

Secret Squares Illusion Scarf



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A great beginner project for those wanting to try illusion knitting. From the view straight on, it appears to be just a striped scarf. But there is a secret image! View the scarf from different angles to see the squares appear. The secret to the illusion is in the purl bumps!

Materials:

Knitting needles size 8
Worsted weight yarn - 2 colors – one light, other dark
Scissors
Yarn needle (for weaving in ends)
Stitch markers (optional)

Gauge:

5 sts = 1 inch
7 rows = 1 inch

Abbreviations:

K – knit
P – purl
RS – right side
WS – wrong side
St(s) – stitch/stitches
CO – cast on
BO – bind off
[] – section to be repeated

Notes:

When alternating colors, twist the yarns at beginning of row for neater edge.

It may be helpful to write down which row you are on until you get used to how to recognize the repeating pattern.

Stitch markers help to separate the change in knit and purl transitions throughout.

How to:

Choose which of your yarns is color A and color B. Keep these consistent throughout the pattern.

CO 35 sts in color A.

Color A:

Row 1: K all sts. Turn.

Row 2: [K 7, P 7] repeat across row. Turn

Attach color B:

Row 3: K all sts. Turn.

Row 4: [P 7, K 7] repeat across row. Turn

Color A:

Row 5: K all sts. Turn.

Row 6: [K 7, P 7] repeat across row. Turn.

Color B:

Row 7: K all sts. Turn.

Row 8: [P 7, K 7] repeat across row. Turn

Color A:

Row 9: K all sts. Turn.

Row 10: [K 7, P 7] repeat across row. Turn.

Color B:

Row 11 : K all sts. Turn.

Row 12: [P 7, K 7] repeat across row. Turn

Now the squares change priority of color:

Color A:

Row 13: K all sts. Turn.

Row 14: [P 7, K 7] repeat across row. Turn

Row 15: K all sts. Turn.

Row 16: [K 7, P 7] repeat across row. Turn

Color A:

Row 17: K all sts. Turn.

Row 18: [P 7, K 7] repeat across row. Turn.

Color B:

Row 19: K all sts. Turn.

Row 20: [K 7, P 7] repeat across row. Turn

Color A:

Row 21: K all sts. Turn.

Row 22: [P 7, K 7] repeat across row. Turn.

Color B:

Row 23: K all sts. Turn.

Row 24: [K 7, P 7] repeat across row. Turn

Repeat rows 1 through 24 until desired length of scarf.

BO and add fringe if desired. Sample for pattern was made 6 feet long, no fringe. Colors orange and black.