

Simple Lace Scarf

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This pattern was designed for the knitter who wants to learn to knit lace, but it is also a great pattern for any level of experience.

One of the most challenging aspects of lace knitting is ripping it out after noticing a mistake (grrr!). It is so hard to pick up the stitches and get back on track after ripping-out a few rows of lace! This pattern compensates for that problem by inserting four rows of garter stitch after every six rows of lace. It is much easier to rip out and to pick up the stitches again in the garter stitch sections. So you can always rip-out to the garter stitch section – sort of like a safety net!

Lace patterns often curl because they usually use knit stitches on the face and purl stitches on the back. This creates a nice smooth face and delicate lace look and works great for sweaters, but I like my scarves to lay flat. This pattern uses all knit stitches (no purls), which creates a nice texture and also lays very flat (no curling on the edges),

Use a nice thick yarn and large needles for a chunky warm winter lace or use a smaller needles and finer yarn for a more delicate, lighter weight scarf. The scarf in the photos uses a light worsted weight yarn and US10 (6 mm) needles.

Stitch Glossary

k = knit

p = purl

K2tog = knit two stitches together

yo = yarn over. A yarn over is a decorative increase made by wrapping the yarn around the needle. There are various ways to make a yarn over depending on where it is placed.

1 - Casting On

Cast on 26 stitches on size US10 (6mm) needles with worsted weight yarn.

Or – Customize and cast on any number of stitches for wider or more narrow scarf. Number of stitches cast on must be a multiple of 2. Use thicker yarn and larger needles or finer yarn and smaller needles to obtain desired look.

Highly recommended -Knit a small practice piece first to make sure that you are happy with your yarn and needle size. For practice piece cast on enough stitches for about a 4 inch width and follow pattern for two repeats. See how you like it. Think about if you would want to go looser (larger needles) or tighter (smaller needles) or if you would prefer a different yarn.

2 -Garter Stitch Border

Row 1: K (knit entire row)

Row 2: K (knit entire row)

Row 3: K (knit entire row)

Row 4: K (knit entire row)

3 - Lace Section

Row 5: K2, *yo, k2tog; repeat from * to last 2 stitches, k2

Row 6: K (knit entire row)

Row 7: K2, * k2tog, yo; repeat from * to last 2 stitches, k2

Row 8: K (knit entire row)

Row 9: K2, *yo, k2tog; repeat from * to last 2 stitches, k2

Row 10: K (knit entire row)

4 - Repeat Garter Stitch border and Lace Section

Repeat rows 1 through 10 until desired length.

5 - Finish with 3 rows of Garter stitch

k last 3 rows (knit stitch each row).

6- Bind Off

Bind off all stitches

Note: row one on chart is right side row.

right side row - read chart from right to left (even number rows)


wrong side row - read chart from left to right

 K on RS; p on WS

 p on RS; k on WS

 k2tog on RS; p2tog on WS

 yo

 pattern repeat

End with Garter Stitch

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Lace Section

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Garter Stitch Border

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