

August 2007 Pattern Contest Winner: Storm Scarf

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Please help us to congratulate Iris for her prize winning pattern! What a cool scarf & great timing too -- just in time for fall!

The inspiration for the design: Few guys I know want their knitted scarves long and fancy, instead they always ask for something short, soft, and machine washable. Storm Scarf meets their standards. It can be comfortably tucked under a winter coat, and does not take much space when taken off. The two-color mini cables make it a quick and fun project for you--great as a last-minute gift item!



About the designer



I currently live in Ann Arbor, Michigan, but I'm always on the move. Knitting is a creative outlet for me, and most of my designs are inspired by historical, cultural, and artistic resources. Check out my blog (irisgknits.blogspot.com) for designs, stories, sketches, techniques, and free patterns!

Measurements - Finished Size

- 7" [16.5 cm] wide and 40" [100 cm] long, lightly blocked

Materials

- Rowan RYC Cashsoft DK (57% extra fine merino wool / 33% microfibre / 10% cashmere; 143 yd [130 m] per 50 g); two balls each in #500 Cream and #518 Thunder
- Size US7 [4.5 mm] straight needles
- Cable needle
- Tapestry needle

Gauge

- 20 sts and 28 rows = 4" [10 cm] in Stockinette stitch
- Gauge is not essential - knit loosely for a soft and comfy scarf.

Abbreviations

- CO - Cast On
- Dec - Decrease
- k2tog - knit two sts together
- P - Purl
- p2tog - purl two sts together
- RS - Right side
- sts - Stitches
- WS - Wrong side
- yo - Yarn Over

Directions

Stitch Instructions

- 4-st LC: Place 2 sts on cable needle [cn] and hold to front, k2, k2 from cn.
- 4-st RC: Place 2 sts on cn and hold to back, k2, k2 from cn.
- 4-st Left Cable [Right Cable] Pattern
- Row 1 (RS): 4-st LC [RC].
- Row 2 and 4: P 4 sts.
- Row 3: K 4 sts.
- Repeat these 4 rows for 4-st left cable [right cable] pattern.
- Note: all cables are worked with 2 sts of each color at the center of the scarf.

Scarf

- With US 7 needles and color A (Thunder), cast on 24 sts. Change to color B (Cream) and cast on 24 sts.
- Row 1 (WS): K all sts with B.
- Row 2 (RS): K 24 sts with B; change to A and k 24 sts.
- Row 3: K 24 sts with A; change to B and k 24 sts.

- Establish garter border and ribbing as follows:
- Row 4: With B, k2, [k4, p2] 3 times, k4; with A, k4, [p2, k4] 3 times, end k2.
- Row 5: With A, k2, [p4, k2] 3 times, p4; with B, p4, [k2, p4] 3 times, end k2.
- Repeat last 2 rows 3 times.
- * Starting with next row, keep garter border and ribbing as established, work 4-st left cable pattern at the center 4 times.
- Work 10 rows in ribbing.
- Starting with next row, keep garter border and ribbing as established, work 4-st right cable pattern at the center 4 times.
- Work 10 rows in ribbing. **
- Repeat from * to ** 5 more times, or until less than 4 yds of each yarn remain.
- Work 5 rows in ribbing.
- Next row (WS): K all sts with A.
- Next row: K 24 sts with A, k 24 sts with B.
- Loosely bind off 24 sts with B, 24 sts with A.

Finishing

- Weave in ends. Block lightly. If suggested yarn is used, the scarf can be machine washed and dried.



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