

Frankie's Knitted Stuff

Round the Twist



This is a garter stitch scarf worked entirely in short rows. If you aren't familiar with wrapping and turning, you will be by the time you've finished. It's a quick knit, with only 15 stitches on your needle but you do need to keep track of where you are in the pattern; this would be a good time to learn to 'read' your knitting if you don't do so already.

Any thickish yarn and needles can be used. The scarf pictured was knitted with 100g of James C Brett's Monsoon (180m / 100g, shade S6) on 4.5mm / US size 7 needles. It is about 117cm / 46" long.

Things you need to know about short rows

- For a start, it's easier to talk of short ridges than short rows. A ridge in garter stitch is two knitted rows and appears on the knitting as a row of bumps. These are easier to count than individual rows.
- Each short ridge is worked by knitting a number of stitches and then wrapping the yarn round the next stitch to avoid a hole, turning and knitting back to the beginning.

- This wrapping and turning is abbreviated as w&t in the pattern and is worked like this:

Bring the yarn forward, slip the next stitch purlwise, take the yarn back again, replace the slipped stitch on the left hand needle, bring the yarn forward again and turn the work

- Throughout this pattern I slipped all the stitches at the start of ridges knitwise. You may or may not choose to do the same.

Now cast on 15 sts and begin knitting ...

<u>Ridge 1:</u>	K3, w&t, K3.
<u>Ridge 2:</u>	K6, w&t, K6.
<u>Ridge 3:</u>	K9, w&t, K9.
<u>Ridge 4:</u>	K12, w&t, K12.
<u>Ridge 5:</u>	K9, w&t, K9.
<u>Ridge 6:</u>	K6, w&t, K6.
<u>Ridge 7:</u>	K3, w&t, K3.
<u>Ridge 8:</u>	K6, w&t, K6.
<u>Ridge 9:</u>	K9, w&t, K9.
<u>Ridge 10:</u>	K12, w&t, K12.
<u>Ridge 11:</u>	K15, turn, K15.



<u>Ridge 12:</u>	K12, w&t, K12.
<u>Ridge 13:</u>	K9, w&t, K9.
<u>Ridge 14:</u>	K6, w&t, K6.
<u>Ridge 15:</u>	K3, w&t, K3.
<u>Ridge 16:</u>	K6, w&t, K6.
<u>Ridge 17:</u>	K9, w&t, K9.
<u>Ridge 18:</u>	K12, w&t, K12.
<u>Ridge 19:</u>	K9, w&t, K9.
<u>Ridge 20:</u>	K6, w&t, K6.
<u>Ridge 21:</u>	K3, w&t, K3.
<u>Ridge 22:</u>	K15, turn, K15.



You have now knitted a quarter circle.

Repeat Ridges 1-21 once more to make a semi-circle. Finally, to change direction ready for the next semi-circle, knit one row on all 15 stitches instead of two.



Carry on like this, working semi-circles by repeating Ridges 1-22, 1-21 and then knitting one row, for as long as you want or until you run out of yarn. Cast off after working the last Ridge 21 of a semi-circle.

As well as this aran weight scarf I knitted a longer one in chunky yarn. This time I used about 115g of James C Brett's Marble Chunky (312m / 200g, shade MC7) and 6mm / US size 10 needles. The finished scarf is about 160 cm / 63" long.

Abbreviations

st / sts	stitch / stitches
K	knit
w&t	wrap and turn

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