

Baseball Scarf for Stitch 'N Pitch

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Knitted Version

Materials: Lily Chin Signature Collection “Noho” (56% rayon, 44% microfiber), 73yds/67.5m per 1.75oz/50g - 2 balls # 3351 White (W), 2 balls # 3364 Mango (M). Lily Chin Signature Collection “Chelsea” (30% merino wool, 35% cotton, 35% acrylic), 191 yds/175m per 1.75oz/50g - one ball # 5810 Royal Blue (B). OR use your own team colors for M and B.

Knitting needles size 9 or size to get gauge. Set of double-pointed needles of same size.

Notions: Embroidery floss like DMC “Mouline Special” (100% cotton), 8.7yds/8m per hank - 4 hanks of red, 1 hank of black. A quarter yard of iron-on or fusible interfacing, tricot or stretch knit preferred.

Gauge: 4.5 sts and 7.5 rows = 1” or 18 sts and 30 rows = 4”/10cm in Garter St (K all rows), each ball = 4” x 4”.

Size: Scarf measures about 48” long x 6” wide with trim.

Notes: Always work with two strands of B held together.

Special Abbreviations: sl = slip, wyif = with yarn in front, ssk = slip, slip, knit, k2tog tbl – knit two together through their back loops.

Special Stitches: to inc, k into front and back of same st.

Directions:

With W, cast on 6 sts.

Row 1: Sl first st as if to P wyif, bring yarn to back, K across.

Row 2: Sl first st as if to P wyif, bring yarn to the back, inc in next st, K across to within last 2 sts, inc in next st, K last st – 8 sts..

Row 3: Rep Row 2 – 10 sts.

Row 4: Rep Row 2 – 12 sts.

Rows 5 and 7: Rep Row 1.

Rows 6 and 8: Rep Row 2 – 14 and 16 sts respectively.

Rows 9 and 10: Rep Row 1.

Row 11: Rep Row 2 – 18 sts.

Rows 12 through 20: Rep Row 1 or work even.

Row 21: Sl first st as if to P wyif, bring yarn to back, K2tog, K across to within last 3 sts, ssk, K last st – 16 sts.

Rows 22 and 23: Rep Row 1.

Rows 24 and 26: Rep Row 21 – 14 and 12 sts respectively.

Rows 25 and 27: Rep Row 1.

Rows 28 through 30: Rep Row 21 – 10, 8 and 6 sts respectively.

Rep rows 1 through 30 for pattern until 11 Baseballs have been completed or when yarn runs out, bind off. Weave in ends.

I-cord Trim:

With B and dpn, cast on 5 sts, then pick up one st through one ch loop at bottom of one side edge, [*DO NOT TURN WORK, always have RS or k side facing you, slide all sts to right-hand end of dpn, string strand of yarn across back of work k across, with another dpn, K4, K2togtbl, pick up another st through next ch loop up side edge*, rep from * to * 2 more times to work “connected I-cord,” + slide all sts to right-hand end of dpn, K4, K2togtbl, slide all sts to right-hand end of dpn, K5, pick up another st through next ch loop up side edge +, rep from + to + 6 more times, rep from * to * 4 times.]

Rep everything in [] until whole side edge is “trimmed” by this I-cord which looks like small, circular tube. Continue “connected I-cord” in this manner and pick up an extra st in last lp worked to turn corner. Rotate piece and working along bottom of cast on edge, pick up one st per cast on st. work an extra st in last st to turn corner, work along other side edge same as for first, then work across top of bound off sts as for cast on edge.

When whole scarf has been trimmed, end off yarn leaving 12” tail. Use this tail to seam last row to beginning cast on.

With M and dpn, cast on 5 sts, pick up one st through center st of previous I-cord or 3rd st of the 5, DO NOT TURN WORK, always have RS or k side facing you, slide all sts to right-hand end of dpn, string strand of yarn across back of work k across, with another dpn, K4, K2togtbl, pick up another st through next center st of previous I-cord*, rep from * to * until whole scarf been trimmed, end off yarn leaving 12” tail. Use this tail to seam last row to beginning cast on.

Baseball Stitching: With DOUBLE STRAND of black, embroider or crochet chain stitch or top chain across piece between each baseball. With DOUBLE STRAND of red, do same for curved stitching of each baseball.

Backing: Cut circles out of fusible interfacing the same size as each baseball without trim, about 4 x 4 (use soup cans or mugs or bowls as templates). Iron onto back of each baseball using paper or handkerchief between iron and interfacing to prevent scorching.

Crocheted Version

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Crochet hook size I/9 or size to get gauge. Contrast color scrap yarn to use as markers.

Notions: Embroidery floss like DMC “Mouline Special” (100% cotton), 8.7yds/8m per hank - 4 hanks of red, 1 hank of black.

Gauge: 3 sc and 4 rows = 1" or 12 sts and 16 rows = 4"/10cm in sc, each ball = 5" x 5"
Size: Scarf measures about 57" long x 7" wide with trim.

Notes: Always work with two strands of B held together.

Special Stitches: To inc, 2 sc in same st. To dec, pick up lp in each of next 2 sts, yo and draw through all 3 lps on hook.

Directions:

With W, ch 6.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in ea ch across – 5 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1 and turn (do not count ch-1 as a st), inc in first sc, sc in ea sc across to within last sc, inc in last sc – 7 sc.

Rows 3 through 5: Rep Row 2 – 9, 11 and 13 sc respectively.

Row 6: Ch 1 and turn (do not count ch-1 as a st), sc in ea sc across or work even.

Row 7: Rep Row 2 – 15 sc.

Rows 8 through 14: Rep Row 6.

Row 15: Ch 1 and turn (do not count ch-1 as a st), dec first 2 sc tog, sc in ea sc across to within last 2 sc, dec last 2 sc tog – 13 sc.

Row 16: Rep Row 6.

Rows 17 through 20: Rep Row 2 – 11, 9, 7 and 5 sc respectively.

Row 21: Rep Row 6.

Rep Rows 2 through 21 for patt.

Work until 11 Baseballs have been completed or when yarn runs out, change to double strand of B at last st, end off W.

Trim:

Rnd 1: With B, ch 1 and turn, 2 sc in first sc, sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in last sc, place scrap yarn marker, rotate piece and working along side edge of scarf, * 2 sc in side edge of first row, work sc in each row, work extra sc in last row *, place scrap yarn marker, rotate piece and working into bottom of foundation ch, 2 sc in first ch, sc in each of next 3 ch, 2 sc in last ch, place scrap yarn marker, rotate piece and along other side edge of scarf, rep from * to *, join with sl st to first sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 1 and turn, sc across next 7 sc, bring scrap yarn marker up, sc in next sc, * (dec next sc tog) twice, sc in next sc, (inc in next sc, sc in each of next 2 sc) 3 times, inc in next sc, sc in next sc, (dec next sc tog) twice; rep from * across side edge, end sc in last sc, bring scrap yarn marker up, sc across next 7 sc, bring scrap yarn marker up, sc in next sc, rep from * across this side edge, sc in last sc, join with sl st to first sc, change to M at last st, end off B.

Rnd 3: With M, ch 1 and turn, sc in first sc, 2 sc in first sc, sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in last sc, sc in next sc, bring up scrap yarn marker, rotate piece and working along side edge of scarf, * 2 sc in next sc, sc in each sc across to within sc before next marker, 2 sc in next sc*, bring up scrap yarn marker, rotate piece, sc in next sc, 2 sc in first ch, sc in each of next 3 ch, 2 sc in last ch, sc in next sc, bring up scrap yarn marker, rotate piece and along other side edge of scarf, rep from * to *, join with sl st to first sc.

Rnd 4: Ch 1 and turn, sc across next 9 sc, bring scrap yarn marker up, sc in each of next 2 sc, * (dec next sc tog) twice, sc in next sc, (inc in next sc, sc in each of next 2 sc) 3 times, inc in next sc, sc in next sc, (dec next sc tog) twice; rep from * across side edge, end sc in each of next 2 sc, bring scrap yarn marker up, sc across next 9 sc, bring scrap yarn marker up, sc in each of next 2 sc, rep from * across this side edge, sc in each of last 2 sc, join with sl st to first sc, fasten and end off. Weave in ends.

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