A Traveling Scarf

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Official Stats

- Yarn: Cascade Pinwheel in Autumn Leaves (#21)
- Needles: US 8 / 5.0 mm
- Finished Dimensions: Approximately 6" x 65"
- Gauge: 32 stitches and 22 rows to 4" in Traveling Rib Stitch



Designer Notes

The gauge listed on this pattern is a recommendation; gauge is only critical for getting a fabric that drapes the way you want it to drape. If your gauge is significantly different than what is listed here, you may need more (or less) yarn. If in doubt, you might want a second skein!

I am a short person (5' 2") and knit scarves that are a good length and width for me. If you prefer a wider and / or longer scarf, you will need a second skein of yarn. I used every inch of the skein to knit my scarf!

This scarf is reversible; I've only marked a right side and wrong side in the pattern to help keep track of where you are. If you look closely at the pattern, it may appear that rows repeat, but while the instructions repeat, you are on the opposite side of the fabric when you work it (Rows 1 & 12, 2 & 11, 3 & 10, 4 & 9, 5 & 8, 6 & 7, 13 & 14). As a result, if you put your work down and come back to it later, it may be difficult for you to tell where you are in the pattern. If you think you're on Row 1 and you were really on Row 12 or vice versa, you will find that the direction of your rib changes midstream! I recommend marking the right side of the fabric on this project while you work. You can use a locking stitch marker or tie a piece of yarn to the front.

Abbreviations:

- K = Knit
- P = Purl
- RS = Right Side
- WS = Wrong Side

This pattern uses a 7 stitch repeat. I cast on 7 repeats (49 stitches), using the long tail cast on, which is my default.

- Row 1 (RS): K1, *P3, K4* 5 times, end P3, K3
- Row 2 (WS): P2, *K4, P3* 5 times, end K4, P1
- Row 3. K2, *P3, K4* 5 times, end P3, K2
- Row 4: P1, *K4, P3* 5 times, end K4, P2
- Row 5: K3, *P3, K4* 5 times, end P3, K1
- Row 6: *K4, P3* repeat to end of row
- Row 7: *K4, P3* repeat to end of row
- Row 8: K3, *P3, K4* 5 times, end P3, K1
- Row 9: P1, *K4, P3* 5 times, K4, P2
- Row 10: K2, *P3, K4* 5 times, end P3, K2
- Row 11: P2, *K4, P3* 5 times, end K4, P1
- Row 12: K1, *P3, K4* 5 times, end P3, K3
- Row 13: *P3, K4* repeat to end of row
- Row 14: *P3, K4* repeat to end of row

Repeat Rows 1 - 14 until scarf is desired length, ending on either Row 6 or 13. BO loosely and in pattern. In this case, that means working Row 7 or 14 as written, and passing the preceding stitch over the just worked stitch as you work across the row, using larger needles if needed to keep your bind off loose.

