

Simply Gradient Kerchief

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Materials:

- 1 Madelinetosh Unicorn Tails (Approx. 52yds/14g, 100% superwash merino)
- 1 Koigu KPPPM Demi Skein (Approx. 87yds/25g, 100% superwash Merino)
- 1 Lorna's Laces Staccato (Approx. 108 yds/25g, 80% Superwash Merino & 20% nylon)
- US Size 8 - 24" or 32" Circular needle (or size needed to obtain gauge.)
- 2 stitch markers
- Darning needle (for weaving ends)

Gauge (after blocking):

16 sts & 25 rows in stockinette stitch with yarn held double.

Finished Measurements:

Top edge: 37"

Center Spine: 12"



Abbreviations:

- k - knit
- p - purl
- yo - yarn over
- co - cast on
- bo - bind off
- pm - place marker
- sl m - slip marker
- k2tog - knit 2 together
- ssk - slip 1 purlwise & 1 knitwise, and knit the 2 together through the back loops.



Pattern Notes:

Yarns are held double throughout. The easiest way to do this is to wind each skein into a center pull ball and hold the tails from both the inside and the outside together as needed. Sometimes you will be blending yarns and holding 2 different skeins together as well.

Directions:

Set up:

With Madelinetosh Unicorn Tails yarn held double, CO 5 sts.

Row 1 (WS): Knit.

Row 2 (RS): k2, yo, pm, k1, pm, yo, k2 (7 sts)

Row 3 (WS): k2, yo, p to last 2 sts slipping markers as you go, yo, k2. (9 sts)

Row 4 (RS): k2, yo, k to marker, yo, sl m, k1, sl m, yo, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2. (13 sts)

Row 5 (WS): k2, yo, p to last 2 sts slipping markers as you go, yo, k2. (15 sts)

For the body of the kerchief, the 2-row pattern repeat is knit as follows:

Row 1 (RS): k2, yo, k to marker, yo, sl m, k1, sl m, yo, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 2 (WS): k2, yo, p to last 2 sts slipping markers as you go, yo, k2.

Note: Stitch counts from this point forward are no longer important. Measuring your piece as you go will be.

Work in Unicorn Tail held double until center spine measures 3.25”.

Cut 1 strand of the Unicorn Tail and add in 1 strand of the Koigu KPPPM.

Continue working in pattern with Unicorn Tail and Koigu KPPPM until there is not enough Unicorn Tail left to complete another row.

Cut remaining Unicorn Tail (leaving about 4-5”) and join 2nd strand of Koigu KPPPM.

Work with Koigu KPPPM held double for approximately 1”.

Cut 2nd strand of Koigu KPPPM and join in 1 strand of the Lorna’s Staccato.

Work with KPPPM & Staccato held together until there is not enough KPPPM to complete another row, being sure to end after a RS row/Row 1.

Break off rest of KPPPM (leaving a 4-5” tail) and join in 2nd skein of Lorna’s. Work 1 more WS/Row 2.

Count how many sts you have on either side of the markers. If the number is even, jump right into the 4-row Lace Border pattern below. If you have an odd number, do the following set-up row (to make your stitch count even) before continuing to the Lace Border pattern:

Odd Stitch Set-up Row:

(RS): k2, (yo, k1) 2 times, *yo, k2tog; repeat to 1 st before marker, yo, k1, yo, sl m, k1, sl m, yo, k1, yo, *ssk, yo; repeat from * to last 4 sts, (k1, yo) 2 times, k2.

*Continue on to Row 2 of the Lace Border pattern.

Work Lace Border pattern in Lorna's Staccato held double as follows:

Row 1 (RS): k2, (yo, k1) 2 times, *yo, k2tog; repeat to marker, yo, sl m, k1, sl m, yo, *ssk, yo; repeat from * to last 4 sts, (k1, yo) 2 times, k2.

Row 2 (WS): k2, yo, p to last 2 sts slipping markers as you go, yo, k2.

Row 3 (RS): k2, (yo, k1) 2 times, *yo, ssk; repeat to marker, yo, sl m, k1, sl m, yo, *k2tog, yo; repeat from * to last 4 sts, (k1, yo) 2 times, k2.

Row 4 (WS): k2, yo, p to last 2 sts slipping markers as you go, yo, k2.

*Repeat Rows 1-4 of Lace Border at least once more. If you have enough yarn, feel free to knit additional rows in the pattern, ending with a WS row before binding off.

Bind off all sts.

Soak in warm water and pin out as large as you can get it to stretch and let it dry completely pinned flat.

