

Bandito Scarf

This pattern makes a very simple wide triangle which can be used as anything from a shawl to a neck scarf to a head covering. It's extremely repetitive, but gives a nice pattern and lies flat, without requiring any real thought. It's reversible and has the unusual characteristic that all rows (after a single set up row) can be knit following the same instructions. This can be knit in any yarn so long as you choose needles that will give you a fabric with drape. However much yarn you have, you can make something.



Cast on 3 stitches.

Setup row: K2, P1.

Pattern row: Knit front and back (k f&b), work in (P2, K2) to last stitch, k f&b. Repeat this row until you run out of yarn or reach the size you want.

That's it! In case this is confusing, here are the first few rows spelled out:

Set up row: K2, P1 (3 stitches).

Row 1: Kf&b in first stitch, P1, Kf&b in last stitch (5 stitches).

Row 2: Kf&b in first stitch, P2, K1, Kf&b in last stitch (7 stitches).

Row 3: Kf&b in first stitch, P2, K2, P1, Kf&b in last stitch (9 stitches).

Row 4: Kf&b in first stitch, P2, K2, P2, K1, Kf&b in last stitch (11 stitches).

You'll notice that each odd-numbered row ends with P1, Kf&b, while even-numbered rows end in K1 Kf&b. You can also see that you are adding two stitches each row, which is why the resulting triangle is so wide and shallow.

Although this is very rhythmic knitting, you should look at your knitting from time to time to be sure that you are getting double moss stitch (2x2 knit / purl squares alternating). If you forget one knit front and back, you could end up with a bit of a mess.

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Examples:



This version was knit in fingering weight yarn at a gauge of 23 sts to 4 inches. This is a fairly standard gauge for this yarn, neither a firm gauge as for socks nor a particularly loose gauge as for a very drapey scarf. In order to make this easier to use to tie up hair, an additional 52 stitches were cast on at each end of the triangle and a few rows of moss stitch were knit before binding off. This one is 20 inches wide, exclusive of the ties, and 6 inches deep at the point.



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This version was knit in Twisted Fiber Art Lotus, a silk and merino blend which feels totally luscious around the neck. This scarf used one skein in Lagoon Evolution. It's long enough to be worn in many different ways, with or without a pin. The gauge is 16 stitches to 4 inches. Finished dimensions are 44 by 13 inches.