

Sculptor's Scarf



I designed this scarf as a Christmas gift for my boss, who is a ceramics artist. It's inspired by some of his most recent works which are big chunky sculptures inspired by themes of antiquity and archeology. He creates great big thick slabs of clay, textured to look like weathered stone, and stands them up with brightly-colored legs. (I'm describing it poorly, they're actually really cool.)

This scarf is my interpretation of his sculptures, but in wool. It's a big, chunky scarf that's manly enough for guys to actually wear, but is technically challenging enough to keep a knitter's attention. The scarf is knit shortways, on great big needles with bulky yarn, so you only have 16 stitches per row, which will get you screaming along in no time! The background is textured in seed stitch, which will keep the scarf lying flat. Intarsia is used to work the bright red 2x2 cable running up the middle of the scarf. Finishing is minimal, and the final project is sure to please.

Materials:

- 2 balls Patons Classic Wool Bulky in Heath Heather
- 1 ball Patons Classic Wool Bulky in Vermilion Red
- Size 11 needles
- Cable needle
- Scissors and tapestry needle

Gauge: 3 stitches/inch (but it's not super important to be precise)

Size: One Size (5 inches x 58 inches)

Instructions:

C.O. 4 in Heath (using the first skein), then 4 in Red, then 8 in Heath (using the second skein)

Set up row: (p1, k1) 4 times using Heath. Using Red, purl 4, making sure to catch the Heath yarn behind the Red at the beginning of the red section. Drop the Red yarn and pick up the next Heath yarn, catching the up the Red yarn when you switch colors. With Heath, p1, k1, p1, k1.

From now on, be sure to catch the dropped yarn each time you switch colors. This technique is known as "intarsia." It allows you to make a vertical stripe in the middle of your knitting.

1. Using Heath p1, k1, p1, k1. Using Red k4. Using Heath, (p1, k1) to end.
2. Using Heath, (p1, k1) 4 times. Using Red, p4. Using Heath, p1, k1, p1, k1.
3. Same as row 1
4. Same as row 2
5. Using Heath, p1, k1, p1, k1. Using Red, work a 2x2 cable (transfer the next two stitches (Red) to a cable needle, and hold them in front of your knitting. Knit the next two stitches in Red. Replace the two stitches held on your cable needle on your left knitting needle. Work these two stitches in Red). Change to Heath, and (p1, k1) to end.
6. Same as row 2
7. Same as row 1
8. Same as row 2

Repeat rows 1-8 until your scarf is long enough (29 repeats in the photo).

B.O. 3 stitches in Heath,
B.O 4 stitches in red, B.O.
remaining stitches in
heath. Weave in ends and
block.



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