

Sailor Jane

September in Seattle means fog rolling in and waving goodbye to the sun until next Spring. But, it also means breaking out your favorite squishy, cozy woolens and curling up with hot apple cider. This scarf is the perfect accessory to keep the winter drizzle at bay and protect against the chilly winds that come off the Puget Sound.

Sailor Jane is knit on the bias, starting from one corner and finishing at the one opposite. A thick cable, reminiscent of nautical sweaters works its way continuously around the entire border, framing a pane of thick and cozy garter stitch. It's a remarkably quick knit, worked in bulky yarn, the scarf is finished in no time. And the suggested undyed superwash merino makes the scarf both cozy and virtually indestructible.

Sizes:

One size, approximately 6.5 inches by 60 inches

Materials:

- 2-3 skeins Knit Picks Bare Swish Bulky Yarn (100% superwash merino wool, 137 yards). I used exactly 2 skeins for the example. Buy a third skein if you want a longer scarf, or if you knit the scarf at a larger gauge.
- 1 set of size US 10.5 needles
- Scrap yarn (for provisional cast on)
- 2 stitch markers
- Cable needle
- Scissors and tapestry needle

Gauge:

14 stitches/28 rows per 4 inches in garter (after blocking)

Instructions:

3x3 cable: Transfer 3 sts onto cable needle. Hold sts in front of work, while knitting the next 3 sts. Knit 3 sts from cable needle.



Setup:

Using a provisional cast on, CO 12 sts.

- Row 1: P 1 row.
- Row 2: 3x3 cable, PM, M1, M1, PM, 3x3 cable.
- Row 3: P to first m, SM, k to next m, SM, p to end.

Increase Corner:

- Row 1: K to first m, SM, M1, k to next m, M1, SM, k to end.
- Row 2: (And **all even rows.**) P to first m, SM, k to next m, SM, p to end.
- Row 3: 3x3 cable, SM, M1, k to next m, M1, SM, 3x3 cable.
- Row 5: K to first m, SM, M1, k to next m, M1, SM, k to end.

Repeat Increase Corner rows 1-6 until you have 28 stitches between the markers.

Body:

- Row 1: K to first m, SM, SSK, k to next m, M1, SM, k to end.
- Row 3: 3x3 cable, SM, SSK, k to next m, M1, SM, 3x3 cable.
- Row 5: K to first m, SM, SSK, k to next m, M1, SM, k to end.

Repeat Body rows 1-6 until the scarf measures about 60 inches along the longest side, or until you are almost out of yarn. Remember that garter stitch will stretch several when blocked.

Decrease Corner:

- Row 1: K to first m, SM, SSK, k to next m, k2tog, SM, k to end.
- Row 3: 3x3 cable, SM, SSK, k to next m, k2tog, SM, 3x3 cable.
- Row 5: K to first m, SM, SSK, k to next m, k2tog, SM, k to end.

Repeat Decrease Corner rows 1-6 until you have 4 stitches between the markers. Then:

- Row 1: K to first m, remove m, SSK, k2tog, remove m, k to end.
- Row 2: K5, k3tog, 3x3 cable.

Finishing:

Slip 6, arranging the stitches so that half are on one needle, and half on the other in preparation for the Kitchener stitch. Break yarn, leaving a 2-foot tail. Using the tapestry needle, join both halves of the cable using the Kitchener stitch to form a continuous cable. Weave in end.

Remove the provisional cast-on from the beginning of the scarf. Pick up those stitches and use the cast-on tail to join the two halves of the cable with the Kitchener stitch to form a continuous cable, as in the previous step.



Abbreviations					
CO	Cast on	M	Marker	Ssk	Slip slip knit
K	Knit	P	Purl	Sts	Stitch(es)
K2tog	Knit 2 together	PM	Place Marker		
M1	Make 1 (increase)	SM	Slip marker		

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