

**Mysterious Lace
Reversible Scarf**



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Skill level: advanced or adventurous intermediate (go ahead, try it -- all directions are fully explained)

A little history on this pattern's name: A mysterious Misti knitter in Peru invented this scarf. The scarf's stitch pattern baffled everyone. Then Beth McNish, former engineer and now full-time mom, deconstructed the stitch pattern so the rest of us could try it.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Width	10 in / 25 cm
Length	55 in / 140 cm

Yarn

Misti Alpaca Hand Paint Lace (100% baby alpaca, 100 gr = approx 874 yards)
1 hank

Needles

U.S. 8 (5 mm)

Gauge/Tension

28 sts (14 2-st pairs) and 16 rows = 4 in/ 10 cm in main body pattern

Notes

1. The main stitch pattern is worked over two-stitch intervals, with one stitch added (inc) as one stitch is removed (dec). As a result, the stitch count remains constant.
2. Knit first and last stitches of each row for garter-stitch edge.

To knit body of scarf

Loosely CO 68 sts.

For each row,
k1, *insert right needle from front to back between the 2nd and 3rd sts on left needle, wrap yarn around right needle tip as if to knit, then pull the yarn back towards you without removing any sts from left needle. Leave newly-made st on right needle. Now k2tog tbl: knit the first 2 sts on the left needle

together through their back loops and remove these 2 sts from left needle. Rep from * until you have 1 st remaining on left needle, k1.

Rep this row for each row of body until scarf is approx 52 in/ 132 cm long, or 3 in/ 7.5 cm shorter than desired length.

Next row: k1, *k2tog tbl, pass 2nd st on right needle over 1st st to BO one st, rep from * until 1 st rem on right needle.

Scarf Border

on BO edge:

Row 1: Looking at the body of the scarf, you'll see (33) columns of 2-st pairs bookended by the 2 garter-edge sts.

With the 1 rem st now on your right needle and BO edge to your left,

A: knit/YO sequence: *Insert right needle into BO edge of the 1st 2-st pair and k it (new st on right needle as usual) without removing old st from left needle, YO*, rep from * to * 7 times = you will have made a total of 16 sts within 1 BO st.

B. Skip one 2-st pair and perform the knit/YO sequence once in the BO edge of the next 2-st pair to make 2 new sts on the right needle.

C. Skip one 2-st pair. *Insert right needle into BO edge of the next 2-st pair and k it without removing old st from left needle, YO, repeat from * 7 times = you will have made a total of 16 sts within 1 BO st.

Repeat B and C sequence 8 more times, always skipping one 2-st pair between B and C, and skipping one 2-st pair between C and B. Pick up and knit 1 st in the BO edge garter

st of scarf body. You will have 162 sts on right needle. Turn work.

Row 2: k1, *k2tog, pass 2nd st on right needle over 1st st to BO one st, rep from * until 1 st rem on right needle. Turn work.

Row 3: Looking at the border so far, you will have 9 16-st scallops, separated by 2-st columns, and the outer edges in single garter st. Beg with 1 st on right needle and BO edge on your left.

D. Insert right needle just inside BO edge into the center of the scallop closest to the needles. Perform knit/YO sequence (described in Row 1A) 8 times. You will have made 16 sts in the center of the BO edge of the scallop.

E. Now perform the knit/YO sequence once in the BO edge of the following 2-st column to make 2 new sts on right needle.

Repeat sequences D and E 8 more times. On the last repeat, pick up and knit 1 st in the BO edge garter st. You will have 162 sts. Turn work.

Repeat border rows 2 and 3 twice more rethicken work Row 2 once more. On last rep, cut yarn and draw through the one st rem on right needle. Weave in ends.

Scarf border on CO edge:

With CO edge of scarf border to your left, pick up and knit 1 st in the garter edge st. Proceed as for first border (BO edge) replacing CO for BO in Row 1.

Block if desired. Toss around your neck and enjoy.



Abbreviations used

beg = beginning

BO = bind off

CO = cast on

k2tog = knit 2 sts together

k2tog tbl = knit 2 sts together through their back loops

rem = remaining

rep = repeat

st/sts = stitch/ stitches

turn work = flip work over and start with the first unworked st (at the same place you ended the last row before turning)

YO = yarnover