

Reversible Herringbone Scarf

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Looks the same on both sides, is a suitable pattern stitch for men, women and children and can be made with any weight of yarn.



Materials:

275 to 400 yards of yarn depending on what sort of yarn you use and how long you want the scarf. Knitting needles in a size appropriate to the yarn - usually a size larger than would be used normally. A split ring marker.

Gauge:

Not important - whatever goes well with the yarn you are using so it has a bit of drape but isn't too loose. Use needles in a size that gives you a good hand with the yarn.

Cast On:

24 sts for a very narrow worsted weight scarf

30 sts for a narrow worsted weight scarf

36 sts for an average width worsted weight or narrow dk weight scarf

42 sts for a wide worsted weight or average width dk weight scarf

Any multiple of 6 sts can be used depending on how wide or narrow you want the scarf to be.

Bottom Edge:(Knit 3,Purl 3 Ribbing with Garter Stitch Borders)

Row 1: K3 (side border), [P3, K3] across row to last 3 sts, K3 for other side border.

Row 2: K3(side border) - ***From now on, slip the first stitch of every row Purl Wise with yarn in front to make a nice smooth chain edge along the side of the scarf, this slipped stitch counts as 1 in the K3*** - [K3, P3]across row until the last 3 sts, K3 for other side border.

Row 3: K3 (side border) - be sure to slip the first st. purl wise - [P3, K3] across row until last 3 sts, K3 for side border.

Begin Herringbone Pattern:

The instructions make this sound much more complicated than it really is - essentially, in this pattern stitch you are working two rows of K3, P3 ribbing and then in the next row moving the pattern over 1 st. As soon as you get used to working the pattern it is very easy and you don't even need to look at the instructions!

Row 1: K3 (side border) - be sure to slip the first st. purl wise to make a nice edge; this first slipped st. counts as one of the K3. [P3, K3] across to last 3 sts; K3 for other side border.

Row 2: EVEN ROW - work all Even Rows the same as Row 2. K3 for side border (be sure to slip the first st. purl wise); Now work the stitches as they present themselves - K the K sts and P the P sts - to the last 3 sts; K3 for the side border.

**** I always put one of the little split ring markers on the Even side so you know it is the Even Side where you essentially "work even" with the row you just worked. So always remember - "work even" on the Even Side.*

Row 3: K3 for border (be sure to slip the first st. purl wise); **P2**; [K3, P3] across row to last 4 sts; P1; K3 for the side border.

Row 4: Even Row

Row 5: K3 for border (be sure to slip the first st. purl wise); **P1**; [K3, P3] across row to last 5 sts; P2, K3 for side border

Row 6: Even Row

Row 7: K3 for border (be sure to slip the first st. purl wise); [K3, P3] across row to last 3 sts; K3 for side border.

Row 8: Even Row

Row 9: K3 for border (be sure to slip the first st. purl wise); **K2**; [P3, K3] across row to last 4 sts; K1; K3 for side border.

Row 10: Even Row

Row 11: K3 for border (be sure to slip the first st. purl wise); **K1**; [P3, K3] across to last 5 sts; K2; K3 for side border.

Row 12: Even Row

Repeat these 12 rows until the scarf is as long as you want or your yarn is going to run out soon. End with Row 2 or Row 8 or the pattern stitch.

Top Edge:

Work 3 rows of K3, P3 ribbing for the top edging being sure to keep the first 3 and last 3 sts in K for the garter stitch border and still slipping the first St Purl Wise. Whether the ribbing will start with K3 or P3 depends upon which pattern row you end with. Make the ribbing match which row you ended on - it will be easy to tell when you get there! If you end with Row 2, the Top Edge Ribbing will begin with P3 after the Garter Stitch Border. If you end with Row 8, the Top Edge Ribbing will start with K3 after the Garter Stitch Border.

Bind off loosely with a slightly larger needle.

Notes: After a while you won't need to look at the pattern to make the scarf - it is very easy to see what is happening without a pattern.

Essentially, it is a K3P3 rib that moves over 1 stitch every other row.

On each Odd Row you move the pattern stitch over by 1 stitch and each Even Row you "work even". If you keep the split ring marker on the even side it is very easy to keep track of things.

This pattern is free, you can pass it on to anyone you please and you can use it to knit items for any purpose.

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