

Bias Scarves

These scarves were designed for the **Red Scarf Project**. This project sends scarves at Valentine's Day to college students who have aged out of the foster care system. These young men and women have no support network; a gift can be just the boost they need to keep going.

See http://nownormknits2.typepad.com/red_scarf_project_2007/ and <http://www.orphan.org/carepackages.shtml> for more information.

Abbreviations:

p2tog	purl 2 sts together	ssk	slip, slip, knit
pss0	pass slip stitch over	st(s)	stitch(es)
sl 1	slip 1 stitch	yo	yarnover
sl 1 k2tog pss0	slip 1 st knit-wise, knit 2 sts together, pass slipped stitches over knit stitch (double decrease)		

Scarf 1:

Materials:

Rowan Tapestry (70% Wool, 30% Soy Silk), color: Rustic (#174), 2 – 50 gram skeins, 131 yards each.

US size 7 needles, blunt yarn needle for weaving in ends

You can easily adapt this pattern for any weight of yarn. Use knitting needles sized to get a reasonable gauge in your chosen yarn. See the notes on the second page for customizing ideas and tips.

Gauge:

18 sts x 40 rows over 4 inches x 4 inches (10 cm x 10 cm) in garter stitch for the specified yarn.

Cast on 2 sts. Work in garter stitch (knit every row).

Follow the charts if you prefer.

Row 1: k1, p1, k1 in first stitch, k1

Row 2 and all even rows: knit

Row 3: k2, yo, k2

Row 5: k2, yo, k1, yo, k2

Row 7: k2, yo, k3, yo, k2

Row 7: k2, yo, k5, yo, k2

Continue until there are 37 sts, except:

R23: k2, yo, k1, *yo, k2tog* 8 times, yo, k1, yo, k2

Row 39 - 41: k1, ssk, yo, k2tog, k30, yo, k2

Row 43: k1, ssk, yo, sl1 k2tog pss0, yo, *k2tog, yo* 14x, k1, yo, k2

Row 45 - 65: k1, ssk, yo, k2tog, k30, yo, k2

Repeat rows 45 – 66 for a total of 17 repeats or until desired length.

Decrease Row 1: k1, ssk, yo, k2tog, k27, ssk, yo, k2tog, k1

Decrease Row 3: k1, ssk, yo, k2tog, k25, ssk, yo, k2tog, k1

Continue until 27 sts remain.

Decrease Row 13: k1, ssk, yo, sl1 k2tog pss0, yo, *k2tog, yo* 8x, k1, yo, k2tog, k1

Decrease Row 15 - 29: k1, ssk, yo, k2tog, knit until 5 sts remain, ssk, yo, k2tog, k1

Decrease Row 31: k1, ssk, yo, sl1 k2tog pss0, yo, k2tog, k1

Decrease Row 33: k1, ssk, yo, k2tog, k1

Decrease Row 35: k1, sl1 k2tog pss0, k1

Decrease Row 37: sl1 k2tog pss0, draw the tail through loop



Finished Dimensions: 5 inches wide x 70 inches long

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Scarf 2:

Materials:

Classic Elite Inca Print (100% Alpaca), color: Orchard, 3 - 50 gram skeins, 109 yards each

US size 8 needles, blunt yarn needle for weaving in ends

You can easily adapt this pattern for any weight of yarn. Use knitting needles sized to get a reasonable gauge in your chosen yarn. See the notes at the end of the pattern for customizing ideas and tips.

Gauge:

19 sts x 40 rows over 4 inches x 4 inches (10 cm x 10 cm) in garter stitch for the specified yarn.

18 sts x 34 rows over 4 inches x 4 inches (10 cm x 10 cm) in seed stitch for the specified yarn.

Cast on 39 sts.

Row 1 and all odd numbered rows: knit

Row 2 - 26: k1, ssk, yo, k2tog, k30, yo, k2

Row 28: k1, ssk, yo, sl1 k2tog pssso, yo, *k2tog, yo* 15x, k1, yo, k2

Row 30 - 32: k1, ssk, yo, k2tog, k30, yo, k2

Row 34: repeat row 28

Row 36 - 38: repeat row 2

Row 40: repeat row 28

Repeat rows 1 – 40 x times or until desired length.

End scarf by repeating row 1 – 26.

Finished Dimensions: 6.5 inches wide x 60 inches long

For Both Scarves

Finishing: Weave in all ends. Wash gently and lay out flat, block to desired shape.

Tips:

- Don't knit these scarves at a loose gauge, it needs some firmness to hold its shape.
- Knit the first stitch of each row loosely. If it is drawn tight the scarf will pucker along the edges.
- Occasionally, I would find that I had one too many stitches. I think it was because I forgot the second decrease after the first yo on a non-eyelet row. Rather than rip it back, I eliminated that extra stitch on the next eyelet row as follows: k1, ssk, yo, sl1 k2tog pssso, yo, *k2tog, yo* 15x, **k2tog**, yo, k2. Simple and no one will ever know that you made a mistake.
- Join new yarn at the end of a row. These scarves are two sided; woven in ends in the middle would show. I ran the ends up along the edge in the first stitch.

Ideas for Customizing:

- Use seed stitch instead of garter stitch (like in the picture), you won't need as many rows. Since the scarf shifts every other row, it will not be k1, p1 on every row at the decrease and increase points. You will need to keep watch, knitting the purls and purling the knits.
- Change the number of rows in between eyelet rows or add the eyelet rows at random intervals.
- You can use bulky to sport weight yarn. Since the pattern is worked on the diagonal, you will need a bit of math to figure out how many stitches to cast on. First decide how wide you want the scarf to be, let's say 6 inches. The width as you are working will need to be 1.4 x the finished scarf width, in this case 1.4 x 6 = 8.4 inches. If your gauge is 4 sts/inch you will need 8.4 inches x 4 sts/inch = 33.6 sts. The pattern needs to be work on an odd number of sts, so use 33 sts.
- To use the given gauge but make the scarf a different width, use the equation above: 1.4 x desired finished width, rounding to the nearest odd number.

Pattern doesn't make sense? You found an error? Have a question? Contact me at miss_maia@hotmail.com.

Corrections and questions regarding this pattern will be answered at http://maiaspins.typepad.com/maiaspins/2006/09/red_scarf_patte.html.

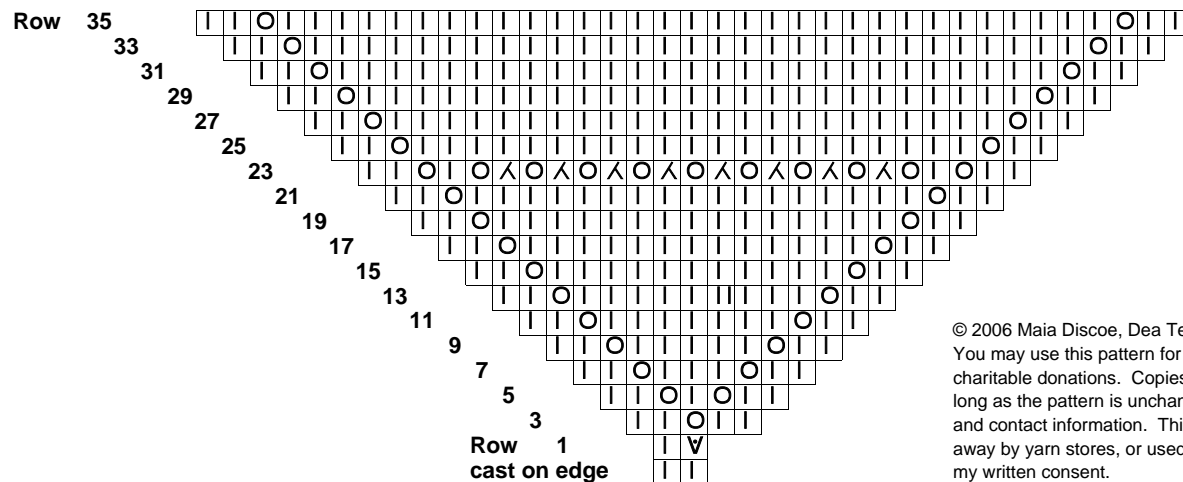
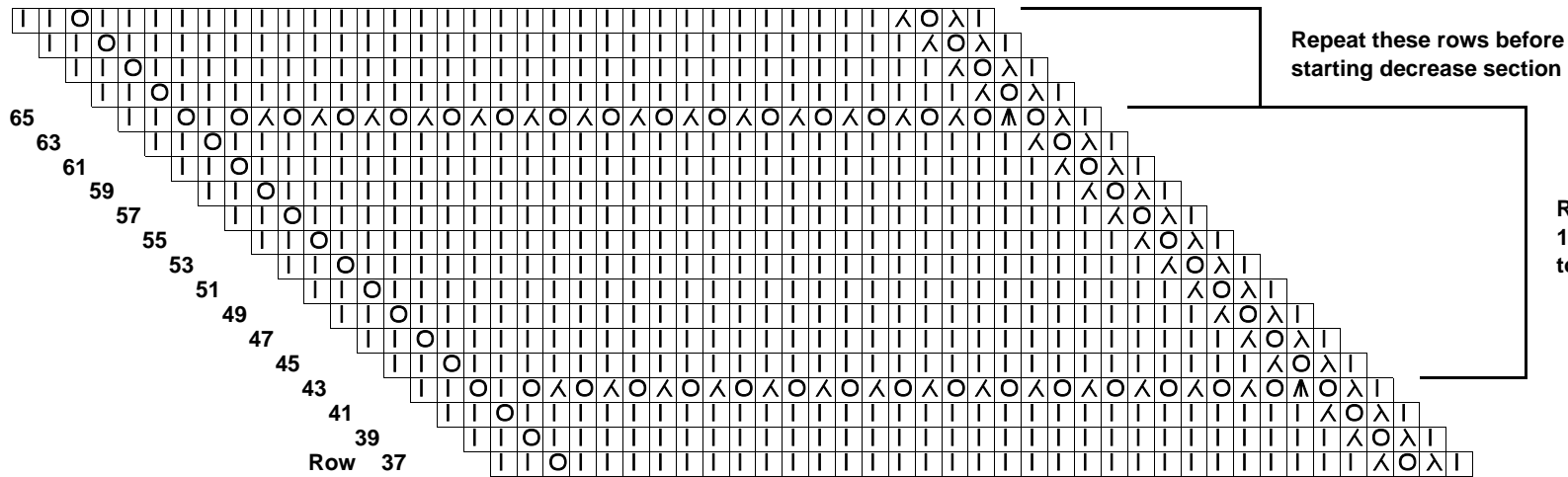
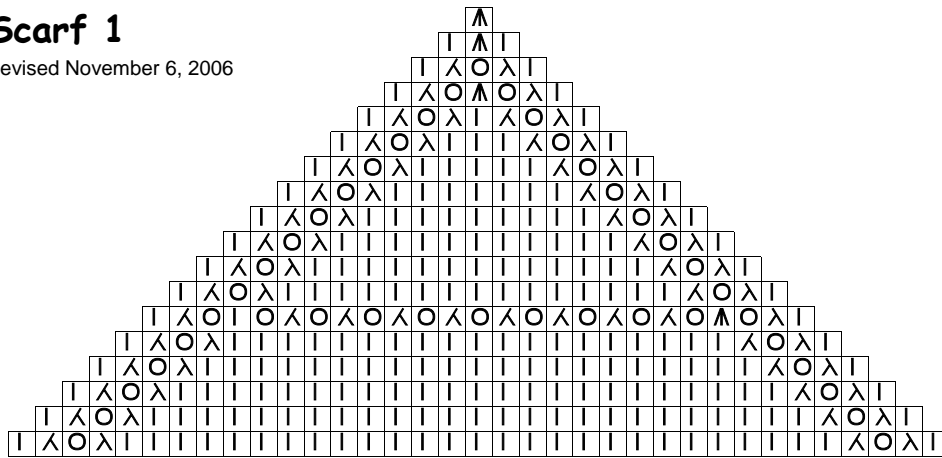
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Scarf 1

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	knit
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V	k1, p1, k1 in one stitch
Λ	slip 1, k2tog, pss0
λ	ssk
○	yo

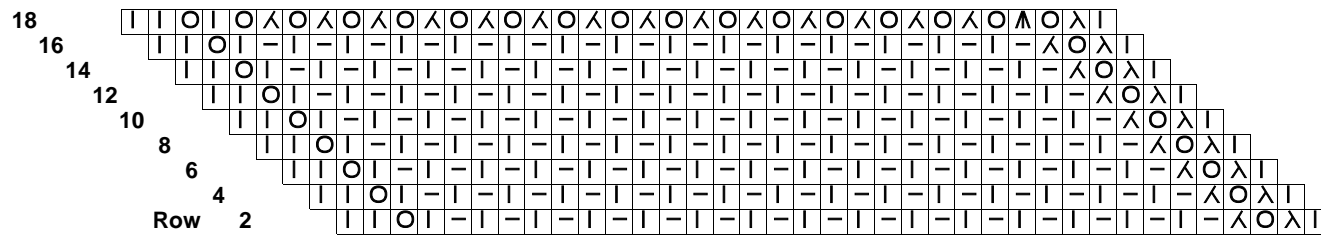
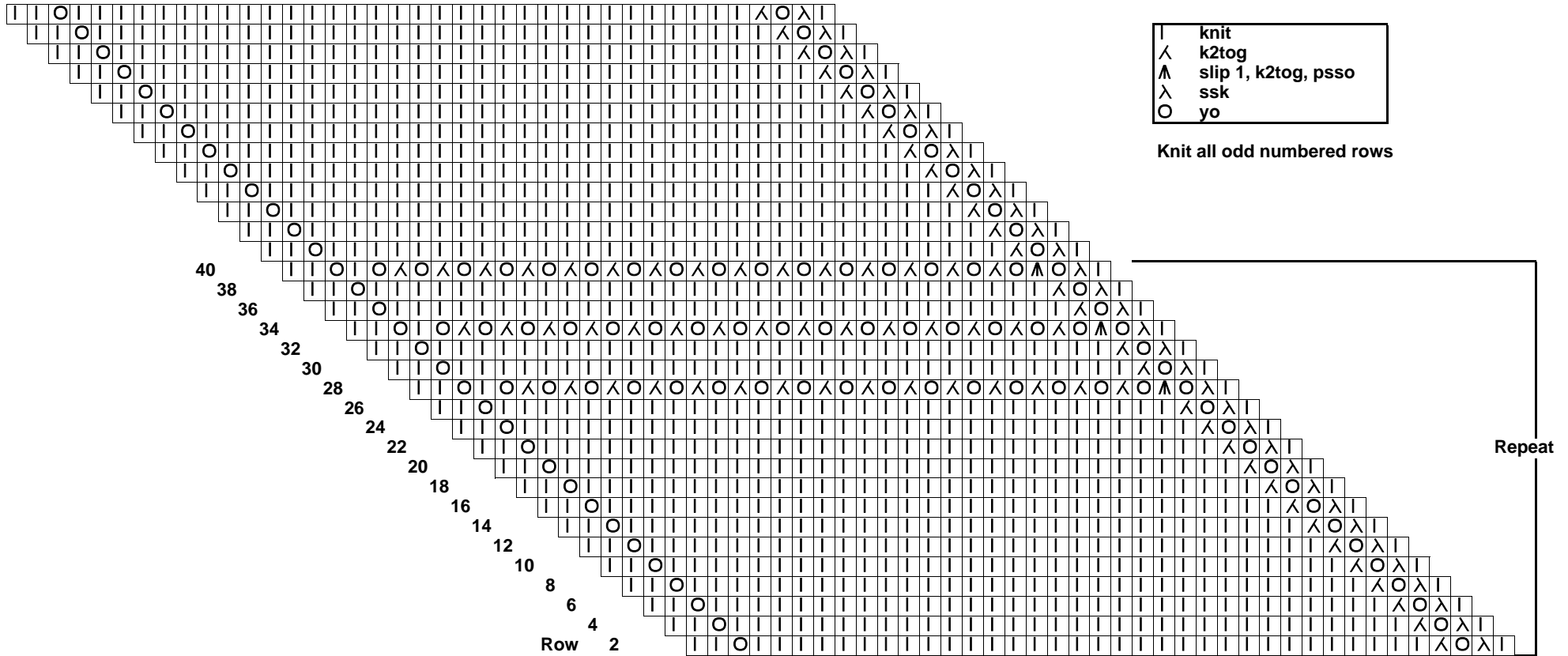
Knit all even numbered rows

Row 1
cast on edge

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Example in seed stitch

On odd number rows, knit the purl stitches and purl the knit stitches

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