



'Gneissic' drop stitch scarf pattern

This scarf uses drop stitch, sometimes called ladder stitch or sea foam stitch. Made with a super bulky yarn, it's quick and easy to knit.

Materials

- 2 x 100gm skeins of Rowan Big Wool (or about 160m/175yards of any super bulky yarn)
- 1 pair of 8.0mm (US 11) straight needles
- Tapestry needle

Tension

Approximately 14 stitches and 13 rows to 10cm measured over drop stitch using 8.0mm (US 11) needles. Tension is not crucial and you don't really need to bother with a swatch for this – just start knitting!

Finished size

The finished scarf is about 12cm/5" wide and 1.8m/2yards long. It needs to be quite narrow because the yarn is so bulky.

Knitting instructions

Cast on 16 stitches

Foundation row: K1, P2, K1, yfwd, K1, P2, K2, P2, K1, yfwd, K1, P2, K1

18 stitches

Row 1: P1, K2, P3, K2, P2, K2, P3, K2, P1

Row 2: K1, P2, K3, P2, K2, P2, K3, P2, K1

Row 3: P1, K2, P3, K2, P2, K2, P3, K2, P1 (same as row 1)

Row 4: K1, P2, K3, P2, K2, P2, K3, P2, K1 (same as row 2)

Row 5: P1, K2, P3, K2, P2, K2, P3, K2, P1 (same as row 1)

Row 6: K1, P2, K1, drop stitch, K1, P2, K1, yfwd, K1, P2, K1, drop stitch, K1, P2, K1.

Unravel dropped stitches back to row where they started.



Row 7: P1, K2, P2, K2, P3, K2, P2, K2, P1

Row 8: K1, P2, K2, P2, K3, P2, K2, P2, K1

Row 9: P1, K2, P2, K2, P3, K2, P2, K2, P1 (same as row 7)

Row 10: K1, P2, K2, P2, K3, P2, K2, P2, K1 (same as row 8)

Row 11: P1, K2, P2, K2, P3, K2, P2, K2, P1 (same as row 7)

Row 12: K1, P2, K1, yfwd, K1, P2, K1, drop stitch, K1, P2, K1, yfwd, K1, P2, K1.

Unravel dropped stitch back to row where it started.

These 12 rows form the pattern. When you're getting to the end of the scarf, stop knitting after row 5 of the pattern.

Final row: K1, P2, K1, drop stitch, K1, P2, K2, P2, K1, drop stitch, K1, P2, K1. Unravel dropped stitches back to row where they started.

16 stitches

Cast off

Weave in your ends and the scarf is finished.



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