

SUPER-EASY LACE SCARF PATTERN

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This simple two row lace pattern makes a beautiful scarf, afghan, or panel in a plain piece of knitting. You can achieve different effects by varying the yarn and gauge. A fine yarn and large needles (pictured) results in a very light, open design. Heavier yarn, or smaller needles results in a denser finished product. I knit a winter scarf for my mother with yarn I'd spun myself. The adage is that in the first case (light yarn, big needles) you "see the holes" and in the second (heavier yarn, more traditional gauge), you "see the yarn." Both are very attractive.

MATERIALS: To make this scarf in a medium weight, you will need:

(2) 50 gram skeins of sportweight yarn

1 pair size 6.50mm knitting needles, either straight or circular (either way, you'll knit this back and forth). This size equates to 10 ½US, or about size 4, old UK and Canadian. Gauge is not all that important in this case. Knit what you love!

1 darning needle

Knitting Instructions

1. Cast on a multiple of ten stitches plus one (i.e, 51, 61, etc.) Using a sport weight yarn, and size 6.5mm needles, you should need about 51 stitches for a typical scarf. Using a finer yarn and size 7 needles, you may need 81 or so stitches. Cast on very LOOSELY, as you do not want a tight edge. It is almost impossible to cast on too loosely, but it is very easy to cast on too tight! Don't worry about what seem like a few extra loopy things along the cast on edge. If you are having difficulty casting on loosely, use larger needles for the casting on.
2. Follow the pattern below until the scarf is long enough. ("yo" means bring the yarn to the front of the needle, as if to purl, and then KNIT the next stitch. By doing this, you will "make" a stitch that you are going to purl in the next row. This creates the hole in the lace. "slip1" means slip the next stitch to the other needle without knitting it. "k2tog" means knit two stitches together as if they were one. "psso" means take the stitch you slipped, and take it over the knitted stitch, dropping it off the end of the needle)
3. When the scarf is long enough, or you can't stand it anymore, cast off LOOSELY. Sew in the ends on the back of your work, by running them through the stitches on the back as if you were darning. Lay the scarf on an ironing board, wrong side up, and steam and press (gently) into shape. Let it dry flat.

Row A:	*	k1	yo	k3	(slip 1, k2tog,psso)	k3	yo	*	repeat from *.*	k1
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Row B: *Purl every stitch. Do not miss any of the stitches that you "made" in the previous row by doing the "yo" thing. They will look like mistakes. They are not. It is a good idea to count the stitches at the end of the rows until you get the hang of this and you can see the pattern emerge. You should have the same number at the end of the row as you did at the beginning!*

That's it. You're done. Wear your scarf with pride, and go out and do some good in the world! Speaking of which: This pattern is free. Any pattern I offer here will be free. But if you like it, please consider making a small donation to a military or veterans non-profit to help out men and women who have served. Even small amounts add up, and are much appreciated. Thanks!