

# Waves Scarf



Another scarf made for a friend, Karen. It uses the fairly simple “waves” cable pattern, which is found in many stitch dictionaries. Because the cable is only over four stitches, and there are so many of the cross-overs in the scarf, I decided to try cabling without a cable needle for this – and it worked wonderfully well. It would have taken much longer to do it with the cable needle. There are several good no-cable-needle tutorials on the web; I found Grumperina’s directions at <http://www.grumperina.com/cables.htm> useful.

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Gauge isn't particularly important for a scarf; you'll know if you're making a shoestring or an afghan pretty quickly, and can change yarn or needles to accommodate. I used just under 300 yards (270 metres) of 11 wraps per inch yarn to make a scarf that measures approximately 6 inches (15 cm) wide by 88 inches (2.2 metres) long (I like to be able to wrap a scarf around my neck a couple of times). The exact yarn I used is Georga mercerized wool (approximately 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the 100 gm balls), but any sport or light worsted (dk) weight yarn will do. My gauge was 22.5 stitches to 4 inches (10 cm) in the cable pattern.

I used two 4.5 mm (US 7) and two 3.5 mm (US 4) straight needles. You can, of course, use a cable needle as well, if you wish.

## Instructions

Directions between asterisks should be repeated across the row.

Using 4.5 mm (US 7) loosely cast on 30 sts.

Beginning ribbing:

Row 1: Sl 1 purlwise, \*K4,P3\*, and end K1.

Row 2: Sl 1 purlwise, \*K3, P4\*, and end K1.

Work these two rows three times (six rows total).

Change to 3.5 mm (US 4) needles and work the body of the scarf as follows:

Row 1: Sl 1 purlwise, K to end of row.

Row 2 and all even numbered rows: Sl 1 purlwise, P to end of row.

Row 3: Sl 1 purlwise, \*slip 2 sts to cable needle and hold in back, K2, K2 from cable needle, K3\* , end K1.

Row 5: Sl 1 purlwise, K to end of row.

Row 7: Sl 1 purlwise, \*K2, slip 2 sts to cable needle and hold in front, K2, K2 from cable needle, K1\* , end K1.

Row 8: Sl 1 purlwise, P to end.

Repeat these 8 rows 40 times, or until scarf is 2 inches short of desired length.

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Ending ribbing:

Change to larger needles.

Row 1: Sl 1 purlwise, P2, K4, \*P3, K4\*, end P2.

Row 2: Sl 1 purlwise, K1, P4, \*K3, P4\*, end K3.

Repeat these two rows three times (six rows total).

Bind off loosely. Block the scarf, and enjoy!

