

The Age of Brass and Steam Kerchief

A free pattern by Orange Flower Yarn

www.orangefloweryarn.com

First published in 2010. This updated/revised version published in 2022.

Materials:

Kerchief - approx. 53 in x 15 in (135 cm x 38 cm)

Approx. 100 grams of DK weight yarn

Shawl - approx. 68 in x 20 in (172 cm x 50 cm)

Approx. 160 grams of DK weight yarn

US 8 / 5mm circular knitting needle (24-32 inch/60-80 cm) for knitting flat

Darning needle

2 Stitch markers

Gauge:

Approx. 18 stitches and 24 rows / 4 inches in stockinette, unblocked

Abbreviations:

k - knit

k2tog - knit 2 together

kfb - knit front and back (increasing 1 stitch)

M1R- make one right

M1L - make one left

p - purl

pm - place marker

RS - right side

sm - slip marker

sts - stitches

WS - wrong side

yo - yarn over



INSTRUCTIONS:

Choose either a Garter Tab **or** Regular Cast On and then proceed to **Set Up row**.

Garter Tab

Cast on 2 stitches.

Knit 6 rows.

Pick up and knit 3 stitches down the left side of the knitting, one in each garter ridge.

Pick up and knit 2 stitches from the cast on stitches.

(7 sts)

Or

Regular Cast On:

Cast on 5 sts

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: Knit

Row 3: k1, kfb, k1, kfb, k1.

Row 4: Knit

(7 sts)

Set Up row:

(WS) k2, yo, p1, pm, p1, pm, p1, yo, k2. (9 sts)

First Stockinette Section:

Row 1: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 2: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Work these two rows a total of 7 times. Work Row 1 one more time. (15 rows worked. 55 sts)

First Garter/Eyelet Section:

Row 16: (WS) k2, yo, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 17: (RS) k2, yo, (k2tog, yo) to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, (yo, k2tog) to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 18: (WS) k2, yo, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2. (63 sts)

Second Stockinette Section:

Row 19: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 20: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Work these 2 rows a total of 10 times and then work another Row 19. (21 rows worked, 127 sts)

Second Garter/Eyelet Section:

Row 40: (WS) k2, yo, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 41: (RS) k2, yo, (k2tog, yo) to marker, M1R, sm, k1, M1L, (yo, k2tog) to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 42: (WS) k2, yo, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2. (135 sts)

Third Stockinette Section:

Row 43: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 44: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Work these rows a total of 10 times and then work another row 43. (21 rows worked, 199 sts)

Third Garter/Eyelet Section:

Row 64: (WS) k2, yo, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 65: (RS) k2, yo, (k2tog, yo) to marker, M1R, sm, k1, M1L, (yo, k2tog) to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 66: (WS) k2, yo, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2. (207 sts)

***If making the Kerchief, proceed to Final Section/Border. If making the Shawl, work Fourth Stockinette and Fourth garter/Eyelet sections before working Final Section/Border.**

Fourth Stockinette Section:

Row 67: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 68: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Work these rows a total of 10 times and then work another row 67. (21 rows worked, 271 sts)

Fourth Garter/Eyelet Section:

Row 88: (WS) k2, yo, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 89: (RS) k2, yo, (k2tog, yo) to marker, M1R, sm, k1, M1L, (yo, k2tog) to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 90: (WS) k2, yo, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2. (279 sts)

***Final Section/Border:**

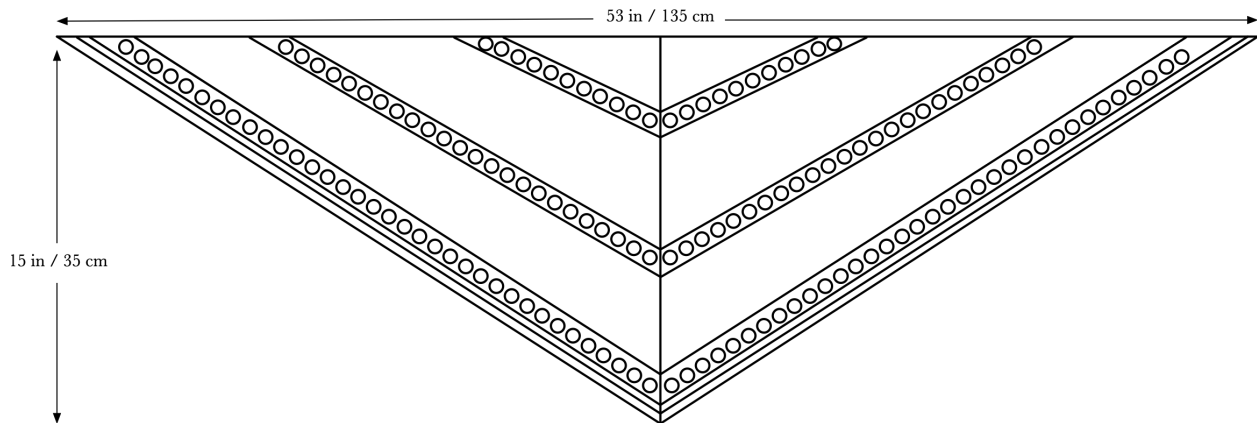
Row 67/91: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 68/92: (WS) k2, yo, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 69/93: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2. (217 / 289 sts)

Row 70/94: Bind off loosely in knit.

Sew in ends and wet block to desired size



Kerchief shown in diagram. Shawl has one additional stockinette and garter/eyelet section and measures approx. 68 in x 20 in.

NOTES:

Making the yarn overs (yo) at the beginning and end of each row:

The yarn overs at the sides allow the kerchief to stretch into shape. They are not really visible in the finished pattern. There are ways to knit these yarn overs to make them perfectly symmetrical on each side, however, I find that knitting them in the usual way works just fine.

To create a yo between a knit st and a purl st:

bring the yarn to the front, then over the right-hand needle (yo) and then back to the front to purl.

To create a yo between a purl st and a knit st:

the yarn is starting out in the front - bring it up over the right-hand needle, making a yo and setting up the yarn in the back for the next knit stitch.

Washing and wet blocking tips:

Soak the kerchief in a basin of cool water and a small amount of wool wash. Let soak for 20-30 minutes. Rinse and gently squeeze to release excess water. Roll kerchief in a clean towel and apply pressure to remove more moisture. Remove kerchief from towel. Place another dry towel (or towels) onto a flat surface and lay the kerchief on top, pulling and stretching it to the shape and size of the diagram above. Blocking wires are optional. I usually do not use them for this pattern. Use your hands to gently flatten and straighten the edges of the kerchief.

Enlarging the pattern:

As written, this pattern creates a kerchief and a shawl. To make an even larger shawl, simply work additional stockinette sections (working 21 rows per section) and garter/eyelet sections before working the final section/border.