

# Lace Variation On The Multidirectional Diagonal Scarf



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Karen Baumer wrote an absolutely fascinating scarf pattern, the now ubiquitous *Multidirectional Diagonal Scarf Pattern* (see the Needleworks website for a link to her pattern) that everyone is falling in love with. I've knit any number of these scarves for presents (and one for myself), and I've watched knitters use glorious multicolored yarns to create gorgeous scarves. This ingenious use of short rows inspired me to find a way to use this technique to showcase solid colored yarns just as effectively. I picked up a skein of La Luz 100% silk yarn from Fiesta, and I had that "eureka" flash of inspiration: juxtapose the simplest of lace structures on the short rows, alternating with garter ridges and a row seed stitch.

## Materials

Yarn: 1 hank La Luz Silk by Fiesta (210 yards)

Needles: Size US #5

## Abbreviations

**CO** = Cast On; **ST** = Stitch(es); **K** = Knit; **P** = Purl; **YO** = Yarn Over; **P2tog** = Purl 2 Together; **SSK** = Slip-Slip-Knit (slip 2 sts knitwise, return to left needle, and knit them together through the back); **BO** = Bind Off; **M1** = make 1 (use your favorite method).

## Instructions

### First Triangle

This triangle is worked only once at the beginning of the scarf. Only three stitches are cast on initially, creating

a point. Stitches are added with increases at one side only to create a triangle.

CO 3 sts. S11, K1, P1.

Work the following rows 7 times. There should then be 31 sts.

Row 1: S11, M1, K to end of row

Row 2: S11, K to last st, P1

Row 3: S11, M1, K to end of row

Row 4: S11, work (K1, P1) to end of row

Row 5: S11, M1, K to end of row

Row 6: S11, K to last st, P1

Row 7: S11, M1, K to end of row

Row 8: work (P2tog, YO) to last st, P1

Work rows 1, 2, and 3 one last time (there should now be 33 sts).

### Additional Triangles

This triangle is repeated until you run out of yarn (roughly eight times). To mirror the point at the beginning of the scarf (and emphasize the diagonality of the construction), the scarf is bound off after the last row of a triangle. Also, you will note that, unlike the first triangle, these triangles are worked with short rows — except for the last row of each triangle, you will not work all the way across the row. Instead, you will turn in the middle of the row and work back. You do not wrap the yarn when turning as with other short-row techniques to close the gap formed by turning because the SSK closes the gap quite nicely. You will quickly

see where that gap is, so stitch counts between the M1 and the SSK on odd rows. Because the eight-row pattern is repeated each time, the st counts in parentheses indicate the number of sts to be worked on subsequent pattern repeats.

Work the following two rows:

Set-Up Row A: S11, M1, SSK, turn

Set-Up Row B: S11, K1, P1

Repeat the following eight rows seven times.

Row 1: S11, M1, K1 (5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 25, 29) sts, SSK, turn

Row 2: S11, K to last st, P1

Row 3: S11, M1, K2 (6, 10, 14, 18, 22, 26, 30) sts, SSK, turn

Row 4: S11, work (K1, P1) to end of row

Row 5: S11, M1, K3 (7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27) sts, SSK, turn

Row 6: S11, K to last st, P1

Row 7: S11, M1, K4 (8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28) sts, SSK, turn

Row 8: work (P2tog, YO) to last st, P1

Work Rows 1,2, and 3 one more time (you should have worked all the stitches on this last row of the triangle).

Because there are an odd number of rows in each triangle, you will end each triangle on the opposite side from where you began. Thus, the next triangle you make (following the instructions in this section) will be perpendicular to the first, with the short-rows starting and ending at the opposite edge of the scarf.

#### Finishing

Be sure to finish a complete triangle above, then bind-off all sts and weave in yarn ends.