

## McKnits patterns

### Spiral Scarf



You will need at least one 50g ball of yarn, two if you want a longer scarf; double knitting and soft cotton work well, but nothing too chunky or your scarf will be too stiff. This scarf is knitted on a circular needle; use the size recommended on ball band of the yarn you are using (6 or 7mm works fine with four ply and double-knit cotton)

The number of stitches you cast on determines the length of the scarf: 800 sts gives you a good length.

Cast on 800 stitches, onto your circular needle.

Row 1-3 garter stitch (ie all knit)

Row 4: Knit 1, then knit 2 together across whole row to final stitch, K1.

Rows 5 -7: knit

Row 8: As row 4

Row 9: knit

Row 10: Cast off

Variations:

If by Row 9 scarf is still longer than you want it, decrease again in every four stitches (ie K2, Ktog, repeat) or every six if you just want to decrease length slightly. If you're using a particularly thin yarn add in more knit rows in between decrease rows

Thread beads onto yarn before you start to knit, and then knit in a bead at random, or at regular intervals. Alternatively you can just use beads on the cast on row, and the cast off row so the edges of your scarf sparkle. (To get beads onto your wool tie a length of sewing cotton to the end of your wool as tightly as you can, then thread sewing cotton onto a needle, slide beads onto sewing cotton and then pull down gently onto your wool)

To use contrasting colours, cast on in contrast colour, and then knit main body of scarf in main colour, cast off in contrast colour. You can also add in a third colour in rows 5-7.

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## A simple tea cosy



2 50g balls of double knitting  
Pair of 4 mm needles

Cast on 43 stitches  
Knit 35 rows in garter stitch ie all knit  
Measure and add in additional rows if needed\*

(Abbreviations: k2 tog: knit 2 stitches together, K1: knit one stitch)

Row 36 k2 (k2 tog k6) 5 times k1 (38 sts)

Row 37 Knit

Row 38 K2 (k2 tog k5) 5 times k1 (33 sts)

Row 39 Knit

Row 40 K2 (k2 tog k4) 5 times k1 (28 sts)

Row 41 Knit

Row 42 K2 (k2 tog k3) 5 times k1 (23 sts)

Row 43 Knit

Row 44 K2 (k2 tog k2) 5 times k1 (18 sts)

Row 45 Knit

Row 46 K2 (k2 tog) 5 times k1 (13 sts)

Row 47 K2 tog 6 times k1 (7 sts) and then pull yarn through remaining stitches and fasten off tightly. Sew up side seams leaving space for handle and spout, and make a pom-pom and attach to top.

\*Measuring; before you start Row 37 and the decreases hold knitting against your teapot and if it looks too short knit more rows in stocking stitch.

If you want a wider cosy add on 8 or 16 more stitches at cast on row.

Variations:

Add bobbles, stripes in different colours

If you're using a chunkier yarn reduce the number of stitches as per tension information on the ball band of your chosen yarn.

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## Cobweb shawl



This is a triangular shawl, which is very easy to knit once you get the hang of the pattern. You will need a pair of 00mm needles and 6 x 50g balls of double knitting weight yarn, either something soft like a cashmere and merino mix or cotton works well too. For a heavier shawl tweed mixes work well too, but make sure you get a soft tweed mix or your shawl won't drape very well. Buy a couple of extra balls if you know you are likely to want a longer shawl than average. The shawl measures approximately 30 inches from top to bottom, longer if you knit loosely.

(Abbreviations: k: Knit sts: Stitches yfd: yarn forward - move your yarn forward before you knit into your next stitch, as if you were about to purl, then put yarn over needle so yarn is wrapped over your needle before you knit into your next stitch tog: together Inc 1: increase one stitch)

Cast on 3

Row 1 k1, Inc 1 into front of next two knit stitches (so you will have 5 sts)

Row 2 and every alternate row knit

Row 3 k1, inc. 1 on next 3 sts k1 (8 sts)

Row 5 k1, inc. 1 on next stitch, k2, inc 1 on next stitch, K1, inc 1 on next stitch, k1 (11 sts)

Row 7 k5, yfd, k1, yfd k5

Row 9 k5 yfd k3 yfd k5

Row 11 k5, yfd, k2tog, yfd, k1, yfd, k2tog, yfd, k5

Row 13 k5, yfd, k2tog, yfd, k3, yfd, k2tog, yfd, k5

Row 15 k5 (yfd k2tog) twice, yfd, k1, yfd, (k2tog yfd) twice, k5

Row 17 k5 (yfd k2tog) twice, yfd, k3, yfd, (k2tog yfd) twice, k5

Row 19 k5, (yfd k2 tog) 3 times, yfd, k1, yfd, (k2tog yfd) 3 times, k5

Row 20 knit

Row 21 k5, (yfd k2 tog) 3 times, yfd, k3, yfd, (k2tog yfd) 3 times, k5

Row 22 knit

Continue as for rows 19-22 but repeating the stitches in brackets once more either side of the central stitch (or 3 stitches). So in rows 23 and 25 you will (yfd k2 tog) and (k2 tog yfd) 4 times, on rows 27 and 29 5 times, and so on, until the shawl is as long as you want it. Knit 5 rows and cast off loosely. To make a longer shawl continue rows 19-22 until you have required length, then knit 5 rows and cast off loosely.

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