

GRAND CENTRAL SCARF

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Who hasn't finished knitting a project only to set it aside for months, or even years, before weaving in the ends? Guilty! If you're familiar with this never-ending unfinished object scenario, the Grand Central Scarf is the project of your dreams. Knit in the round, this playful scarf makes use of dropped stitches to form the fringe. Drop the stitches, make a quick snip with the scissors, and you're ready to toss it around your neck.

DIFFICULTY LEVEL

Relaxed

SIZES

M (L)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Length: 62½ (75)" (159 [190.5]cm)
(excluding fringe)

Width: 6½ (6½)" (16.5 [16.5] cm)

MATERIALS

Zen Yarn Garden Serenity DK, 90% superwash merino, 10% cashmere, 3½ oz (100g), 250 yd (228.5m). MC: 1 skein in Tranquility; CC: 1 skein in Mossy Oak

1 US size 6 (4mm) 40" (100cm) circular needle (adjust needle size as necessary to obtain gauge)

2 stitch markers

Tapestry needle

GAUGE AFTER BLOCKING

20 stitches and 32 rows = 4" (10cm) in stockinette stitch

17 stitches and 36 rows = 4" (10cm) in slipped stitch pattern

STITCH PATTERN

Slipped Stitch Pattern

Multiple of 2 stitches, plus 1.

Rounds 1 and 2: With CC, K1, *slip 1 wyib, k1; repeat from * as directed.

Round 3: With CC, knit.

Round 4: With CC, purl.

Rounds 5-8: Repeat rounds 1-4 using MC.

Repeat rounds 1-8 for pattern.

PATTERN NOTES

This scarf is worked in the round.

After knitting the entire scarf, stitches are dropped and cut to create the fringe.

Take care not to pull the working yarn tightly behind the slipped stitches as you knit the following stitch to prevent excessive puckering.



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Running Time: 5 Hours

PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

With MC, cast on 301 (355) stitches. Be sure there is at least an 8" (20.5cm) tail after casting on.

Join to work in the round, being careful not to twist the stitches.

Place a stitch marker for the beginning of the round.

Setup round 1: P271 (325), place marker, k30.

Setup round 2: Knit.

Setup round 3: Purl to marker, slip marker, knit to end.

BODY OF SCARF

Work the first 271 (325) stitches in the slipped stitch pattern, slip marker, knit to the end of the round. Working as established above, work rounds 1-8 of the slipped stitch pattern a total of 6 times.

Cut MC, leaving an 8" (20.5cm) tail.

With CC, work rounds 1-4 of the slipped stitch pattern once more.

With CC, knit 1 round.

Bind off 271 (325) stitches very loosely using a purled bind-off (see Techniques, page 138). Do not bind off the 30 stitches that have been worked in stockinette stitch.

Cut the yarn, leaving an 8" (20.5cm) tail.



FINISHING

Pull the tail through the stitch on the right-hand needle to secure the end.

Slip the remaining 30 stitches off the needle and unravel them.

Find the center point of the long strands left from the unraveled stitches. Carefully cut the strands at this center point to make fringe of equal lengths on each end of the scarf.

There are groups of fringe of each color. Knot each of these groups at the top, close to the edge of the scarf.

Trim ends of fringe to even them out as necessary.

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