

Garther-Stitch Balaclavas

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Spurred on by Pam Allen's book *Scarf Style* (published by Interweave Press), for the *Interweave Knits* Fall 2004 staff project, we all jumped on the bandwagon and worked up our own scarves in warm shades of red and pink. Mary Jane describes her scarf: "When my house burned down, I couldn't concentrate well enough to knit my favorite Fair Isle patterns, so for my scarves I chose luscious yarns and the simplest of stitches, with a slant!"



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★ FINISHED SIZE:

Variegated scarf: 10" (25.5 cm) wide and 62" (157.5 cm) long, before seaming. *Solid scarf:* 11½" (28.5 cm) wide and 84" (213 cm) long from tip to top of longest points, not including tassels.

YARN:

Variegated scarf: Alchemy Yarns Alpaca Pure (100% superfine alpaca; 292 yd [267 m]/100 g): #57M heart (red, orange, yellow variegated), 4 balls. *Solid scarf:* Valley Yarns Wensleydale (100% Wensleydale wool; 174 yd [161 m]/100 g): #17 raspberry, 6 balls. Wensleydale distributed by Webs.

NEEDLES:

Size 5 (3.75 mm). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

★ NOTIONS:

Tapestry needle; small amount of contrasting scrap yarn; piece of cardboard about 6" (15 cm) wide and 8" (20.5 cm) long for making tassels.

★ GAUGE:

Variegated scarf: 20 sts and 38 rows = 4" (10 cm) in garter st with Alpaca Pure. *Solid scarf:* 17½ sts and 36 rows = 4" (10 cm) in garter st with Wensleydale.

★ SKILL LEVEL:

Easy. 

★ STITCH GUIDE:

CO 3 sts. Knit 1 row. **First point:**

Row 1: Sl 1, M1, knit to end—1 st inc'd.

Row 2: Sl 1, knit to end of row.

Rep these 2 rows 71 more times, ending with Row 2—75 sts; piece should measure about 15–16" (38–40.5 cm) from CO along straight selvedge, and 23½" (59.5 cm) from CO along selvedge with incs. Mark each end of the last row with scrap yarn. **Center section:** Cont as foll:

Row 1: Sl 1, M1, knit to end—1 st inc'd.

Row 2: Sl 1, k2tog, knit to end—1 st dec'd; 75 sts.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 until piece measures about 52" (132 cm) from marked row, ending with Row 2. **Second point:**

Row 1: Sl 1, k2tog, knit to end—1 st dec'd.

Row 2: Sl 1, knit to end.

Rep these 2 rows 72 more times—2 sts rem. K2tog—1 st rem. Fasten off.

★ FINISHING:

Fold piece about 20" (51 cm) from short side of one point as shown in illustration below. With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle and using the mattress st, sew both layers along one selvedge, beg at fold and sewing for 8" (20.5 cm) to form hood; this seam will run from the rear of the top of the head to the nape of the neck when the scarf is worn. **Reinforce seam:** With RS facing, pick up and knit 1 st in center of the end of the seam farthest from the fold (at nape of the neck), then pick up and knit 1 st just beyond the seam—2 sts. Turn, k2, pick up and knit 1 st just beyond seam—3 sts. Turn, k1, M1, k2—4 sts. Turn, k1, M1, k3—5 sts. BO all sts. **Tassels:** Make 2 tassels, each 8" (20.5-cm) high by wrapping the yarn around the long dimension of the cardboard. With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, attach these tassels to points at beg and end of scarf. Make one tassel 6" (14-cm) high by wrapping the yarn around the short dimension of the cardboard, and attach smaller tassel to point of hood where seam began. Weave in loose ends. ✨

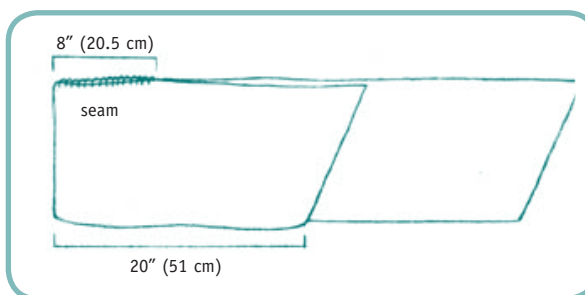


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