

Zig and Zag Lace scarf

This is an easy scarf for beginner knitters looking for an initiation into knitting lace. The scarf uses simple knit and purl stitches along with yarn overs, k2tog and ssk.



Materials:

Approximately 400 yards of fingering weight yarn
3.75mm (US 5) or 4mm (US 6) needles

If you use slightly larger needles than the ones suggested for the yarn, you will get a larger and lacier scarf. Since this is a scarf, it can be done in any weight of yarn and size of needles. However, the amount of yarn required will vary according to your selection and preference.

The scarf will curl as its based on stockinette stitch. Blocking helps reduce the curling. Hence, yarn with natural fiber is a good idea.

Stitch definitions:

k - knit stitch

yo – yarn over (bring the yarn to the front of the work as if to purl and work the next stitch)

k2tog - knit 2 stitches together

ssk – slip one stitch as if to knit to the right needle. Slip another stitch likewise. Insert the left hand needle through the front loops of the stitches you just slipped and knit them together.

Gauge:

Gauge is not crucial but will vary depending on the yarn and needle you use.

Pattern:

Cast on 36 stitches (or multiples of 10 + 6)

Knit 4 rows in garter stitch (knit all rows)

Begin working in lace pattern either following the written pattern or the chart.

Note: Every row begins and ends with a border of 3 knit stitches. These border stitches are NOT shown in the chart, but are included in the written instructions.

Written instructions:

R1: k3, *k8, k2tog, yo *, repeat between * twice more, k3

R2 and all even numbered rows upto R36: k3, purl all the stitches till the last 3 stitches, k3

R3: k3, *k7, k2tog, yo, k1*, repeat between * twice more, k3

R5: k3, * k6, k2tog, yo, k2*, repeat between * twice more, k3

R7: k3, * k5, k2tog, yo, k3*, repeat between * twice more, k3

R9: k3, * k4, k2tog, yo, k4*, repeat between * twice more, k3

R11: k3, * k3, k2tog, yo, k5*, repeat between * twice more, k3

R13: k3, * k2, k2tog, yo, k6*, repeat between * twice more, k3

R15: k3, * k1, k2tog, yo, k7*, repeat between * twice more, k3

R17: k3, * k2tog, yo, k8*, repeat between * twice more, k3

R19: k3, *yo, ssk, k8*, repeat between * twice more, k3

R21: k3, *k1, yo, ssk, k7*, repeat between * twice more, k3

R23: k3, * k2, yo, ssk, k6*, repeat between * twice more, k3

R25: k3, * k3, yo, ssk, k5*, repeat between * twice more, k3

R27: k3, * k4, yo, ssk, k4*, repeat between * twice more, k3

R29: k3, * k5, yo, ssk, k3*, repeat between * twice more, k3

R31: k3, * k6, yo, ssk, k2*, repeat between * twice more, k3

R33: k3, * k7, yo, ssk, k1*, repeat between * twice more, k3

R35: k3, * k8, yo, ssk*, repeat between * twice more, k3

Repeat the pattern rows till your scarf is as long as you want it to be ending on R18 or R36.

Knit 4 rows in garter stitch (knit all the rows)

Bind off loosely and cut the yarn leaving a few inches for weaving in.

Chart:

λ	○										R35
	λ	○									R33
		λ	○								R31
			λ	○							R29
				λ	○						R27
					λ	○					R25
						λ	○				R23
							λ	○			R21
								λ	○		R19
								○	λ		R17
									○	λ	R15
									○	λ	R13
									○	λ	R11
									○	λ	R9
									○	λ	R7
									○	λ	R5
									○	λ	R3
○	λ										R1
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		

Chart Legend:

Blank box means a knit stitch

λ - k2tog

λ - ssk

○ - yarn over

FINISHING

Weave in ends. Soak scarf in cool water until thoroughly wet. Place between two towels and squeeze out excess water. Block the scarf by pinning on a flat surface. Dry flat.



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