

Sky Scarf

CONCEPTUAL KNITTING PATTERN: #1

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A "sky scarf" documents the weather out your window. Each day, you will knit a stripe in colors that match the sky. It will be lovely to see how different climates create different scarves! This pattern makes a 5-foot scarf over the course of one year.

Yarn: Collect yarns that correspond to the daytime sky: blues, grays and white. Laceweight yarns will let you double them up. You will select two strands a day, so you will need to split some of your skeins into two balls (see photo to the right) so that, for example, on a day with a pure bright blue sky, it is possible to knit your stripe with two strands of bright blue. For specific yarn recommendations, visit the Conceptual Knitting project page at:

www.leafcutterdesigns.com/projects/conceptknit.html.

Needles: size 4 straight needles.

Gauge: You will be knitting 2 strands at a time in this pattern, resulting in a gauge of about 6 stitches per inch and 11 rows per inch. Make a swatch to test your gauge and adjust your needle size if necessary. The 5-foot scarf assumes this gauge.

Instructions: Each day, you will take a moment to observe the sky. Select the 2 strands of color that best illustrate the day's sky (see examples at right). Knitting with these 2 strands at the same time, knit 2 rows in garter stitch, creating one stripe (and returning the 2 strands to the original edge). Repeat each day for a year and watch your scarf become a record of your local weather.

Important: To keep all colors available at any given time, you will need to carry all strands up the edge of the scarf along the way. To do this, take the yarns you are about to knit a row with and wrap them around the unused strands before you start the new row (see 1-3 below). Always wrap around in the same direction so you get a nice twist pattern up the edge of your scarf. Also, it is a good idea to choose a permanent place to set up your "sky scarf" project to prevent the yarns from getting all tangled up in your bag! Before knitting each row, move the balls around to keep them organized.

bright deep blue sky



bright deep blue sky with clouds



light blue sky



light blue sky with clouds



cloudy / foggy / light rain / snow



dark clouds / rain / thunderstorms



1) wrap strands around each other



2) begin row



3) tidy, twisted edge



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