

Habit Forming

By Elizabeth Morrison

I bought this Noro Kureyon with the intention of using it in a mosaic stitch pattern, but the value range made it hard to choose a solid color to pair with it. Rethinking my plans, I got out my trusty Barbara Walker books and found this nice simple texture. The knitting is easy as can be. Although Ms. Walker names the stranded side as the right side of the fabric, either one works well.

The stitch tends to curl a little. A good wet blocking and some steam helped a lot!

Notes on the yarn

My Kureyon colorway had a few sections I didn't really feel belonged in the mix, and the starting and ending points of my balls would have made an abrupt transition where I spliced them. Three balls provides enough yarn to remove any sections you need to, to get the finished scarf you want. Plan ahead as you near the end of one ball and look at the ball you are going to be joining in. It might be necessary to remove yarn from one or both balls to get to colors that blend nicely from one to the next.

Or just choose a nice soft worsted weight solid and knit with wild abandon!

STITCH PATTERN

(From Barbara Walker's First Treasury)

Worked on an odd number of stitches

Row 1: wrong side : *k1, p1* repeat across, end k1

Row 2: *p1, sl 1 wyf* repeat across, end p 1



Model: Franklin Habit

DIFFICULTY RATING

Beginner

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Length: Approx. 50" not including fringe
Width: approximately 8.5 inches

MATERIALS

[MC] Noro Kureyon [100%wool; 109 yd/
100 m per 50 g skein]; color: #55,
neutrals; 3 skeins

1 set US #8/5 mm straight needles
Crochet hook (size F or G) for applying
fringe
Tapestry needle for sewing in ends

GAUGE

Gauge: approximately 18 st=4 inches in
pattern stitch. Gauge is not too
important in this project.

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DIRECTIONS

Cast on loosely 37 stitches.

Knit 3 rows.

Row 1: K2 st. Work in stitch pattern Row 1 for next 33 st. K last 2 st.

Row 2: K2, Work in stitch pattern Row 2 for next 33 st. K last 2 st.

Repeat these two rows. When piece measures 50 inches or desired length, knit 3 rows.

Bind off loosely.

FINISHING

Darn in any ends.

Apply optional fringe:

Cut 74 5 inch lengths of yarn. Fold a strand in half and use crochet hook to pull loop through a stitch on end of scarf. Pass ends of strand through the loop, even up ends, and snug into place. Work your way across each end of the scarf, placing one strand through each stitch in this fashion

Wash and block according to yarn band instructions. Most wool yarns will submit to blocking and steaming and resist rolling up into a tube.



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