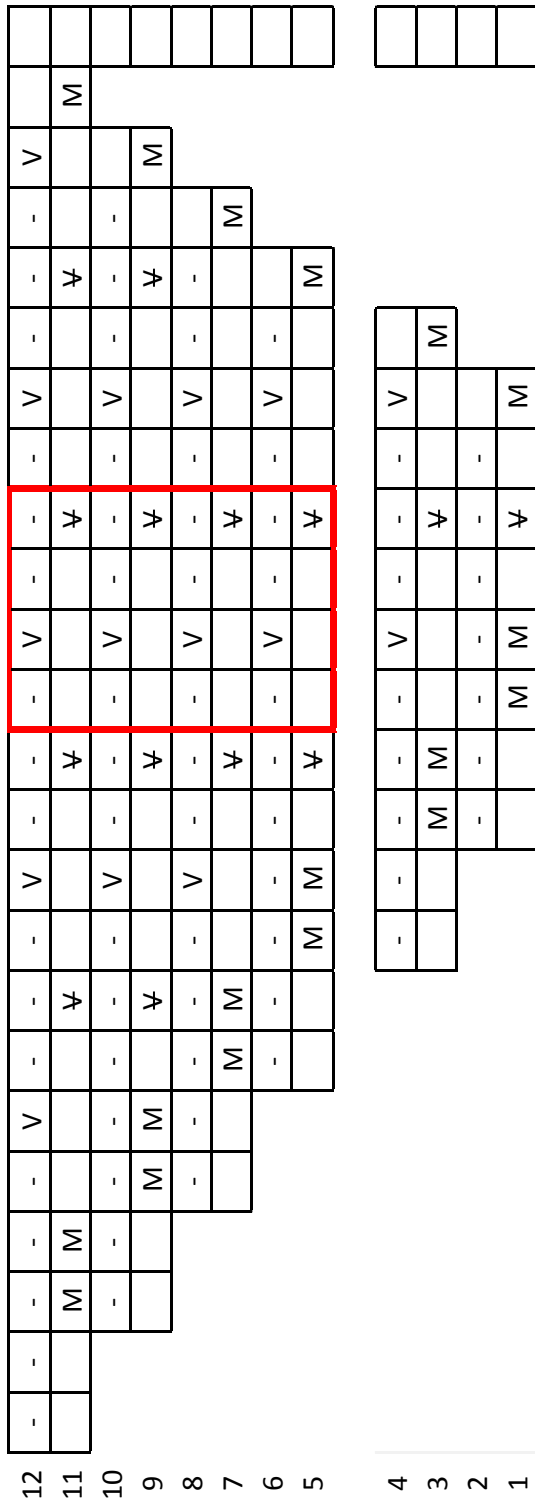
Right

Bold red lines indicate pattern repeat.