Bamboo Rib Scarf - Two Ways

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This scarf can be knit with worsted weight yarn and any size needle that gives you a fabric you like with your yarn. There are two variations on the stitch pattern. Our test knitters all reported that this is a fun & easy pattern to knit. And the best part is that the edges don't curl — so you don't even need to block it (unless you love to block)! So, grab some yarn and needles and knit a scarf for Community Projects!! [p.s. A matching hat pattern is now available — see the Pattern Notes.]

Materials

<u>Sizes:</u> Narrow or Medium. *See Pattern Notes*.

Yarn

Worsted-weight yarn, at least 275-330 yds. *See Pattern Notes.*

Needles

US 7/4.5 mm, US 8/5.0 mm, **or** US9/5.5 mm, or any size desired for selected yarn. *See Pattern Notes*.

Gauge

Gauge is not critical.

Abbreviations: K: knit; **P**: purl; **Sts:** stitches; [...] repeat enclosed instructions as specified.

PATTERN NOTES

- Any size needle can be used. You can use the needle size recommended on the yarn band, or the size
 you would generally use with that yarn. You decide what kind of fabric you want for this scarf. Gauge is
 not important.
- The number of cast-on stitches are recommended for a narrow- or medium-width scarf knit with worsted-weight yarn. With smaller needles, the narrow width will probably be about 4½" (the recommended minimum width) and the medium width will probably be about 5½ 6", but this can vary, depending on your yarn and needles. You can adjust the width as you wish for the yarn you are using, adjusting by adding or subtracting a multiple of 4 stitches.
- The recommended length of the scarf is at least 50".
- There are two variations of the Bamboo Stitch pattern that you can use for this scarf. Feel free to select whichever one appeals to you.
- The edges of this scarf won't curl on you, so you probably won't need to block it it's your decision!
- A matching hat pattern, Bamboo Rib Hat, is available in print at the MKG meeting (eff. November 2018) and/or for download at https://madisonknittersguild.org/communityPatterns.



PATTERN STITCH (2 variations)



Version 1 (Long Bamboo Rib)

Rows 1 & 2: Knit Rows 3-6: [K2, p2] across row. Repeat Rows 1-6.

Version 2 (Short Bamboo Rib)

Rows 1 & 2: Knit

Rows 3 & 4: [K2, p2] across row.

Repeat Rows 1-4.



DIRECTIONS

Cast on 24 or 32 sts, or any multiple of 4 sts.

Decide which pattern stitch you want to do: Version 1 (Long Bamboo Rib) or Version 2 (Short Bamboo Rib).

Start with Row 1 of the pattern stitch and knit all the rows (1-6, or 1-4) until scarf is at least 50" long, or desired length. When you reach the desired length (or start to run out of yarn), **work Rows 1 & 2** one more time.

Bind off.

If necessary (or desired), block the scarf.

Thank you for knitting for others!

