

Basketweave Summery Scarf

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This is a scarf I made for my mom. She wanted a lighter-weight, non-bulky scarf to use during warmer months, and she wanted it to be colorful.

For the yarn, I chose a DK-weight multicolored 100% cotton yarn. Cotton is always a good choice for warmer weather projects because of its natural breathability, and using a DK-weight yarn on medium to largish needles would produce a lighter-weight scarf. Also, the yarn's color combinations were a great mixture of bright, summery hues.

For the pattern, I chose a simple basketweave for two reasons: firstly, the basketweave's simplicity would not compete with the colorful yarn; and secondly, the basketweave pattern is reversible so the scarf would look equally good no matter which side was showing. Also, given the nature of basketweave—just alternating blocks of knitted stitches and purled stitches—I could easily customize the pattern to be any width and length I wanted. Since my mom wanted a non-bulky scarf, I chose to make it skinny width-wise but long so she could wrap it around her neck a few times if she needed more warmth.

YARN

2 balls Tahki Yarns Cotton Classic Color (100% mercerized cotton; 108 yd/1.75 oz), in color 103 (pinks, purple, orange and red), which has since been discontinued (see **NOTES**).

NEEDLES & NOTIONS

US 7 (4.5 mm) needles.

2 stitch markers (optional).

Darning needle to finish.

GAUGE

5 sts and 6 rows = 1" in basketweave st.

FINISHED SIZE

Approx. 3.5" wide and 66" long.



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NOTES

Unfortunately Tahki Yarns no longer produces Cotton Classic Color (which was the multicolored yarn), but they currently offer Cotton Classic (which is single-colored) in more than 125 shades. You could also try an alternative multicolored cotton yarn, such as: Cascade's Fixation Effects or Fixation Spray Dyed; Crystal Palace's Cotton Twirl Print; or Gedifra's Fiorista. While I have not tried any of these, their content and color combinations appear to be good substitutes, but you'd have to do a gauge swatch and adjust your needle size accordingly if you wanted your finished scarf to be 3.5" wide as mine was.

The scarf starts with and ends with 2 rows in garter stitch (knit all stitches). Also, two stitches on each edge of the scarf are kept in garter stitch to prevent the fabric from curling. So you will always knit the first two and last two stitches of every row, with the basketweave pattern worked over the 15 stitches in between these garter edge-stitches. You may find it helpful to place markers after the first two stitches and before the last two stitches to remind yourself where the basketweave pattern begins and ends.

INSTRUCTIONS

CO 19 sts. Knit 2 rows in garter st (k all sts). Begin pattern.

Row 1: k2, PM, k5, p5, k5, PM, k2.

Row 2: k2, SM, p5, k5, p5, SM, k2.

Rows 3 through 6: rep Rows 1 and 2 twice more.

Row 7: k2, SM, p5, k5, p5, SM, k2.

Row 8: k2, SM, k5, p5, k5, SM, k2.

Rows 9 through 12: rep Rows 7 and 8 twice more.

Repeat Rows 1 through 12 until scarf measures desired length. Knit 2 rows in garter st.

FINISHING

BO wise. Weave in ends. Lightly mist and block if desired.

ABBREVIATIONS

approx	approximately	mm	millimeter(s)	SM	slip marker
BO	bind off	oz	ounce(s)	st(s)	stitch(es)
CO	cast on	p	purl	yd	yard(s)
k	knit	PM	place marker		
kwise	knitwise, as if to knit	rep	repeat		



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