

Pixie Sticks Scarf

Who doesn't love stripes or Pixy Stix? The Pixie Sticks Scarf is a stylish project that can use up your yarn leftovers or smaller quantities of lace weight yarn. Perfect for those seasons when you want to wear a hand-knit accessory but don't need the added warmth of a larger and heavier scarf. For the sample pictured two vintage yarns were used, that are no longer available, but any lace weight yarn would work. It would also look lovely knit up without the stripes, in one solid color.



Materials List:

Main color (MC) yarn - 1 skein of Bucilla Crochet Cotton (size 10), 100% cotton, color Unbleached Ecru, or at least 180 yards of any lace weight yarn.

Contrast color (CC) yarn - 1 skein of Bernat Dainty Fleurette, 95% wool/5% nylon, color Strawberry, or at least 160 yards of any lace weight yarn.

Needles - US #6 (4 mm)

Tapestry needle

Finished Sizes (after blocking):

74" length by 5" width

Gauge (after blocking):

18 stitches/30 rows in 4" of stockinette

Notes:

- Gauge isn't too important for this project. You will want to use a larger needle size that gives you a drapey fabric.
- Scarf is knit on the bias and is stretchy. The edge where the color changes happen, doesn't have as much stretch, due to the yarn used and the color changes. This makes the scarf twirl around on itself. Blocking helps this some, but it doesn't entirely stop this from happening. I happen to really like this effect. If you make a solid version, this shouldn't happen at all after blocking.
- When changing colors for the stripes, drop the color you are working with, then pick up the other and continue working in pattern. Make sure when picking up the new color not to pull tightly, as you want as much give as you can get on that edge. Different methods of changing color were tried, but just carrying up the yarn the two rows looked the nicest.

Instructions

Beginning Ruffle Rows:

With MC loosely cast on 120 sts.

Row 1: Knit all sts.

Rows 2, 4 and 6: Purl all stitches.

Rows 3 and 5: K2tog across (end with 60 sts on Row 3 and 30 sts on Row 5).

Row 7: Knit all sts.

Row 8: P1, *yo, p2tog* , to last st, yo, p1 (31 sts). Continue to the Body Pattern Rows.

Body Pattern Rows:

With MC yarn =

Row 1 (RS): K1, m1r, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Row 2 (WS): Purl all sts.

Change to CC yarn and repeat the 2 rows of the Body Pattern, alternating the colors every 2 rows, until scarf is desired length. Ending with MC yarn and Row 2. The scarf pictured had the 2 row repeat worked a total of 197 times. Continue to Ending Ruffle Rows.

Ending Ruffle Rows:

Rows 1 and 3: Knit all sts.

Row 2: P1, *yo, p2tog* to end (31 sts)

Rows 4, 6 and 8: Purl all stitches.

Row 5: K1, *kfb* to last st, k1 (60 sts).

Row 7: Kfb across (120 sts).

Loosely bind off all sts knit-wise.

Finishing:

Weave in ends and wet block flat.



Pixie Sticks Scarf before blocking.

Abbreviations and Symbols:

- CC = contrast color
- K = knit
- Kfb = knit into front and back loops of the same stitch
- K2tog = knit two stitches together
- M1r = make one right. Insert left needle under the strand between needles, from back to front, then knit into the front loop.
- MC = main color
- P = purl
- P2tog = purl two stitches together
- RS = Right side of work
- St/s = stitch/es
- WS = Wrong side of work
- Yo = yarn over
- * = repeat what is inside asterisks

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