



Touch-Me Sideways Scarf

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As soon as I touched the *Touch Me* yarn, a rayon/wool blend chille from Muench, I knew I had to knit something with it. Given that the scarf has a notable tendency to stretch, I created a wider and shorter option. Both versions take the same amount of yarn.

Gauge: 3 to 3.5 sts = 1"

Materials

Yarn: 2 balls Touch-Me by Muench (61 yards/ball)
1 hank Merino Ribbon by Mountain Colors (245 yards/hank)

Needles: 29" (or longer) circular needle, Size US #10 or size needed for gauge

Size

5" by 90" or 6.5" by 65"

Abbreviations

CO = Cast On; **ST** = Stitch(es); **K** = Knit.

Instructions

Instructions are given for the narrower, longer version, with instructions for the shorter, wider version given in parentheses when the instructions or st counts differ.

Set-Up

Using the Merino Ribbon, CO 275 (200) sts. If you prefer the long-tail cast-on, use both ends of the hank so you don't have to estimate how long a tail is needed to

cast on so many sts. For this reason, you may prefer to use the cable cast-on or knitted cast-on instead, but be sure to cast on loosely.

Pattern

Row 1: K all sts with Merino Ribbon
Row 2: K all sts with Merino Ribbon
Row 3: Switch to Touch-Me and K all sts
Row 4: K all sts with Touch-Me
Row 5: Switch to Merino Ribbon and K all sts
Row 6: K all sts with Merino Ribbon

Repeat these 6 rows a total of 7 (9) times. If you are going to omit the fringe, then you should twist the two yarns around each other between Row 6 and Row 1 (preventing a float from forming along the bottom edge of the scarf when there are four consecutive rows of ribbon). If you opt for fringe, you do not need to twist the yarns at all.

Finishing

If you do not want fringe, use the Merino Ribbon to bind off all sts loosely and weave in ends.

If you do want fringe, then K10, bind-off 255 sts, and K10. There will be 20 sts on the needle (ten at each end). Pull the needle out, and unravel these sts all the way down. Pairs of rows will form long loops, which you will then cut in the middle. Gather the ends of each six row pattern repeat and tie these ends in an over-hand knot. Further, you will need to tie a small knot in the end of the Touch-Me fringe to keep the yarn from unraveling. Weave in the ends.