

Picket Fence Scarf

This scarf features a simple lace pattern and dropped stitches to create an open, elegant pattern which is so, so easy to work. Since it only uses 1 skein of yarn, it's the perfect project for that special yummy skein you've always wanted to try! A smooth yarn will show the pattern to the best advantage.

If you've never worked with intentionally dropped stitches, be prepared for the width of this scarf to be quite a bit wider than what you'll have before you drop them. You also have to use a cast on that is elastic enough to accommodate the extra width of the dropped stitches.

I used Cascade Venezia (70% Merino Wool, 30% silk) 100g/102 yards.
Size 7 (4.5mm) knitting needles
Size G crochet hook
Tapestry needle (to work in ends of yarn)

YO = yarn over

Picket Stitch (PS) = Slip 1 stitch as if to knit, knit 2 stitches together, pass slipped stitch over the K2tog

Drop Stitch = Drop the stitch off the needle and allow it to run. Gently work the run stitch to the beginning of the scarf.

Cast on 1 stitch = Use a backwards loop or knitting on cast on method.

Cast on 27 stitches using a loose cast on.

Row 1: Knit across.

Row 2: Purl across.

Row 3: (Establish stitch pattern) K6, yo, PS, yo, k3, yo, PS, yo, k3, yo, PS, yo, k6.

Row 4: Purl across.

Repeat rows 3 & 4 until the scarf is as long as you want it. Make sure there is enough yarn left over for 2 more rows and the bind off.

Finish row 1: K4, drop next stitch, cast on 1 stitch, K1, yo, PS, yo, K1, drop next stitch, cast on 1 stitch, K1, yo, PS, yo, K1, drop next stitch, cast on 1 stitch, K4.

Finish row 2: Purl across.

Finish row 3: Bind off very loosely.

Gently work all the dropped stitches down to the beginning of the scarf. Work in ends of yarn.

You may want to use the crochet hook to work 1 row across the beginning the scarf to give it a little bit of strength. To do this, join at the beginning and work 1 crochet stitch in each knit stitch and 2 crochet stitches in each dropped stitch space. Cut yarn and pull through last loop and then work in the ends of the yarn.

If you want a shorter scarf, take into account the width the scarf will be after you drop the stitches when you're evaluating if it proportions are right. This will make a difference in how the final project will look.

The edges will roll over. Don't worry about that, it will create a nice little edge on both sides. Gentle blocking is recommended.



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