

Lacy Bow-knot Scarf

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I really need to stop impulse-buying yarn. Once again I had to come up with a plan for one skein, this time a gorgeous ball of silk/wool DK. A yarn this soft and lovely—and expensive—is made to be shown off, and a little scarf/neckwarmer is a great solution. The sparse yardage could be stretched a bit with a lace pattern, and I elected to use a bow-knot-style keyhole rather than have to hunt for buttons to go with it, or have to use a pin.

The lace stitch is a modified ostrich plume, I reduced the length of the repeat to work at a smaller overall size. If you have a bit more yardage you could make a slightly longer scarf, at 109 yards I used every bit of the ball that I had.



It's really tough to give a gauge for this. The alternating stitch pattern creates a wavy edge, which ranges from about 20–24 st per 4 inches. My recommendation: start knitting the scarf as your gauge swatch, when you get to the keyhole section, stretch it slightly to flatten it while you measure (you could even lightly wet-block it). It should measure about 4.25 inches long by 5.25 inches wide. If you're worried about hitting gauge, use something that gives you a bit more yardage, then it won't be as crucial.

Finished Size: approx. 27.25 x 5 inches

Yarn: DK weight, approx. 109 yds.—sample knit with one ball of Rowan Classic Silk Wool DK, Geranium

Needle Size: 8 US / 5mm

NOTES

The pattern is written so that the scalloped ends are reversed; if you want them to match, work through row 13 of the pattern instead of stopping at row 5 (this will require a little more yardage).

The chart shows only one repeat of the lace stitch, the entire scarf is two repeats wide plus two edging stitches on each side.

ABBREVIATIONS

st = stitch

K = knit

P = purl

yo = yarn over (increase)

k2tog = knit 2 st together (decrease)

ssk = slip, slip, knit—slip st knitwise, slip 2nd st knitwise, put left needle back through st and knit them both together (decrease)

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