

Braided Cable Scarf

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This cabled scarf is a wonderful blending of complex-looking (but easily knitted) cables with simple warmth.

The 5 stranded braided cable in the center, flanked by a small mock-cable on each side make for an elegant scarf that will grace the neck of whoever the recipient may be.

SPECIFICATIONS:

Yarn: 3-4 oz of hand spun sport weight or any weight to make a larger or smaller scarf.

Needles: US Size 5 (3.75 mm) straight needles, cable needle, large crochet hook for fringe attachment.

Gauge: Center braid on the sample was 1.5" wide, and the whole scarf was just over 3" wide without blocking.

ABBREVIATIONS:

k: knit

p: purl

tbl: through back loop.

CN: cable needle

C1 over 2 right: sl2 to CN, hold in back. K1, k2 from CN

C1 over 2 left: sl1 to CN, hold in front. K2, k1 from CN

rem: remaining

Notions and Extras: stitch markers (optional). Pins for blocking (also optional). A book or something about 6" tall for wrapping fringe (I used my checkbook).

Finished Size: about 3.25" wide and 6 feet long without fringe, 7 feet with fringe

Cross 2 over 2 left/purl bg: sl3 to CN, hold in front, k2, sl center st from CN back to left hand needle and purl it. K2 from CN

CO: cast on

BO: bind off

st(s): stitch(es)

NOTES:

- You will be cabling on each right side (even) row, but alternating the center panel cabling with the 3 st mock cable on either side of the center.
- Knitting the second knit stitch on the right side rows through the back loop will keep this stitch from looking very loose.
- The written instructions are the same as the charts, you can work from either one.
- Contrary to most patterns, the Right Side rows are even numbers and the Wrong Side rows are odds.

PATTERN:

-CO 32 sts and begin working from chart or written instructions:

Row 1 (WS) and all odd rows: p2, k2, p3, k2, [p2, k1] 4 times, p2, k2, p3, k2, p2

Row 2 (RS): k1, k tbl, p2, c1 over 2 right, p2, [k2, p1] 4 times, k2, p2, c1 over 2 left, p2, k2

Row 4: k1, k tbl, p2, k3, p2, k2, [p1, 2/2 left cross PB] twice, p2, k3, p2, k2

Row 6: repeat Row 2.

Row 8: k1, k tbl, p2, k3, p2, [2/2 right cross PB, p1] twice, k2, p2, k3, p2, k2

Repeat these 8 pattern rows until scarf measures 6 feet (or desired length). BO in pattern.

Finishing

-Block if desired. I didn't because I liked the subtle blending of the cables. But if you do desire to block it, let it soak in a no-rinse wool wash (like Euclan) as directed, then pin out to desired width and length.

-Cut fringe by wrapping lengthwise around checkbook (or other hard rectangular object of desired size), cut one side, so you get 48 lengths of yarn folded in half. Make 8 evenly spaced bunches of fringe (3 strands each, folded in half) across each end of the scarf using a larks head knot (http://www.ehow.com/how_13480_make-larks-head.html) with the 3 strands of fringe at once.



