Free Pattern: It's Not TV, It's Cable Scarf

This is a basic "mock cable" pattern (hence the name of the scarf). Plus, it's such an easy pattern, I can watch TV while I knit, with no frogging. It's one of those versatile stitches that looks great on both men and women.



I made a long scarf for my father with this stitch a few years ago, using three skeins of delectable Plymouth Alpaca Grande. Two skeins would have been plenty! Between the alpaca and this cozy stitch, the scarf is so long and warm, he can only wear it when the temperature goes into the low teens in winter.

This does actually happen where he lives now and then, so the scarf doesn't have to stay in the closet all the time. So sad to think of that poor scarf, sitting cramped in the closet among the heavy coats that rarely get worn either.

But don't cry! The scarf pictured here is knitted more sensibly out of worsted weight wool. This is actually some of my handspun, and it was lots of fun to knit with it!

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The pattern is a multiple of 5 sts plus 2.

MATERIALS

For chunky yarn, 200 yds or so should be enough, with size 10.5 needles. For worsted weight, I used about 270 yds and size 7 needles.

DIRECTIONS

For chunky yarn, CO 27 sts. For worsted weight, CO 32 sts.

Row 1 (RS): p2, *sl 1 as if to knit, k2, psso, p2*, rep from * to * across. Row 2: k2, *p1, y0, p1, k2*, rep from * to * across.

Row 3: p2, *k3, p2*, rep from * to * across. Row 4: k2, *p3, k2*, rep from * to * across.



Repeat these 4 rows until the scarf is the length you want, or you run out of yarn, or both.

ABBREVIATIONS CO = cast on

k = knit p = purl psso = pass slipped stitch over sl = slip st, sts = stitch, stitches yo = yarn over

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