

High Tides



High tides is a reversible garter scarf based on the Seafoam stitch. This scarf is knit on the bias and blocked into a rectangular shape. Blocking is key to this scarf. So, yarns with natural fibers are a good idea. If you are going to use acrylic, you will have to ‘kill’ the acrylic to open up the stitches. The scarf is easily customizable to the length and width that you prefer.

Materials:

Approximately 400 yards of fingering weight yarn
4mm /US 6 knitting needles

You can use yarn of any weight and an appropriate needle to get the fabric you like. The amount of yarn required would depend on the length and width of the scarf you want.

Stitch definitions:

k – Knit stitch

kfb – Knit into the front and back of the same stitch (increase)

k2tog – Knit two stitches together (decrease)

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. (decrease)

yarn over - bring the yarn to the front of the work as if to purl and work the next stitch

w1 – yarn over once and knit the next stitch

w2 – yarn over twice and knit the next stitch

w3 – yarn over thrice and knit the next stitch

w1fb – yarn over once and knit into the front and back of the next stitch

w2fb – yarn over twice and knit into the front and back of the next stitch

w3fb – yarn over thrice and knit into the front and back of the next stitch

Note:

While working on the increase rows, make sure to work the first and the last stitches in all the rows a bit loosely to make it easier to block the scarf into a rectangular shape.

Knit the wrap stitches w1, w2, and w3 only once by dropping the excess yarn overs made in the previous row. Knit the wrap stitches w1fb, w2fb, w3fb only twice by dropping the excess yarn overs made in the previous row and knitting only the increased stitches.

Note on how to k2tog when there is a wrap stitch involved in the straight rows section:

Slip the penultimate (last but one) stitch and drop the extra yarn overs associated with it. This results in an elongated loop. Put this elongated loop back on the left needle and knit this loop together with the last stitch.

For eg: Row 5 starts with k1, w3 etc, etc. So, on Row 6, you have to do as mentioned in the note above.

Gauge:

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

Pattern:

The pattern starts with the increase rows, which are knit till the required width is obtained. Then, the straight rows are knit till the required length is reached and then the decrease rows are worked.

Increase rows:

Cast on 2 stitches.

kfb,kfb (4 stitches)

kfb , knit to last stitch , kfb.

Repeat the last row till there are 16 sts on the needle.

R1: kfb, k5, w1, w2, w3, w2, w1, k4, kfb

R2: kfb, knit to the last stitch while dropping the yarn overs, kfb

R3: kfb, knit to last stitch, kfb

R4: kfb, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, kfb

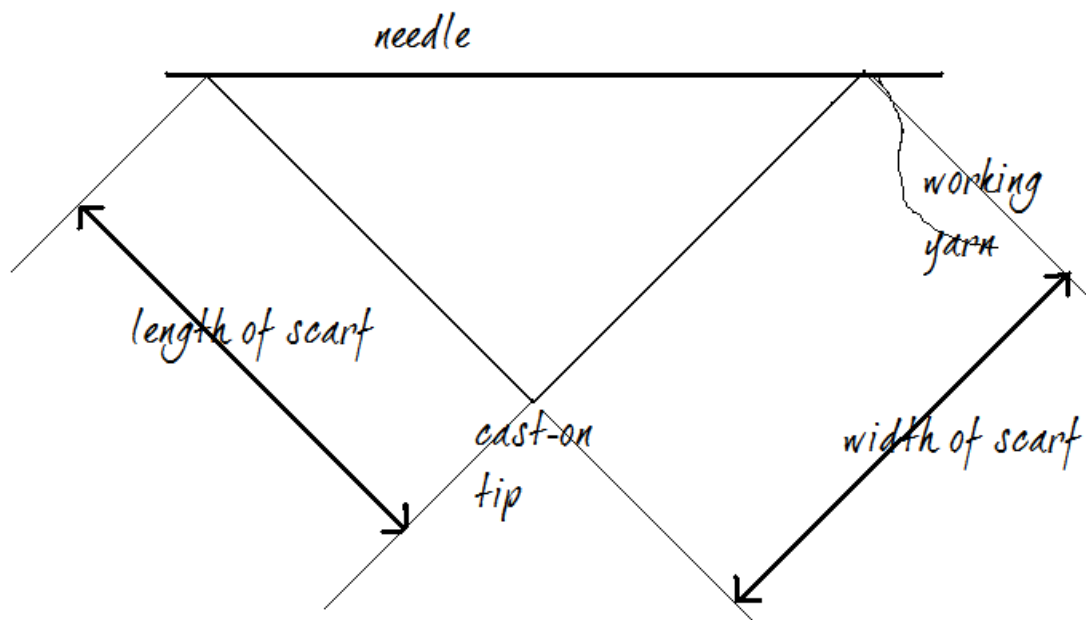
R5: kfb, k5, *w1, w2, w3, w2, w1, k5 * Repeat between * ending with a k4, kfb instead of k5.

R6: kfb, knit to the last stitch while dropping the yarn overs, kfb

R7: kfb, knit to last stitch, kfb

R8: kfb, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, kfb

Repeat rows 5 to 8 till the scarf is as wide as you want it to be **ending with Row 8**. To measure the width of the scarf, at the end of row 8, place the needle such that the cast on tip is at the lower corner and the needle horizontal above that to form a triangle, with the next stitch ready to be worked. The width of the scarf is the distance between the cast on tip and the next stitch to be worked. Please refer to the diagram for better understanding.



Straight rows:

R1: K 6, * w1, w2, w3, w2, w1, k5 * Repeat between * to last 10 sts, w1, w2, w3, w2, w1, k4, kfb

R2: knit to the last 2 sts while dropping the yarn overs, k2tog

R3: knit to the last stitch, kfb

R4: knit to the last 2 sts, k2tog

R5: k1, w3, w2, w1 * k5, w1, w2, w3, w2, w1 * Repeat between * to last 2 sts, k1, kfb

R6-R8: Repeat R2 – R4

R9: k2, * w1, w2, w3, w2, w1, k5 * Repeat between * to last 4 sts , w1, w2, w3, w2fb

R10 – R12: Repeat R2 – R4

R13: * k5, w1, w2, w3, w2, w1 * Repeat between * to last 6 sts , k5 , w1fb

R14-R16: Repeat R2 – R4

R17: k1, w2, w1, * k5, w1, w2, w3, w2, w1 * Repeat between * to last 3 sts , k2, kfb

R18 – R20: Repeat R2 – R4

R21: k1, * w1, w2, w3, w2, w1, k5 * Repeat between * to last 5 sts, w1, w2, w3, w2, w1fb

R22-R24: Repeat R2 – R4

R25: k4, * w1, w2, w3, w2, w1, k5 * Repeat between * to last 2 sts , w1 , w2fb

R26-R28: Repeat R2 – R4

R29: k1 , w1, * k5, w1, w2, w3, w2, w1 * Repeat between * to last 4 sts , k3, kfb

R30-R32: Repeat R2 – R4

R33: k1, w2, w3, w2, w1 * k5, w1, w2, w3, w2, w1 * Repeat between * to last1 st, kfb

R34 – R36: Repeat R2 – R4

R37: k3, * w1, w2, w3, w2, w1, k5 * Repeat between * to last 3 sts , w1, w2, w3fb

R38-R40: Repeat R2 – R4

Repeat rows R1 – R40 till the scarf is as long as you want it to be, **ending with R40.**

Refer to the diagram to measure the length of the scarf. Proceed to the decrease rows.

Decrease rows:

R1: ssk, k4 , * w1, w2, w3, w2, w1, k5 * Repeat between * to last 10 sts, w1, w2, w3, w2, w1, k3 , k2tog

R2 : ssk , knit to last 2 sts dropping yarn overs, k2tog

R3: ssk , knit to last 2 sts, k2tog

R4: ssk , ssk, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2tog

Repeat the above 4 rows till there are 16 sts on the needle. Then, knit as follows.

R1: ssk, k4 , w1, w2, w3, w2, w1, k3, k2tog (14 sts excluding the yarnovers)

R2 : ssk , knit to last 2 sts dropping yarn overs , k2tog (12 sts)

R3: ssk, knit to last 2 sts , k2tog (10 sts)

R4 : ssk, knit to last 2 sts , k2tog (8 sts)

R5 : ssk, knit to last 2 sts , k2tog (6 sts)

R6 : ssk, knit to last 2 sts , k2tog (4 sts)

R7 : ssk, k2tog (2 sts)

R8: k2tog , cut the yarn leaving a tail of about 6 inches and pull the yarn through the stitch.

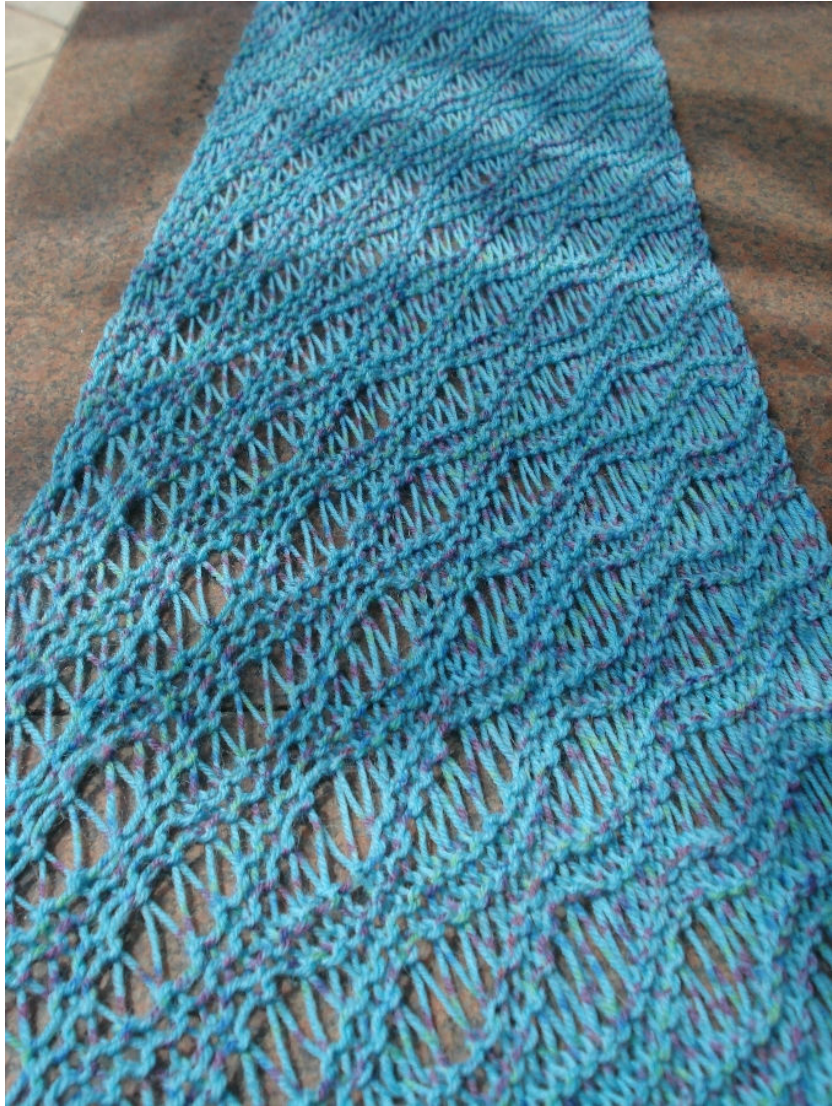
Finishing:

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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