Marishka Lace Scarf

Eye-catching lace scarf with unusual stitch pattern.

MATERIALS

- Any yarn that blocks well. I used DT Craft & Design Sock Canvas (366 m/400yds in 100g/3.53 oz, 75% merino, 25% nylon fingering weight). I used about 250m for a small child's scarf (17x90 cm or 6.5x35.5in)
- Needles in the size that will give you soft lacy fabric, i.e. a couple sizes more than you would use for socks or a sweater with the yarn of your choice. Do not use needles that are too large either, or stitches will lose their definition. I used 3.5 mm/US4
- Scrap yarn for life lines /strongly recommended
- Darning needle

GAUGE

Gauge is not important for this project. I suggest making a swatch to determine how many pattern repeats you would like to have, depending on desired width and your gauge.

My gauge was approximately 28 sts and 30 rows for 10x10 cm /4x4in.

SKILL LEVEL

This pattern requires some knitting experience – it uses a few unusual stitches and techniques. The stitch count changes throughout the rows, too. There are several links to on-lines videos available to help you.

ABBREVIATIONS

K – knit

P – purl

St – stitch(es)

Sl 1 – slip one stitch purlwise (insert the right the needle in the stitch as if you were going to purl it, and just slip it off the left needle. http://silkandwool.eu/2015/01/30/slip-stitch-purlwise-tutorial/

Yo – yarn over.

2x yo – two yarn overs in a row http://silkandwool.eu/2015/02/07/double-yarn-over-continental-tutorial/

4x yo– 4 yarn overs in a rowhttp://silkandwool.eu/2015/02/07/marishka-scarf-last-row-of-half-pattern-repeat-tutorial-continental/

K2tog – knit two stitches together

K tbl – knit through the back loop. In the very first repeat of lace pattern, you will be knitting regular stitches through the back loops. http://silkandwool.eu/2015/01/31/short-video-tutorial-knit-through-the-back-loop/. Later on, you will be knitting through the back loops of yarn overs: http://silkandwool.eu/2015/02/07/marishka-scarf-knitting-yarn-overs-through-the-back-loops/

Skp – slip one stitch as if to purl, knit the next stitch, and pass the slipped stitch over the knitted one to drop it off. Creates left slanting decrease, you can substitute with ssk.

Sl yo with a new yo –slip yarn over(s) as if to purl from left needle to the right needle, while making a new yarn over at the same time. http://silkandwool.eu/2015/02/07/marishka-scarf-slipping-yarn-overs-tutorial-continental/

P2tog tbl – purl next two stitches together through the back loops (to create a left-slanting decrease): http://silkandwool.eu/2015/02/07/purl-two-stitches-together-through-the-back-loops-tutorial-continental/

P2tog – purl 2 stitches together

INSTRUCTIONS

One pattern repeat is 14 stitches. Cast on 12 stitches for edges plus 14 times number of your desired repeats. For example, for 3 repeats, cast on 3x14+12=54 sts.

Slipping the 1st stitch of each row purlwise, and purling the last ones create a nice-looking edge. The 5 stitches before and after the pattern repeats help to control the curling on the scarf from the sides, and so do the first and last rows of the pattern. When casting on, leave a tail long enough to sew along the cast on edge.

Row 1: Sl 1 , knit until 1 st remains, p1 (54 sts)

Row 2: Sl 1 , purl

Row 3: Sl 1,(yo, k2tog) until 1 st remains, p1

Row 4: Sl 1 , purl

Row 5: Sl 1 , knit until 1 st remains, p1

Row 6: Sl 1 , purl

Row 7: Sl 1, k3, yo, k2tog, (k5 tbl, k2tog, 2x yo, skp, k5 tbl) until 6 st remain, skp, yo, k3, p1

Row 8: Sl 1, p5 (p4, p2tog tbl, sl yo with a new yo twice, p2tog, p4) until 6 st remain, p6. Each pattern repeat is now 12 sts.

Row 9: Sl 1, k3, yo, k2tog, (k3, k2tog, sl yo with a new yo twice, skp, k3) until 6 st remain, skp, yo, k3, p1. Each pattern repeat is now 10 sts.

Row 10: Sl 1, p5, (p2, p2tog tbl, sl yo with a new yo twice, p2tog, p2) until 6 st remain, p6. Each pattern repeat is now 8 sts.

Row 11: Sl 1, k3, yo, k2tog, (k1, k2tog, sl yo with a new yo twice, skp, k1) until 6 st remain, skp, yo, k3, p1. Each pattern repeat is now 6 sts.

Row 12: Sl 1, p5, (p2, 4x yo, purl all the yo's tog, knit all the yo's tog, 4x yo, p2) until 6 st remain, p6. Video to help with this row: http://silkandwool.eu/2015/02/07/marishka-scarf-last-row-of-half-pattern-repeat-tutorial-continental/ . Each pattern repeat is now 14 sts.

Row 13: Sl 1, k3, yo, k2tog, (yo, skp, k10 tbl, k2tog, yo) until 6 st remain, skp, yo, k3, p1. Help on this row here: http://silkandwool.eu/2015/02/07/marishka-scarf-knitting-yarn-overs-through-the-back-loops/ . Each pattern repeat is now 14 sts.

Row 14:. Sl 1, p5, (sl yo with a new yo, p2tog, p8, p2tog tbl, sl yo with a new yo) until 6 st remain, p6. Each pattern repeat is now 12 sts.

Row 15: Sl 1, k3, yo, k2tog, (sl yo with a new yo, skp, k6, k2tog, sl yo with a new yo) until 6 st remain, skp, yo, k3, p1. Each pattern repeat is now 10 sts.

Row 16:. Sl 1, p5, (sl yo with a new yo, p2tog, p4, p2tog tbl, sl yo with a new yo) until 6 st remain, p6. Each pattern repeat is now 8 sts.

Row 17: Sl 1, k3, yo, k2tog, (sl yo with a new yo, skp, k2, k2tog, sl yo with a new yo) until 6 st remain, skp, yo, k3, p1. Each pattern repeat is now 6 sts.

Row 18:. Sl 1, p5, (knit all the yo's tog, 4x yo, p4, 4x yo, purl all the yo's tog) until 6 st remain, p6. Each pattern repeat is now 14 sts.

Repeat rows 7-18 until your desired length is reached.
Then repeat rows 1-2 once, then rows 1-5. Bind off, leaving a long tail.

Fold over the top and bottom edges, and sew each one to the back of the scarf to create a zig-zag looking edges.

Block the scarf to open up the lace pattern. Pin down the scarf with the wrong side up. Place the pins alongside the columns of yarn overs on each side of the lace pattern. This way you will allow the narrow sides to curl naturally and even out the lace part.