The Age of Brass and Steam Kerchief

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Materials:

- **Kerchief** - approx. 53 in x 15 in (135 cm x 38 cm)
  Approx. 100 grams of DK weight yarn
- **Shawl** - approx. 68 in x 20 in (172 cm x 50 cm)
  Approx. 160 grams of DK weight yarn
- US 8 / 5mm circular knitting needle (24-32 inch/60-80 cm) for knitting flat
- Darning needle
- 2 Stitch markers

Gauge:

Approx. 18 stitches and 24 rows / 4 inches in stockinette, unblocked

Abbreviations:

k - knit

k2tog – knit 2 together - *(decreases 1 stitch)*

kfb – knit front and back - *(increases 1 stitch)*

M1R- make one right - *(increases 1 stitch – right leaning)*

M1L – make one left - *(increases 1 stitch – left leaning)*

p - purl

pm – place marker

RS – right side

sm – slip marker

sts – stitches

WS – wrong side

yo – yarn over

INSTRUCTIONS:
Choose either a **Garter Tab** -or- **Regular Cast On** and then proceed to
Set Up row and then move on to First Stockinette Section and continue
with pattern, noting row numbers as you proceed.

Garter Tab
Cast on 2 stitches.
Knit 6 rows.
Pick up and knit 3 stitches down the left side of the
knitting, one in each garter ridge. Pick up and knit 2
stitches from the cast on stitches.
(Stitch count: 7 sts)

-Or-

Regular Cast On:
Cast on 5 sts
Row 1: Knit
Row 2: Knit
Row 3: k1, kfb, k1, kfb, k1.
Row 4: Knit
(Stitch count: 7 sts)

Set Up row:
(WS) k2, yo, p1, pm, p1, pm, p1, yo, k2. (9 sts)

First Stockinette Section:

Row 1: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 2: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 3: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2

Row 4: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

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Row 5: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2

Row 6: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 7: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2

Row 8: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 9: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2

Row 10: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 11: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2

Row 12: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 13: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2

Row 14: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 15: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2

(Stitch count: 55 sts)

First Garter/Eyelet Section:

Row 16: (WS) k2, yo, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 17: (RS) k2, yo, (k2tog, yo) to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, (yo, k2tog) to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 18: (WS) k2, yo, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2. (63 sts)

Second Stockinette Section:

Row 19: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 20: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 21: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 22: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 23: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 24: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 25: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 26: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 27: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 28: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 29: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 30: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 31: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 32: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 33: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 34: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 35: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 36: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 37: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 38: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 39: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

(Stitch count: 127 sts)

Second Garter/Eyelet Section:

Row 40: (WS) k2, yo, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 41: (RS) k2, yo, (k2tog, yo) to marker, M1R, sm, k1, M1L, (yo, k2tog) to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 42: (WS) k2, yo, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

(Stitch count: 135 sts)

Third Stockinette Section:

Row 43: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 44: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 45: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 46: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 47: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 48: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 49: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 50: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 51: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 52: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 53: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 54: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 55: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 56: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 57: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 58: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 59: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 60: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 61: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 62: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 63: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

(Stitch count: 199 sts)

Third Garter/Eyelet Section:

Row 64: (WS) k2, yo, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 65: (RS) k2, yo, (k2tog, yo) to marker, M1R, sm, k1, M1L, (yo,

k2tog) to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 66: (WS) k2, yo, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

(Stitch count: 207 sts)

If making the **Kerchief**, proceed to **Final Section/Border**.

If making the **Shawl**, work **Fourth Stockinette** and **Fourth garter/Eyelet sections** before working **Final Section/Border**.

Fourth Stockinette Section:

Row 67: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 68: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 69: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 70: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 71: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 72: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 73: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 74: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 75: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 76: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 77: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 78: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 79: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 80: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 81: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 82: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 83: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 84: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 85: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 86: (WS) k2, yo, p to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 87: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

(Stitch count: 271 sts)

Fourth Garter/Eyelet Section:

Row 88: (WS) k2, yo, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 89: (RS) k2, yo, (k2tog, yo) to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L,

(yo, k2tog) to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 90: (WS) k2, yo, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

(Stitch count: 279 sts)

FINAL SECTION/BORDER:

Row 67 or 91: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

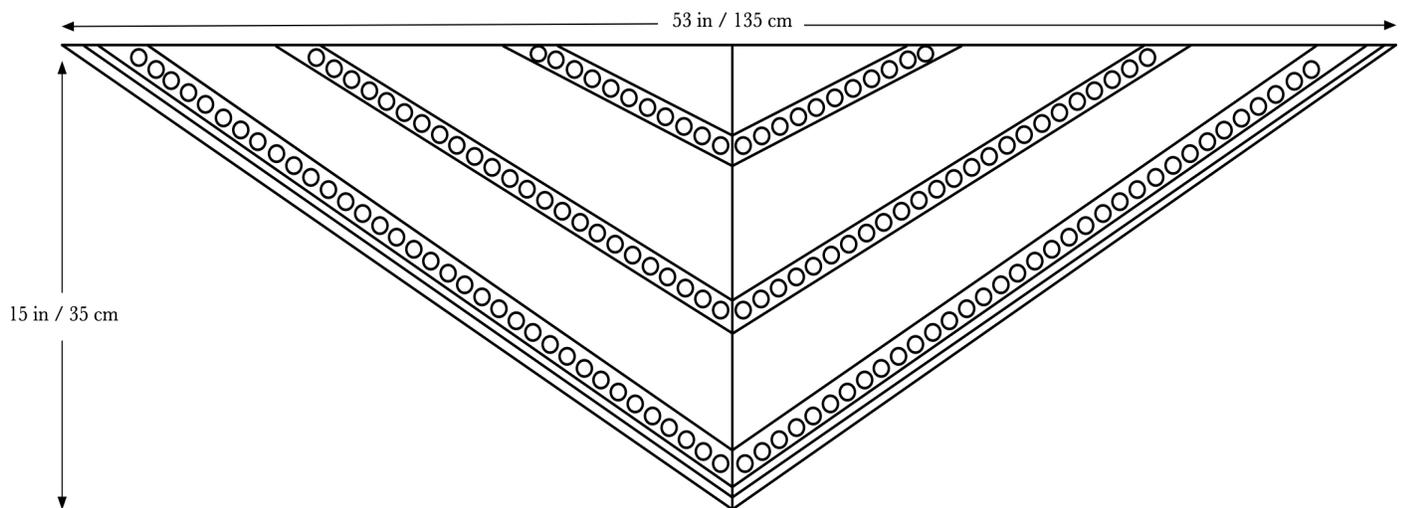Row 68 or 92: (WS) k2, yo, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 69 or 93: (RS) k2, yo, k to marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

(Stitch count: 217 or 289 sts)

Row 70 or 94: Bind off loosely in knit.

Sew in ends and wet block to desired size - see Notes, below, for more information.

53 in / 135 cm

15 in / 35 cm

Kerchief shown in diagram. Shawl has one additional stockinette and garter/eyelet section and measures approx. 68 in x 20 in.

NOTES:

Making the yarn overs (yo) at the beginning and end of each row:

The yarn overs at the sides allow the kerchief to stretch into shape. They are not very visible in the finished pattern. There are ways to knit these yarn overs to make them perfectly symmetrical on each side, however, I find that knitting them in the usual way works just fine in this case.

To create a yo between a knit st and a purl st:

bring the yarn to the front, then over the right-hand needle (yo) and then back to the front to purl.

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To create a yo between a purl st and a knitt st:

the yarn is starting out in the front - bring it up over the right-hand needle, making a yo and setting up the yarn in the back for the next knit stitch.

Washing and wet blocking tips:

Soak the kerchief in a basin of cool water and a small amount of wool wash. Let soak for 20-30 minutes. Rinse and gently squeeze to release excess water. Roll kerchief in a clean towel and apply pressure to remove more moisture. Remove kerchief from towel. Place another dry towel (or towels) onto a flat surface and lay the kerchief on top, pulling and stretching it to the shape and size of the diagram above. Blocking wires are optional. I usually do not use them for this pattern. Use your hands to gently flatten and straighten the edges of the kerchief.

Enlarging the pattern:

As written, this pattern creates a kerchief and a shawl. To make an even larger shawl, simply work additional stockinette sections (working 21 rows per section) and garter/eyelet sections before finishing with the final section/border.