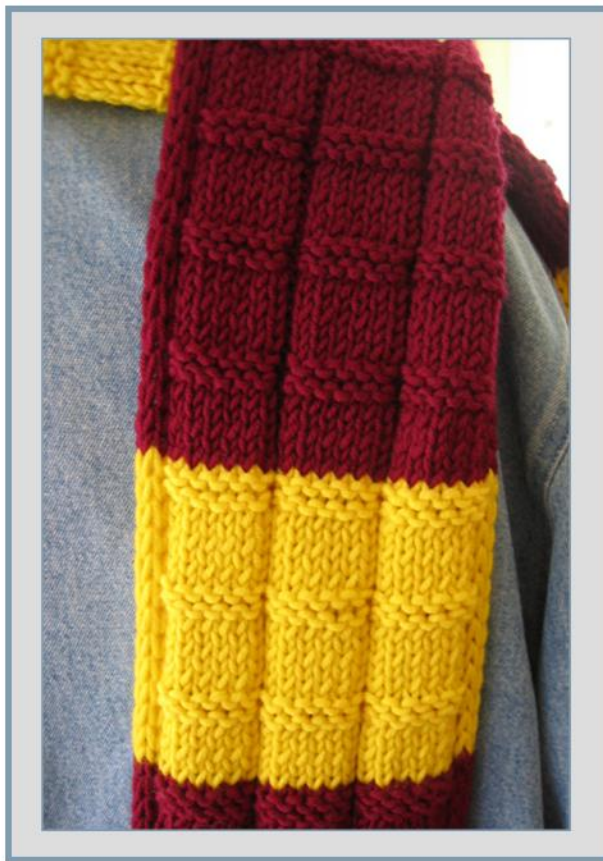




Color Block Scarf



Project Overview

The traditional striped sports scarf was updated with a classic pattern and a nice smooth edge. We love the alternative color blocks that are strong and not too busy. A classic look for your biggest sports fans - both male and female!

General Project Information

Materials

These materials are included with your project:

Yarn

- ◆ Aurora 8 — 98 yards per ball; 3 balls of Color A and 1 ball of Color B

You will also need:

Needles.

- ◆ US Size 9 needles for

Tools

- ◆ Tapestry needle

Pattern Abbreviations

This pattern uses the following knitting abbreviations:

k: knit

p: purl

RSR: Right Side Row

WSR: Wrong Side Row

****:** 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 finished dimensions for this scarf are approximately 5 inches wide by 56 inches long.

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You'll see these symbols sprinkled throughout the pattern.

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

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

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.

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 **Building Block Stitch**. Cast on 16 stitches and work the 8 row pattern. To conserve yarn, simply rip out the swatch once you're comfortable.

Building Block Stitch

Note: The first and last 3 stitches of every row create a slip stitch edging.

Row 1, 3, 5	RSR	k3, p2, *k6, p2* repeat between ** to last 3 stitches, slip 3 stitches with yarn in back
Row 2, 4, 6	WSR	p3, k2, *p6, k2* repeat between ** to last 3 stitches, slip 3 stitches with yarn in front
Row 7	RSR	k3, purl to last 3 stitches, slip 3 stitches with yarn in back.
Row 8	WSR	p3, knit to last 3 stitches, slip 3 stitches with yarn in front.

Knitting Instructions

Step 1: Cast on

- Using Yarn A, cast on 32 stitches.

Step 2: Knit the Body of the Scarf

- Using Yarn A and starting with Row 1, repeat the 8 rows of the **Building Block Stitch** 7 times for a total of 56 rows.
- Using Yarn B and starting with Row 1, repeat the 8 rows of the **Building Block Stitch** 3 times for a total of 24 rows.

Please Note: For a cleaner color transition, when you change colors, knit the last 3 stitches of the Row 1 instead of slipping them.

- Continue alternating between 7 repeats (56 rows) with Yarn A and 3 repeats (24 rows) with Yarn B — three **more** times.
 - Finish with 7 more repeats (56 rows) with Yarn A.
- You should have 5 color blocks of Yarn A and 4 color blocks of Yarn B.*

Step 3: Bind Off

- Bind off using Suspended Bind Off (online tutorial available at bellaknitting.com in our tips section) 
- Weave in ends.

Slip Stitches

Slip a stitch from the left to right needle by inserting the right needle into the stitch as if to purl.

For this scarf, the slipped stitches create a smooth outer edge.

Tip: The slip pattern is easy if you just remember the yarn is always slipped on the Wrong Side of the scarf.

Keep the Edges Even

After knitting — or purling — the first 3 stitches of each row, hold the right needle horizontally and gently “tug” upwards. This elongates the slipped stitches and keeps the sides even.

Don't worry if the edge doesn't make sense at first. Give it a few inches and it will all come together!

Changing Colors

To avoid having lots of ends to weave in — yuck — carry the unused color up the side of the scarf. It is easily hidden in the slip stitch edging.

To trap the unused color, always bring the working yarn under the unused color.