



Knitted Lacy Crescent Scarf
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Adapted for Japanese Short Rows by Andi Clark

This garter stitch scarf uses short row shaping to form a shoulder-hugging crescent design. A few lacy stockinette stitch rows at the outer edge provide a bit of a ruffle.

The design is knitted in garter stitch. The small gaps that are formed by turning the work in the midst of a row for simple short rows are not particularly obvious. However, if you want a tighter design, with all gaps closed, instructions for using Japanese short rows are also provided, in italics.

Dimensions:

Scarf is about 8 inches deep at mid-back, and about 60 inches from end to end.

Materials:

1 skein Monokrom – Urth yarn – 435 yds. Fingering weight yarn
#5 needles

38 removable markers (that is, like safety pins, not simple closed-ring markers)

Gauge: 16 sts = 4 inches for swatch; however, exact gauge is not crucial, and due to the crescent shape, gauge may change.

Abbreviations:

K = Knit

P = Purl

St, sts = stitch, stitches

RS = Right side

WS = Wrong side

YO = Yarn over Note: All yarn overs are knit in the subsequent row so that an eyelet is formed, that is, NOT in the back of the stitch.

Japanese short rows: When turning the work, place a removable marker on the working yarn, turn, and knit back, pulling the marker securely against the turned edge of the work.

When knitting back across the short rows: Knit to the last stitch before the marker, then pick up the marker, pulling to make a yarn loop, and place this loop on the left needle. Remove the marker and knit the loop together with the next stitch on the left needle.

Note that there are different explanations of Japanese short rows. Here is a web reference to the method used for this pattern:

<https://www.interweave.com/article/knitting/free-guide-knitting-short-rows/>.

Scarf:

Cast on 204 sts. Knit one preliminary row, placing one marker in the middle of the row, after 102 sts. This marker is there to facilitate counting stitches, whenever you wish to do so. Slip this marker whenever you encounter it, to maintain the center of the row.

Note: The numbered rows below are complete rows. The short rows, of which there are many, are identifiable by the number of active stitches. To help keep your place, check off the short rows as you complete them (you'll do this twice), and count the active stitches, if you lose your place.

Row 1 (RS): K 2, YO, K 2, YO, K to last 4 sts, YO, K 2, YO, K 2 (208 sts). Mark this as the right side.

Row 2 (WS): Knit all sts (208 sts.).

Row 3 (RS): K 2, YO, K 2, YO, K to last 4 sts, YO, K 2, YO, K 2 (212 sts).

Row 4 (WS): Short rows begin here:

(WS) 1st short row: K 199 sts, 13 sts remain on left needle, *place marker*, turn.

(RS) 2nd short row: K 186 sts, 13 sts remain on left needle, *place marker*, turn.

When turning, always be sure to pull the last and first stitches tightly.

The subsequent short rows will each leave 6 more sts on the left needle before turning, until only 6 sts (3 on either side of the middle marker) remain.

Detailed instructions follow:

***(WS)** 3rd short row: K 180 sts, *place marker*, turn.

(RS) 4th short row: K 174 sts, *place marker*, turn.

(WS) 5th short row: K 168 sts, *place marker*, turn.

(RS) 6th short row: K 162 sts, *place marker*, turn.

(WS) 7th short row: K 156 sts, *place marker*, turn.

(RS) 8th short row: K 150 sts, *place marker*, turn.

(WS) 9th short row: K 144 sts, *place marker*, turn.

(RS) 10th short row: K 138 sts, *place marker*, turn.

(WS) 11th short row: K 132 sts, *place marker*, turn.

(RS) 12th short row: K 126 sts, *place marker*, turn.
(WS) 13th short row: K 120sts, *place marker*, turn.
(RS) 14th short row: K 114 sts, *place marker*, turn.
(WS) 15th short row: K 108 sts, *place marker*, turn.
(RS) 16th short row: K 102 sts, *place marker*, turn.
(WS) 17th short row: K 96 sts, *place marker*, turn.
(RS) 18th short row: K 90 sts, *place marker*, turn.
(WS) 19th short row: K 84 sts, *place marker*, turn.
(RS) 20th short row: K 78 sts, *place marker*, turn.
(WS) 21st short row: K 72 sts, *place marker*, turn.
(RS) 22nd short row: K 66 sts, *place marker*, turn.
(WS) 23rd short row: K 60 sts, *place marker*, turn.
(RS) 24th short row: K 54 sts, *place marker*, turn.
(WS) 25th short row: K 48 sts, *place marker*, turn.
(RS) 26th short row: K 42 sts, *place marker*, turn.
(WS) 27th short row: K 36 sts, *place marker*, turn.
(RS) 28th short row: K 30 sts, *place marker*, turn.
(WS) 29th short row: K 24 sts, *place marker*, turn.
(RS) 30th short row: K 18 sts, *place marker*, turn.
(WS) 31st short row: K 12 sts, *place marker*, turn.
(RS) 32nd short row: K 6 sts, *place marker*, (3 sts on either side of the center marker).*

Now turn to the wrong side, and K 109 sts to the end of the **WS** row, *placing the loop from each marker onto the left-hand needle and knitting together as described above.* (212 sts on needle). This completes the wrong side of **Row 4**. You will see that the crescent shape is beginning to form.

The right side still has markers that you will encounter as you begin to knit. As noted above, place the loop on the left needle, remove the marker and knit the loop with the adjacent stitch.

Row 5 (RS): K 2, YO, K 2, YO, K, *incorporating the loops from the marked sts*, to the last 4 sts. YO, K 2, YO, K 2 (216 sts).

Row 6 (WS): Knit (216 sts).

Row 7 (RS): K 2, YO, K 2, YO, K to last 4 sts, YO, K 2, YO, K 2 (220 sts).

Row 8 (WS): The second set of short rows begin here. The short row sequence is repeated, with a larger number of stitches. Begin as follows:

(WS) 1st short row: K 209 sts (11 sts remain on left needle), *place marker*, turn.
(RS) 2nd short row: K 198 sts (11 sts remain on left needle), *place marker*, turn.
(WS) 3rd short row: K 192 sts, *place marker*, turn.
(RS) 4th short row: K 186 sts, *place marker*, turn.

Now continue from * to * above (short rows as before).

When the last short row of 6 sts is completed, turn to WS, and K until the end of the row *dropping markers and incorporating loops as before* (a total of 220 sts on the needle). This completes **WS Row 8**.

Row 9 (RS): K 2, YO, K 2, YO, K to last 4 sts *again dropping markers and incorporating loops as before*, YO, K 2, YO, K 2 (224 sts).

Row 10 (WS): Knit (224 sts).

Row 11 (RS): K 2, YO, K 2, YO, K to last 4 sts, YO, K 2, YO, K2 (228 sts).

Row 12 (WS): This row begins the lacy stockinette ruffle, so be mindful of the stitches that are purled: K 6, P 2, (YO, P 4) to last 8 sts, end YO, P 2, K 6 (54 sts added, a total of 282 sts).

Row 13 (RS): K 2, YO, K 2, YO, K to last 4 sts, YO, K2, YO, K2 (286 sts).

Row 14 (WS): Another row with purls: K 6, P 9, (YO, P 5) to last 15 sts, end YO, P9, K 6 (339 sts, the center marker will be one stitch off).

Row 15 (RS): K 2, YO, K 2, YO, K to last 4 sts, YO, K 2, YO, K 2 (343 sts).

Row 16 (WS): Knit (for garter stitch end-border) (343 sts).

Row 17: (RS): K 2, YO, K 2, YO, K to last 4 sts, YO, K 2, YO, K 2 (345 sts).

Bind off all stitches somewhat loosely. To complete, tuck in beginning and ending yarn strands.