Lunar Azul Scarf - A Bulky Scarf With Lace, Rib And Keyhole. By Ratcha Chambers from www.to-knit-knitting-stitches.com



I went shopping at Joanne one day and spotted this roving yarn by Patons. So, I grabbed a few and thought about using it to make little accessories like flowers and things and then felt it. Of cause I did not stick with the plan. I turned this bulky wool into a reversible neckwear. I normally don't knit with bulky yarn much, but I have to admit that I actually enjoy this one. I love gliding my fingers over the piece to feel the softness and texture of the yarn and stretching out ribbing just to see how far it can go.

The scarf looks like a giant bow tie. Both ends have a simple lace design which looks almost like crochet. The part that wrap around the neck is worked in simple

1x1 rib. I decided to add a keyhole because I want my scarf to stay better around my neck. Some people may not like keyhole and it is easy to eliminate it.

I did slip stitch along both edges to keep it nice and neat. I did this by slip the first stitch purlwise and knit the last stitch on every row.

Here is the pattern

Gauge: 15 sts /4 inches

Materials

2 balls of Roving by Patons Classic Wool or Bulky yarn of your choice. Knitting needle Size US # 10.5 (6.5mm) 2 Stitch holders Tapestry needle

Direction

Loosely CO 30 sts.

Row 1: P 2, *yrn, p2tog; rep from * to last 2 sts, p1, k1.

Row 2: Sl 1 purlwise, p1, *yrn, p2tog; rep from * to last 2 sts, p1, k1.

Rep row 2 until piece is about 9 inches. Then begin 1x1 ribbing as follow;

Row 1: SI 1 purlwise, k1, *p1, k1; rep from * to end.

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Rep row 1 until ribbing part is long enough to go around your neck comfortable. I make my ribbing a little long. measurement (without the lacy part) is about 26 inches. Use your own judgement and make it the way you like. Now we're going to make the keyhole. If you don't want the keyhole, you can skip this part and continue ribbing for another 25 rows.



Keyhole

Note: It may look hard but it isn't. I just explained it in a very details. That's why it's a little long.

Slip the 1st stitch (purled st) on to knitting needle. Slip the 2nd stitch (knitted st) on to stitch holder. Now take turn slip the purled sts onto the knitting needle and slip the knitted sts onto the stitch holder until the end of row. Now you have just evenly separated the knitted and purled sts apart.

Begin working with the stitches on the needle first. If you're using straight needle, you have to slip all these sts onto an empty needle in order to get to the working yarn.

Now that you have all the sts on the needle that is pointing to the right direction, you can now work them in stockinette stitch (purl one row, knit one row alternately). **Don't forget to slip the 1st stitch.** Work stockinette st for 25 rows, then put them on a stitch holder. Transfer sts from the holder to knitting needle and work 25 rows of stockinette st.

Closing the keyhole

Carefully transfer all of the 30 sts from holders back onto knitting needle in the same order of ribbing. Place the purled st of the back panel onto the needle first and then the knitted st of the front panel second. Alternately placing sts onto the needle until completing the row.

Next row: SI1, k1, *p1, k1; rep from * to end of row. Rep this row for 1 inch.

Now do the last part of the lacy end as follow;

Row 1: SI 1, p1, *yrn, p2tog; rep from * to last 2 sts, p1, k1. Repeat row 1 until the lacy part is about 9 inches. Bind off using stretchy method (see video tutorial link below.)

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(see video at; http://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=DCh2StCxnyQ&list=UUvGGCSq9yvDG6zessFXqX-Q&feature=share)

Knitting Abbreviations

CO = cast on

P = purl

K = knit

SI = slip

yrn = yarn round needle (wrap yarn around needle once). Make 1 increase.p2tog = purl 2 sts together at the same time. Make one decrease.

rep = repeat

_ = repeat direction between the two *.

Resources

Stretchy Bind Off Video Knit Purse Stitch Lace