



Peasant Lace Scarf

Light weight and elegant, this scarf looks intricate but is simple and fun to make. Who says sports and fashion don't match?!



Project Overview

A deceptively simple stitch creates an open, lacey fabric. As part of Bella Knitting's Sports Fan Collection, this scarf keeps you looking good as you cheer on your favorite team to victory!

General Project Information

Materials

These materials are included with your project:

Yarn

- ◆ Aurora 8 — 98 yards per ball; Color A & B, 1 ball each for the short scarf and 2 balls each for the long scarf.

Notions

- ◆ None

You will also need:

Needles

- ◆ US Size 9 needles

Tools

- ◆ Tapestry needle

Pattern Abbreviations

This pattern uses the following knitting abbreviations:

k: knit

k2tog: knit 2 stitches together

p: purl

RSR: Right Side Row

skp: Slip, Knit, Pass the slipped stitch over

WSR: Wrong Side Row

YO: yarn over

****:** repeat directions between ** as indicated

Gauge

Flexible! Matching the gauge is not important for this project. Whatever size stitch you get on US size 9 needles is fine.

Sizing

The final scarf measures approximately 4 1/2 inches wide by 54 inches for the short version or up to 82 inches for the long version.

Reading Bella Patterns

You'll see these symbols sprinkled throughout the pattern.

i ... means more information is available in the "Knitting Tips & Techniques" section

w ... means more information is available on the Bella Knitting web site — www.bellaknitting.com.

skp: Slip, Knit, Pass

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1. Slip one stitch from the left needle to the right as if to **knit**.
2. Knit one stitch
3. Using the tip of your left needles pass the slipped stitch up and over the knit stitch.

This decrease slants to the left, when viewed from the knit side of stockinette stitch

YO Twice

YO Twice — yarn over twice — bring the yarn forward between the needles to the front (as if to purl) and then back over the right needle — 1 yarn over — repeat to create the second yarn over.

When finished, you should see two wraps on the right needle and your yarn should be in the back, ready to knit the next stitch.

k2tog: Knit 2 Stitches Together

k2tog - knit two stitches together - worked identically to a normal knit stitch except you insert the right needle through two loops on the left needle instead of one. 1 stitch decreased.

This decrease slants to the right, when viewed from the knit side of stockinette stitch

Suspended Bind Off

Knitters have a tendency to bind off too tightly. The suspended bind off gives you a reliable bind off tension and is worked similarly to the traditional bind off. Here's How:

1. Knit 1 stitch
2. Knit the next stitch -- call it the old stitch -- from the left needle creating a new stitch on the right needle, but ...
3. **Don't** let the old stitch drop off the left needle. Keep this old stitch **suspended** on the left needle until later.
4. Pass the second stitch on the right needle up and over the first stitch -- just as you normally would.
5. Notice that the old stitch is waiting patiently on the left needle as the bind off occurs.
6. Finally, let the old stitch drop off the left needle. It's this suspension that keeps the bind off tension even.
7. Repeat steps 2 - 6 until all stitches have been bound off.

We have a photo tutorial available online under the Knitting Tips tab. Click on 'Different Bind Offs' or on 'All Sarah's Blog Tutorials' if you want to see her other great how to's!

Before You Begin

Swatch

The gauge for this project is flexible. Whatever size stitch you get on a US 9 needle is fine.

It's still a good idea to knit a small swatch to get a feel for the **Peasant Lace Stitch**. Cast on 10 stitches and work several rows. To conserve yarn, simply rip out the swatch once you're comfortable with the stitch pattern.

Peasant Lace Stitch (multiple of 4 plus 2)

Row 1	RSR	k1, *skp, YO twice, k2tog* repeat between ** to last stitch, k1
Row 2	WSR	*p3, k1* repeat between ** to last 2 stitches, p2.
Note: The 3rd purl stitch and the knit stitch are worked into the 2 wraps created by the double YO in Row 1.		

Knitting Instructions


Step 1: Cast on

- ◆ Using Yarn A, cast on 30 stitches.
- ◆ Knit 1 row

Step 2: Knit the Body of the Scarf

- ◆ Using Yarn B and starting with Row 1, work 2 rows of the **Peasant Lace Stitch**.
- ◆ Using Yarn A and starting with Row 1, work 2 rows of the **Peasant Lace Stitch**.
- ◆ Continue in pattern alternating 2 rows with each color, ending with a WSR and Yarn B

Step 3: Bind Off

- ◆ Using Yarn A, knit one row
- ◆ Bind off using Suspended Bind Off. 
- ◆ Weave in ends.

Peasant Lace Stitch Help

The Bella Knitting web site includes some tips to help you with the Peasant Lace Stitch — go to bellaknitting.com and click on the Tips link on the Peasant Lace Project page.

skp, YO twice, k2tog

Need help with skp, YO twice, or k2tog?

 See the Knitting Tips and Techniques found on the back cover.

Keep Both Yarns Attached

Since you will be alternating 2 rows with Yarn A and 2 rows with Yarn B, keep both yarns attached.

1. When changing colors, bring the new yarn up from under the old yarn. This creates a neat edge as the unused yarn is carried up the side of the scarf.
2. When changing colors it's easy to pull too tightly on the new yarn, distorting the edge. If this happens to you, try the following: on Row 1 after knitting the 1st stitch and working the first skp, hold the right needle horizontally and give it a slight tug upwards.

Help! I've Got a Tangled Mess

We know, we know, it's so easy to get a tangled mess when alternating yarns. If it bugs you to untangle periodically, untangle the yarns after each yarn change.