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## River Rock Scarf

## **Abbreviations**

approx approximately beg beginning bet between BO bind off CC contrasting colour ch chain cable needle cn CO cast on cont continue dc double crochet double point needle(s) dpn(s) dec(s) decrease(s) foll follow(ing) half double crochet hdc hk hook inc increase incl including K knit Kl f&b knit 1 st in front and back ktbl knit through back loop kwise knitwise knit two together K2tog lp(s) loop(s) Ml make one MlL make one left MlR make one right MC main colour purl patt pattern place marker pm passover psso pick up pu purlwise pwise rem remaining repeat rep rnd(s) round(s) RS right side single crochet SC sk skip slip marker sl m sp(s) space(s) slip, slip, k2 slipped sts tog ssk st(s) stitch(es) stockinette stitch st st tbl through back loop tog together

WS

YO

wrong side

yarn over



This pattern stitch makes a really nice, flat fabric that appears to be more woven than knitted. The rough edges combined with a neutral-toned variegated yarn gives it a natural look. Pattern includes instructions on how to substitute yarns.

Craft: knitting

Skill Level: Rookie-Apprentice-Virtuoso-Genius

Skills: knit, purl, sl1

Finished Measurements: dependent on yarn

Gauge: not important, instructions are written for almost any yarn Yarn: approx. 200g of anything from sport weight to bulky weight Note: sorry to be vague, but amount and yardage is dependent on the weight of yarn you choose - ask at your local yarn shop Suggested Brand: your choice; I used a bulky weight wool for the example on this page or 4 balls of Noro Kureyon works well (seen on pg. 2)

Needles/Hooks: match to your yarn according to the label Other Materials: tapestry needle or teeny crochet hook



## Instructions:

CO 24 sts, or an even number.

Row 1 (RS): \*K1, bring yarn forward, sl1 as is to purl\*,

rep from \* to \* to last two sts, K2.

Row 2 (WS): \*P1, with yarn in back sl1 as if to purl\*, rep

from \* to \* to last 2 sts, P2.

Repeat these 2 rows until scarf reaches desired length. BO and weave in ends.

My advice for substituting yarn in a pattern is almost always the same: knit a gauge swatch that is at least 20 sts x 15 rows (depending on your yarn). The bigger your swatch is, the more accurate your measurements are going to be. Knit the swatch in the pattern stitch to be used.

Get a fine point knitting needle and count out how many sts you have in 2 or 4 inches (again, the bigger sample you are taking, the more accurate). I try to avoid counting the few sts at the edge of your fabric for accuracy. Also, you can't cheat and only knit a few rows - you need to knit more than that to be accurate.

Now you just need to know how wide you would like your scarf to be. For example, did you count 20 sts = 4 inches? For a six inch scarf you would need 30 sts.

For fabulous tassel making instructions, check out my "Seaflower Scarf", another free and easy scarf pattern.



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