



DANCING DROPLET SKINNY SCARF

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Choose one color of DK weight wool to knit this quick one skein skinny scarf. Begin at the tip with an I-cord Tab Cast On. Increases along the right edge gradually shape the fabric until you reach the middle of the scarf. Then, decrease to the other tip while working the fun droplet stitch pattern. This textured stitch is worked every six rows, producing gathered clusters of color, perfect for splashy variegated yarns and speckled colorways. I used Twisted Ambitions Wicked DK in their variegated Earth colorway and loved how the droplet stitch highlighted the streaks of color in the yarn. It's mesmerizing to watch the colors unfold!



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Finished Measurements: 58" / 147cm wingspan length, 9" / 23cm width measured at widest part in the center of the scarf. Measurements taken after blocking.

Yarn: DK weight

Yardage: 240yds / 219m

Shown in: Twisted Ambitions Wicked DK (100% Superwash Merino Wool; 250yds / 229m per 100g skein)
Colorway - Earth

Needles: US 6 / 4mm circular in 40" / 100cm length or size needed to obtain gauge

Notions: Tapestry needle

Gauge: 15 sts & 26 rows = 4" / 10cm in pattern after blocking

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Abbreviations

CO: cast on

k: knit

m1: (make 1) increase 1 stitch using the backwards loop cast on method

p: purl

RS: right side

sl: slip stitch purl-wise unless instructed otherwise

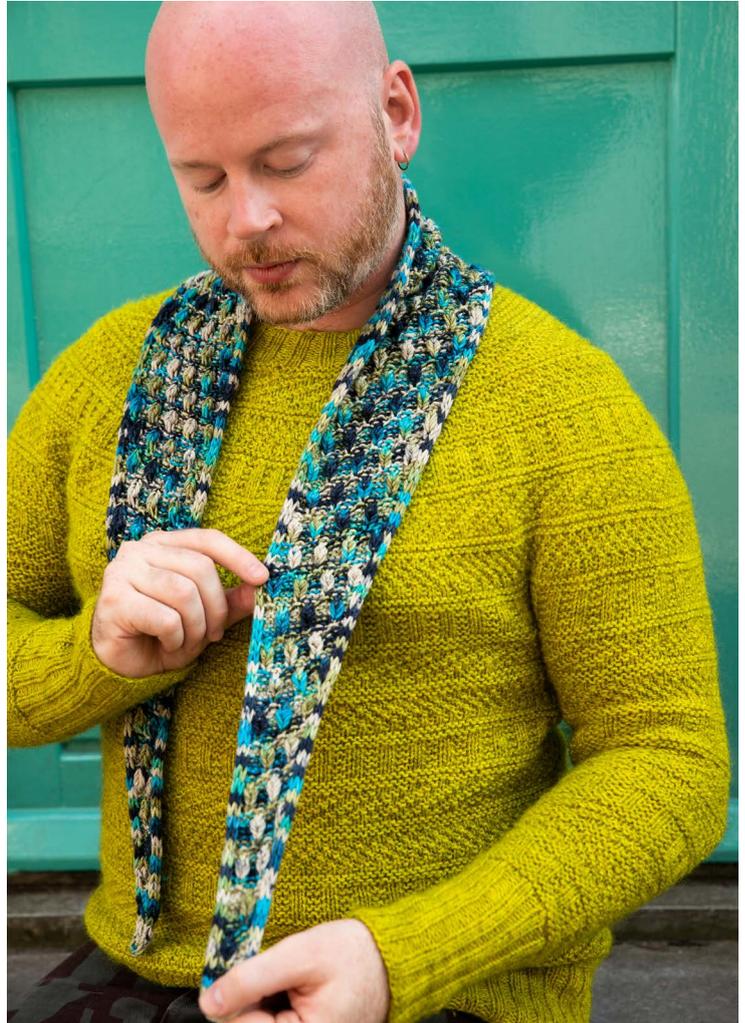
ssk: (slip slip knit) slip first stitch knit-wise, slip second stitch knit-wise, knit those 2 sts together tbl

st/s: stitch/es

tbl: through back loop

WS: wrong side

wyif: with yarn in front



INSTRUCTIONS

I recommend weighing your yarn before starting your project to ensure that you have 50% or more of your yarn remaining before knitting the decrease section. The size is customizable, so make sure you don't use more than 50% of your yarn in the increase section. Then, you won't run out of yarn when you save half or more of your yarn for the decrease section.

This shawl begins with an I-cord Tab Cast On. Watch this Westknits video to assist with the I-cord Tab Cast On.

https://youtu.be/03_Jby1ImRQ

CO 3 sts. *K3, sl3 sts onto left needle; repeat from * twice more, k3, pick up and k3 sts along I-cord edge. 6 sts. Turn to work WS.

Next Row (WS): Pick up and k3 sts along I-cord CO edge, k3, sl3 wyif. 9 sts.

INCREASES

Row 1 (RS): K3, m1, p3, sl3 wyif. 10 sts.

Row 2 (WS): K6, p1, sl3 wyif.

Row 3 (RS): K3, k1, p3, sl3 wyif.

Row 4 (WS): K6, p1, sl3 wyif.

Row 5 (RS): K4, p3, sl3 wyif.

Row 6 (WS): K6, p1, sl3 wyif.

Watch this Westknits video to assist with the Droplet 1 technique during Row 7.

<https://youtu.be/6CDFH5zboxo>

Droplet 1: Insert right needle tip 5 rows below into the middle of the next st. Pull a long strand of yarn through that matches the length of 5 rows.

Insert right needle tip 4 rows below into the middle of the same st. Pull a long strand of yarn through that matches the length of 4 rows.

Insert right needle tip 3 rows below into the middle of the same st. Pull a long strand of yarn through that matches the length of 3 rows.

Insert right needle tip 2 rows below into the middle of the same st. Pull a long strand of yarn through that matches the length of 2 rows.

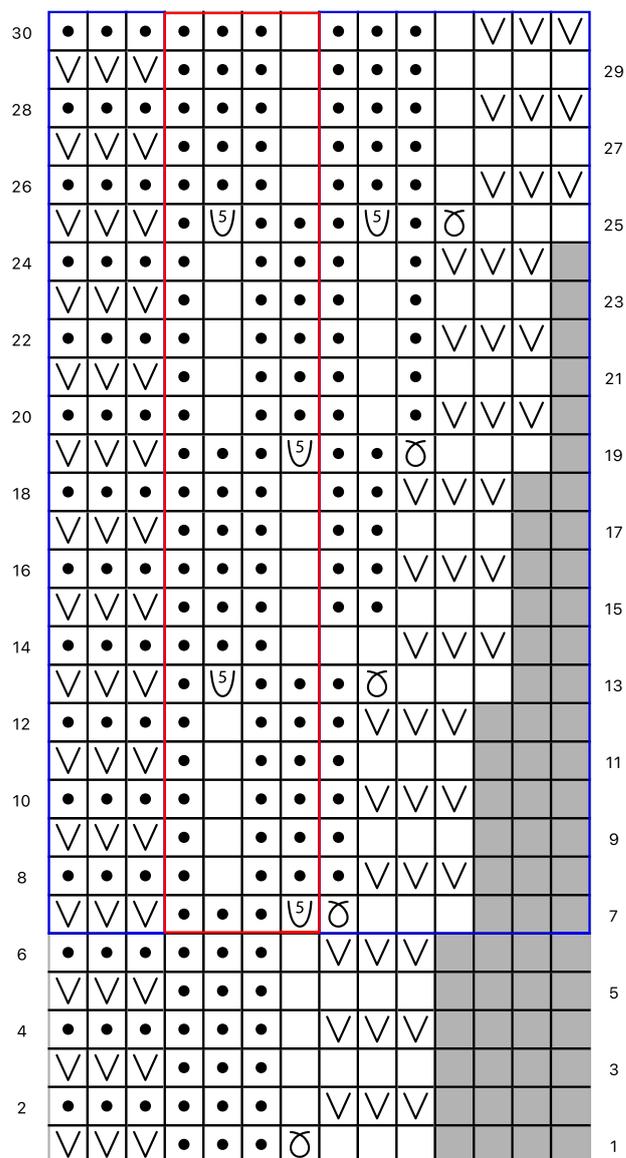
Insert right needle tip 1 row below into the middle of the same st. Pull a strand of yarn through that matches the length of 1 row.

Purl the st on the left needle. There should be 6 strands of yarn on your right needle.

Pass each of the 5 sts over the most recently purled st, passing them over 1 at a time starting with the longest stitch.

There should be 1 st remaining on the right needle.

Follow this chart or the written instructions for the increase section. Start reading the chart from the bottom with Row 1. Uneven numbered RS rows are read from right to left. Even numbered WS rows are read from left to right.



Key

 Droplet 1	 RS: knit WS: purl
 m1	 no stitch
 RS: purl WS: knit	 sl1 wyif
 Repeat Rows 7 - 30 six more times	 motif repeat

Pattern Repeat

Row 7 (RS): K3, m1, (Droplet 1, p3) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif. 1 st increased.

Row 8 (WS): K4, (p1, k3) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 9 (RS): K3, (p3, k1) to last 4 sts, p1, sl3 wyif.

Row 10 (WS): K4, (p1, k3) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 11 (RS): K3, (p3, k1) to last 4 sts, p1, sl3 wyif.

Row 12 (WS): K4, (p1, k3) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 13 (RS): K3, m1, (p3, Droplet 1) to last 4 sts, p1, sl3 wyif. 1 st increased.

Row 14 (WS): K3, (k3, p1) to last 5 sts, k2, sl3 wyif.

Row 15 (RS): K3, p2, (k1, p3) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 16 (WS): K3, (k3, p1) to last 5 sts, k2, sl3 wyif.

Row 17 (RS): K3, p2, (k1, p3) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 18 (WS): K3, (k3, p1) to last 5 sts, k2, sl3 wyif.

Row 19 (RS): K3, m1, p2, (Droplet 1, p3) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif. 1 st increased.

Row 20 (WS): K4, p1, (k3, p1) to last 4 sts, k1, sl3 wyif.

Row 21 (RS): K3, p1, k1, (p3, k1) to last 4 sts, p1, sl3 wyif.

Row 22 (WS): K4, p1, (k3, p1) to last 4 sts, k1, sl3 wyif.

Row 23 (RS): K3, p1, k1, (p3, k1) to last 4 sts, p1, sl3 wyif.

Row 24 (WS): K4, p1, (k3, p1) to last 4 sts, k1, sl3 wyif.

Row 25 (RS): K3, m1, p1, Droplet 1, (p3, Droplet 1) to last 4 sts, p1, sl3 wyif. 1 st increased.

Row 26 (WS): K3, (k3, p1) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 27 (RS): K3, (k1, p3) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

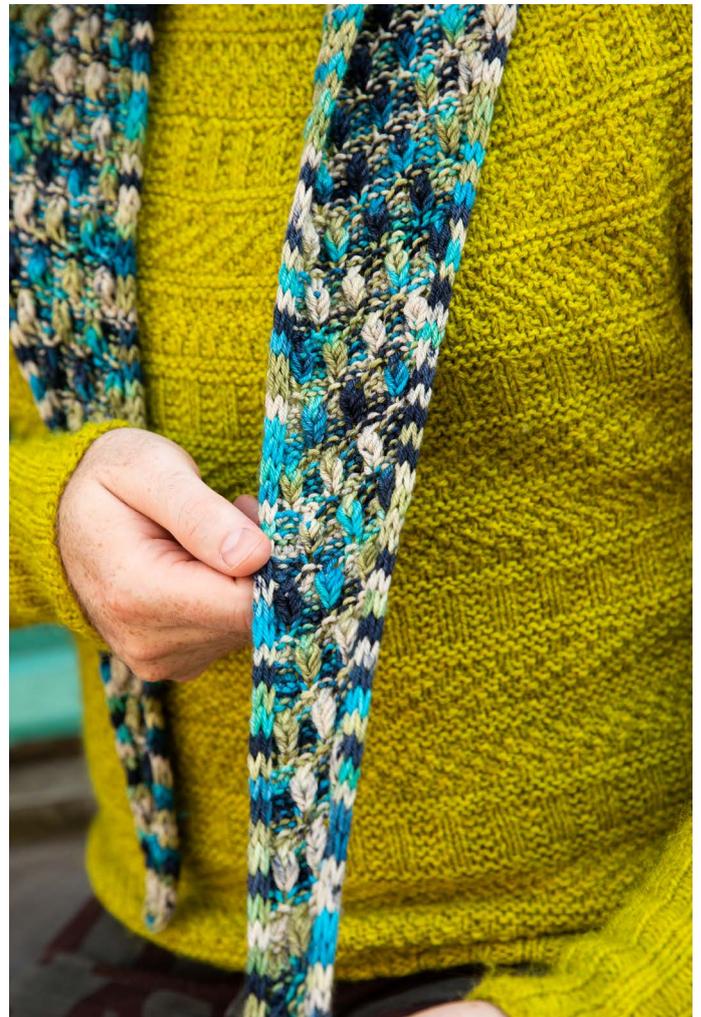
Row 28 (WS): K3, (k3, p1) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 29 (RS): K3, (k1, p3) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 30 (WS): K3, (k3, p1) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Repeat Rows 7 – 30 of Pattern Repeat 6 more times. 38 sts.

You are now halfway finished with the skinny scarf. Make sure you have 50% or more of your yarn remaining to complete the Decreases section. If you have more yardage, you can work more repeats of the Increase instructions to create a longer skinny scarf. Finish the Increases after completing Row 30 and save half or more of your yarn for the Decreases section.



DECREASES

Pattern Repeat

Row 1 (RS): K2, ssk, p3, (Droplet 1, p3) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif. 1 st decreased.

Row 2 (WS): K4, p1, (k3, p1) to last 4 sts, k1, sl3 wyif.

Row 3 (RS): K3, p1, k1, (p3, k1) to last 4 sts, p1, sl3 wyif.

Row 4 (WS): K4, p1, (k3, p1) to last 4 sts, k1, sl3 wyif.

Row 5 (RS): K3, p1, k1, (p3, k1) to last 4 sts, p1, sl3 wyif.

Row 6 (WS): K4, p1, (k3, p1) to last 4 sts, k1, sl3 wyif.

Row 7 (RS): K2, ssk, Droplet 1, (p3, Droplet 1) to last 4 sts, p1, sl3 wyif. 1 st decreased.

Row 8 (WS): K3, (k3, p1) to last 5 sts, k2, sl3 wyif.

Row 9 (RS): K3, p2, (k1, p3) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 10 (WS): K3, (k3, p1) to last 5 sts, k2, sl3 wyif.

Row 11 (RS): K3, p2, (k1, p3) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 12 (WS): K3, (k3, p1) to last 5 sts, k2, sl3 wyif.

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Row 19 (RS): K2, ssk, (p2, Droplet 1, p1) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif. 1 st decreased.

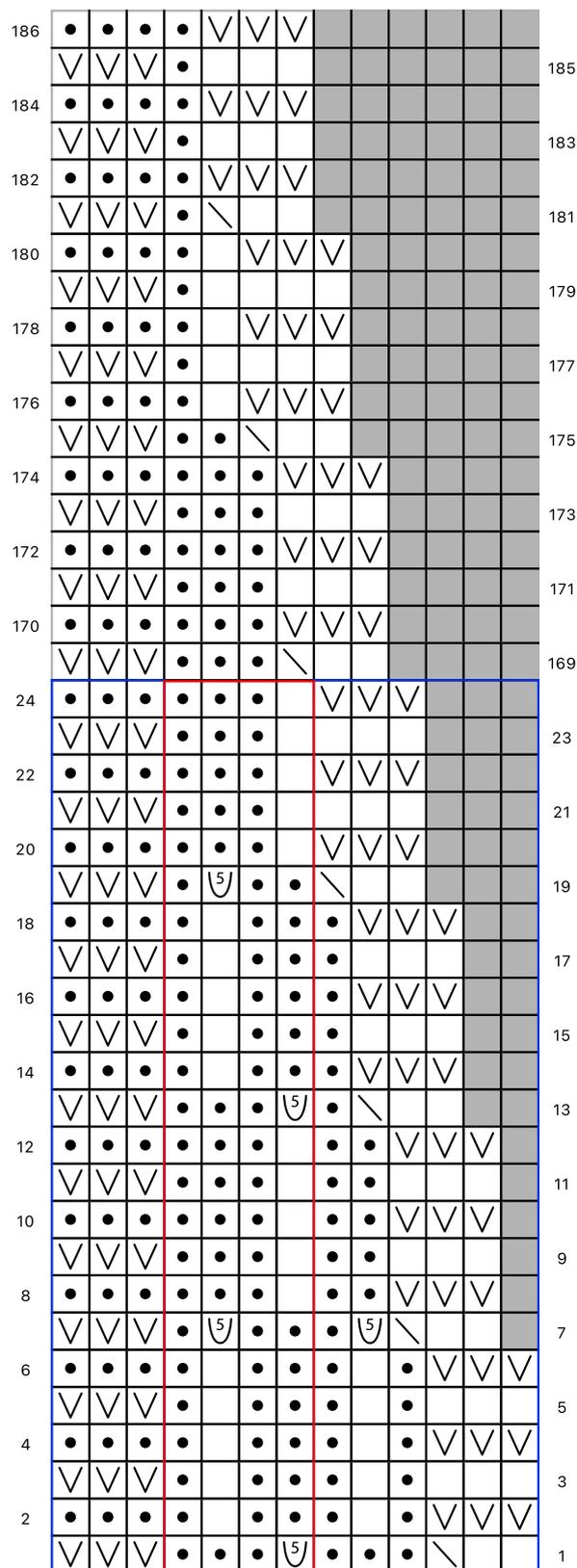
Row 20 (WS): K6, p1, (k3, p1) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 21 (RS): K3, (k1, p3) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 22 (WS): K3, (k3, p1) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 23 (RS): K3, (k1, p3) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 24 (WS): K3, (k3, p1) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.



Key

 Droplet 1	 sl3 wyif
 RS: knit WS: purl	 ssk
 no stitch	 Repeat Rows 1 - 24 six more times
 RS: purl WS: knit	 Motif Repeat

Repeat Rows 1 – 24 of Pattern Repeat 5 more times, then repeat Rows 1 – 19 once more. 10 sts.

Row 164 (WS): K6, p1, sl3 wyif.

Row 165 (RS): K3, (k1, p3) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 166 (WS): K3, (k3, p1) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 167 (RS): K3, (k1, p3) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 168 (WS): K3, (k3, p1) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 169 (RS): K2, ssk, p3, sl3 wyif. 9 sts.

Row 170 (WS): K6, sl3 wyif.

Row 171 (RS): K3, p3, sl3 wyif.

Row 172 (WS): K6, sl3 wyif.

Row 173 (RS): K3, p3, sl3 wyif.

Row 174 (WS): K6, sl3 wyif.

Row 175 (RS): K2, ssk, p2, sl3 wyif. 8 sts.

Row 176 (WS): K4, p1, sl3 wyif.

Row 177 (RS): K4, p1, sl3 wyif.

Row 178 (WS): K4, p1, sl3 wyif.

Row 179 (RS): K4, p1, sl3 wyif.

Row 180 (WS): K4, p1, sl3 wyif.

Row 181 (RS): K2, ssk, p1, sl3 wyif. 7 sts.

Row 182 (WS): K4, sl3 wyif.

Row 183 (RS): K3, p1, sl3 wyif.

Row 184 (WS): K4, sl3 wyif.

Row 185 (RS): K3, p1, sl3 wyif.

Row 186 (WS): K4, sl3 wyif.

Row 187 (RS): K2, ssk. Leave the final 3 sts of the row on your left needle. 6 sts.



FINISHING

Break yarn leaving an 8" / 20cm tail. Leave the first 3 sts on your right needle and the last 3 sts on your left needle with the purl bumps facing each other and both needles pointing to the right. Graft the remaining 6 sts together.

Watch this Westknits video to assist with the I-cord grafting.

<https://youtu.be/L0A0gcaL2xM>

Weave in ends and wet block the finished shawl to smooth the fabric.

Watch this Westknits video to assist with Weaving in Ends.

<https://youtu.be/33NkCgk27rQ>

Watch this Westknits video to assist with Blocking Your Shawl.

<https://youtu.be/MfNFvwqaO5Y>

