# SCHELPJE

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## Sweet dreams are made of this

Schelpje (which means 'little shell' in Dutch), is worked in a tuck stitch variation that looks just as good on the wrong side as it does on the right side. The beautiful drop shaped ends are emphasized by a lovely, substantial I-cord that is worked around the entire scarf. Schelpje was originally designed for the Knit on Texel retreat, and the shape and colors were inspired by the dune landscape of that beautiful island in the northwest of the Netherlands.

The pattern contains multiple variations for length and color, so unleash your inner stylist to play with yours!

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# TECHNICAL INFORMATION

## CONSTRUCTION

Schelpje is worked flat from one end to the other. After the cast on, the beginning of the scarf is shaped with increases and decreases, resulting in a drop shape. Once the preferred length is reached, you will mirror the shaping, resulting in a drop shape at the other end of the scarf. Next, an applied I-cord is worked around the scarf.

There are two options for the length, long (so it can be wrapped twice) and short (for wrapping it once). You can choose between a scarf that is solid, has one row stripes, or two row stripes, which has consequences for how the Tuck Stitch pattern is worked.

To see both versions and some styling options, please refer to the Moonstruck Knits - Schelpje scarf - YouTube tutorial.

## SIZE

### One size

**Long scarf**: length 134 cm / 52.75", width at center 8 cm / 3.25"

**Short scarf**: length 114 cm / 44.75", width at center 8 cm / 3.25"

## YARN

British Wool 4ply by Wol Verhalen, 100% wool (Bluefaced Leicester and Masham), 450 m / 490 yards per 100 gr.

### Long scarf in two colors
MC and CC: approx 100 m / 110 yards of both colors.
I-cord approx 120 m / 130 yards.

### Long scarf in one color
Approx 200 m / 220 yards.
I-cord approx  120 m / 130 yards.

### Short scarf in two colors
MC and CC: approx 60 m / 65 yards of both colors.
I-cord approx 90 m / 100 yards.

### Short scarf in one color
Approx 120 m / 130 yards.
I-cord approx 90 m / 100 yards.

The long scarf is shown in colorways Sand Grey (MC) and Adrena (CC), the I-cord is worked in Sand Grey.
The short scarf is shown in Thrush, the I-cord is worked in Adrena.

## NEEDLES

**Needle A** (for the scarf)
One 60 cm / 20" circular needle or 2 DPN's.
Suggested needle size: 3.25 mm / US #3.
**Needle B** (for I-cord around the scarf and the I-cord ring)
Two short DPN's.
Suggested needle size: 3.75 mm / US #5.

## GAUGE

Measured after blocking.
Broken Rib Tuck Stitch pattern on Needle A:
20 sts x 40 rows = 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4".

## NOTIONS

Tapestry needle, waste yarn, removable stitch marker, blocking tools.

## STITCH PATTERNS

The stitch patterns described below are for swatching purposes only. When working on the scarf, follow the directions given for the various sections.

### Broken Rib Tuck Stitch
#### Two colors, one row stripes
Worked over an odd number of sts.

**Row 1a** (RS): with MC, k1, (sl1yo, k1) to end. Do not turn, slide your sts to the other end of the needle, ready to work another RS row.
**Row 1b** (RS): with CC, k1, (brp, k1) to end, turn.

## Broken Rib Tuck Stitch Pattern

### Two colors, one row stripes

*Right side*
Upper half:
MC light color
CC dark color

Lower half:
MC dark color
CC light color

*Wrong side*
Upper half:
MC light color
CC dark color

Lower half:
MC dark color
CC light color

### One color, or two row stripes

*Right side*
Upper half:
two row stripes

Lower half:
one color

*Wrong side*
Upper half:
two row stripes

Lower half:
one color

**Row 2a** (WS): with MC, p2, (sl1yo, p1) to last st, p1, slide.
**Row 2b** (WS): with CC, p2, (brk, p1) to last st, p1, turn.

*Note:* since the outcome depends on which color you choose as your MC1 and your MC2, it's recommended to knit two swatches and swap MC1 and MC2 for the second swatch. The results will differ quite dramatically, and swatching it both ways will enable you to see which outcome you prefer.

### One color, or multiple colors in two row stripes

**Row 1** (RS): k1, (sl1yo, k1) to end.
**Row 2** (WS): k1, brk, (p1, brk) to last st, k1.

**Row 3**: k2, (sl1yo, k1) to last st, k1.
**Row 4**: k1, p1, (brk, p1) to last st, k1.

*Note:* for two color stripes, change colors after Row 2 & 4.

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## TECHNIQUES
## Tuck Stitch Knitting

Similar to brioche knitting, Tuck stitches are created using slipped stitches while carrying the yarn over the stitch. The stitch with its yarn over is considered one stitch. The yarn over is never counted separately. Try to see this stitch as a stitch with a shawl around its shoulders. When you are instructed that you should have 4 stitches on your needle, you will have 6 loops but count 4 stitches since the stitch together with its shawl/yarn over is counted as only one stitch.

### Abbreviations

**brk** (brioche knit) = knit the stitch that was slipped in the previous row together with its yarn over.
**brp** (brioche purl) = purl the stitch that was slipped in the previous row together with its yarn over.
**sl1yo** (slip 1 yarn over) = the action that creates the shawled stitch. This action works differently following a knit st than following a purl st, but one aspect remains standard: the working yarn must always be in front before slipping the stitch.

If you are unfamiliar with the brioche knit / purl and the slip one yarn over, Craftsy has a tutorial on how to perform these actions.
[The 3 Basic Brioche Stitches You Need to Know | Craftsy](#)

## Kitchener Stitch

**Step 1**: thread a tapestry needle with the same yarn you used to work your project. The length of this thread should be at least three times as long as the section you need to graft. Hold the needles with the live stitches parallel in your left hand, with both right sides facing out.

**Step 2**: insert the tapestry needle into the first st on the front needle as if to knit. Pull the yarn through and slip the st off the needle.

**Step 3**: insert the tapestry needle into the second st on the front needle as if to purl. Pull the yarn through, don't slip the st off the needle.

**Step 4**: insert the tapestry needle into the first st on the back needle as if to purl. Pull the yarn through and slip the st off the needle.

**Step 5**: insert the tapestry needle into the second st on the back needle as if to knit. Pull the yarn through, don't slip the st off the needle.

**Step 6**: repeat Step 2 - 5 until all sts are grafted together.

## Applied I - cord

For the I-cord that is applied around the scarf, please refer to the instructions on page 8, or to the Moonstruck Knits video tutorial about Schelpje.
[Moonstruck Knits - Schelpje scarf - YouTube](#)

For pattern support and possible errata, please go to the Schelpje thread in my group on Ravelry.

[Ravelry: Moonstruck Knits by Natasja Hornby discussion topic - Pattern Questions - Schelpje](#)

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# DIRECTIONS

Please refer to the directions for your preferred outcome. You can chose between a scarf worked in two colors / one row stripes (directions on this page) or a scarf in one color / multiple colors in two row stripes (directions on page 7).

## SCARF IN TWO COLORS, ONE ROW STRIPES
With Needle A and MC, CO 3 sts.

**First row** (WS): p to end.

### Start Tuck Stitch Pattern
Next, you are going to start the Tuck Stitch Pattern using increases to shape your scarf.

**Row 1a** (RS) – *increase row:* with MC, kfb, sl1yo, kfb. Do not turn, slide your sts to the other end of the needle, ready to work another RS row; 5 sts.
**Row 1b** (RS): with CC, p1, k1, brp, k1, p1, turn.

**Row 2a** (WS): with MC, p1, (sl1yo, p1) twice, slide.
**Row 2b** (WS): with CC, k1, brk, p1, brk, k1, turn.

**Row 3a** (RS) – *increase row:* with MC, kfb, k1, sl1yo, k1, kfb, slide; 7 sts.
**Row 3b** (RS): with CC, p2, k1, brp, k1, p2, turn.

**Row 4a** (WS): with MC, p2, (sl1yo, p1) twice, p1, slide.
**Row 4b** (WS): with CC, k1, (p1, brk) twice, p1, k1, turn.

### Increase Repeat A
**Row 1a** (RS) – *increase row:* with MC, kfb, sl1yo, (k1, sl1yo) to last st, kfb, slide; 9 sts.
**Row 1b** (RS): with CC, p1, k1, (brp, k1) to last st, p1, turn.

**Row 2a** (WS): with MC, p1, (sl1yo, p1) to end, slide.
**Row 2b** (WS): with CC, k1, brk, (p1, brk) to last st, k1, turn.

**Row 3a** (RS) – *increase row:* with MC, kfb, k1, (sl1yo, k1) to last st, kfb, slide; 11 sts.

**Row 3b** (RS): with CC, p2, k1, (brp, k1) to last 2 sts, p2, turn.

**Row 4a** (WS): with MC, p2, (sl1yo, p1) to last st, p1, slide.
**Row 4b** (WS): with CC, k1, p1, (brk, p1) to last st, k1, turn.

Work Row 1a - 4b four times more; 27 sts.

### Repeat (no increases or decreases)
**Row 1a** (RS): with MC, k1, (sl1yo, k1) to end, slide.
**Row 1b** (RS): with CC, p1, brp, (k1, brp) to last st, p1, turn.

**Row 2a** (WS): with MC, p2, (sl1yo, p1) to last st, p1, slide.
**Row 2b** (WS): with CC, k1, p1, (brk, p1) to last st, k1, turn.

Work Row 1a - 2b three times more.

### Decrease Repeat A
**Row 1a** (RS) – *decrease row:* with MC, ssk, k1, (sl1yo, k1) to last 2 sts, k2tog, slide; 25 sts.
**Row 1b** (RS): with CC, p1, k1, (brp, k1) to last st, p1, turn.

**Row 2a** (WS): with MC, p1, (sl1yo, p1) to end, slide.
**Row 2b** (WS): with CC, k1, brk, (p1, brk) to last st, k1, turn.

**Row 3a** (RS): with MC, k2, (sl1yo, k1) to last st, k1, slide.
**Row 3b** (RS): with CC, p1, k1, (brp, k1) to last st, p1, turn.

**Row 4a & 4b**: work as Row 2a & 2b.

**Row 5a** (RS) – *decrease row:* with MC, ssk, sl1yo, (k1, sl1yo) to last 2 sts, k2tog, slide; 23 sts.
**Row 5b** (RS): with CC, p1, brp, (k1, brp) to last st, p1, turn.

**Row 6a** (WS): with MC, p2, (sl1yo, p1) to last st, p1, slide.
**Row 6b** (WS): with CC, k1, p1, (brk, p1) to last st, k1, turn.

**Row 7a** (RS): with MC, k1, (sl1yo, k1) to end, slide.
**Row 7b** (RS): with CC, p1, brp, (k1, brp) to last st, p1, turn.

**Row 8a & 8b**: work as Row 6a & 6b.

Work Row 1a - 8b once more; 19 sts.

Next, work Row 1a - 2b of the **Repeat (no increases or decreases)** on page 5 until your work measures 100 cm / 40.5" (for the long scarf) or 80 cm / 31.5" (for the shorter scarf). End with Row 2b of the repeat.

## Increase Repeat B
**Row 1a** (RS) – *increase row:* with MC, kfb, sl1yo, (k1, sl1yo) to last st, kfb, slide; 21 sts.
**Row 1b** (RS): with CC, p1, k1, (brp, k1) to last st, p1, turn.

**Row 2a** (WS): with MC, p1, (sl1yo, p1) to end, slide.
**Row 2b** (WS): with CC, k1, brk, (p1, brk) to last st, k1, turn.

**Row 3a** (RS): with MC, k2, (sl1yo, k1) to last st, k1, slide.
**Row 3b** (RS): with CC, p1, k1, (brp, k1) to last st, p1, turn.

**Row 4a & 4b**: work as Row 2a & 2b.

**Row 5a** (RS) – *increase row:* with MC, kfb, k1, (sl1yo, k1) to last st, kfb, slide; 23 sts.
**Row 5b** (RS): with CC, p2, k1, (brp, k1) to last 2 sts, p2, turn.

**Row 6a** (WS): with MC, p2, (sl1yo, p1) to last st, p1, slide.
**Row 6b** (WS): with CC, k1, p1, (brk, p1) to last st, k1, turn.

**Row 7a** (RS): with MC, k1, (sl1yo, k1) to end, slide.
**Row 7b** (RS): with CC, p1, brp, (k1, brp) to last st, p1, turn.

**Row 8a & 8b**: work as Row 6a & 6b.

Work Row 1a - 8b once more; 27 sts.

Next, work Row 1a - 2b of the **Repeat (no increases or decreases)** on page 5 four times.

## Decrease Repeat B
**Row 1a** (RS) – *decrease row:* with MC, ssk, k1, (sl1yo, k1) to last 2 sts, k2tog, slide; 25 sts.
**Row 1b** (RS): with CC, p1, k1, (brp, k1) to last st, p1, turn.

**Row 2a** (WS): with MC, p1, (sl1yo, p1) to end, slide.
**Row 2b** (WS): with CC, k1, brk, (p1, brk) to last st, k1, turn.

**Row 3a** (RS) – *decrease row:* with MC, ssk, sl1yo, (k1, sl1yo) to last 2 sts, k2tog, slide; 23 sts.
**Row 3b** (RS): with CC, p1, brp, (k1, brp) to last st, p1, turn.

**Row 4a** (WS): with MC, p2, (sl1yo, p1) to last st, p1, slide.
**Row 4b** (WS): with CC, k1, p1, (brk, p1) to last st, k1, turn.

Work Row 1a - 4b four times more; 7 sts.

Next, work Row 1a - 2b once more; 5 sts.

**Next row a** (RS) – *decrease row:* with MC, ssk, sl1yo, k2tog, slide; 3 sts.
**Next row b** (RS): with CC, p1, brp, p1, turn.

**Next row a** (WS): with MC, p1, sl1yo, p1, slide.
**Next row b** (WS): with CC, k1, p1, k1, turn.

**Next row** (RS): with MC, BO all sts kwise.

Break MC and CC.

Proceed to **Applied I-cord** on page 8.

## SCARF IN ONE COLOR, OR TWO ROW STRIPES

*Note:* *if you want to work two row stripes, change colors after the WS rows.*

With Needle A, CO 3 sts.

**First row** (WS): p to end.

### Start Tuck Stitch Pattern

Next, you are going to start the Tuck Stitch Pattern using increases to shape your scarf.

**Row 1** (RS) – *increase row:* kfb, sl1yo, kfb; 5 sts.
**Row 2** (WS): k1, p1, brk, p1, k1.

**Row 3**: k1, sl1yo, k1, sl1yo, k1.
**Row 4**: k1, brk, p1, brk, k1.

**Row 5** – *increase row:* kfb, k1, sl1yo, k1, kfb; 7 sts.
**Row 6**: k2, p1, brk, p1, k2.

**Row 7**: k2, (sl1yo, k1) twice, k1.
**Row 8**: k1, (p1, brk) twice, p1, k1.

### Increase Repeat A

**Row 1** (RS) – *increase row:* kfb, sl1yo, (k1, sl1yo) to last st, kfb; 9 sts.
**Row 2** (WS): k1, p1, (brk, p1) to last st, k1.

**Row 3**: k1, (sl1yo, k1) to end.
**Row 4**: k1, brk, (p1, brk) to last st, k1.

**Row 5**  – *increase row:* kfb, k1, (sl1yo, k1) to last st, kfb; 11 sts.
**Row 6**: k2, p1, (brk, p1) to last 2 sts, k2.

**Row 7**: k2, (sl1yo, k1) to last st, k1.
**Row 8**: k1, p1, (brk, p1) to last st, k1.

Work Row 1 - 8 four times more; 27 sts.

### Repeat (no increases or decreases)

**Row 1** (RS): k1, (sl1yo, k1) to end.
**Row 2** (WS): k1, brk, (p1, brk) to last st, k1.

**Row 3**: k2, (sl1yo, k1) to last st, k1.
**Row 4**: k1, p1, (brk, p1) to last st, k1.

Work Row 1 - 4 three times more.

### Decrease Repeat A

**Row 1** (RS) – *decrease row:* ssk, k1, (sl1yo, k1) to last 2 sts, k2tog; 25 sts.
**Row 2** (WS): k1, p1, (brk, p1) to last st, k1.

**Row 3**: k1, (sl1yo, k1) to end.
**Row 4**: k1, brk, (p1, brk) to last st, k1.

**Row 5**: k2, (sl1yo, k1) to last st, k1.
**Row 6**: k1, p1, (brk, p1) to last st, k1.

**Row 7 & 8**: work as Row 3 & 4.

**Row 9** – *decrease row:* ssk, sl1yo, (k1, sl1yo) to last 2 sts, k2tog; 23 sts.
**Row 10**: k1, brk, (p1, brk) to last st, k1.

**Row 11**: k2, (sl1yo, k1) to last st, k1.
**Row 12**: k1, p1, (brk, p1) to last st, k1.

**Row 13**: k1, (sl1yo, k1) to end.
**Row 14**: k1, brk, (p1, brk) to last st, k1.

**Row 15 & 16**: work as Row 11 & 12.

Work Row 1 - 16 once more; 19 sts.

Next, work Row 1a – 2b of the **Repeat (no increases or decreases)** on this page until your work measures 100 cm / 40.5" (for the long scarf) or 80 cm /  31.5" (for the shorter scarf). End with Row 2b of the repeat.

### Increase Repeat B

**Row 1** (RS) – *increase row:* kfb, sl1yo, (k1, sl1yo) to last st, kfb; 21 sts.
**Row 2** (WS): k1, p1, (brk, p1) to last st, k1.

**Row 3**: k1, (sl1yo, k1) to end.
**Row 4**: k1, brk, (p1, brk) to last st, k1.

**Row 5**: k2, (sl1yo, k1) to last st, k1.
**Row 6**: k1, p1, (brk, p1) to last st, k1.

**Row 7 & 8**: work as Row 3 & 4.

**Row 9** – *increase row:* kfb, k1, (sl1yo, k1) to last st, kfb; 23 sts.
**Row 10**: k2, p1, (brk, p1) to last 2 sts, k2.

**Row 11**: k2, (sl1yo, k1) to last st, k1.
**Row 12**: k1, p1, (brk, p1) to last st, k1.

**Row 13**: k1, (sl1yo, k1) to end.
**Row 14**: k1, brk, (p1, brk) to last st, k1.

**Row 15 & 16**: work as Row 11 & 12.

Work Row 1 - 16 once more; 27 sts.

Next, work Row 1 - 4 of the **Repeat (no increases or decreases)** on page 7 four times.

## Decrease Repeat B
**Row 1** (RS) – *decrease row:* ssk, k1, (sl1yo, k1) to last 2 sts, k2tog; 25 sts.
**Row 2** (WS): k1, p1, (brk, p1) to last st, k1.

**Row 3**: k1, sl1yo, (k1, sl1yo) to last st, k1.
**Row 4**: k1, brk, (p1, brk) to last st, k1, turn.

**Row 5** - *decrease row:* ssk, sl1yo, (k1, sl1yo) to last 2 sts, k2tog; 23 sts.
**Row 6**: k1, brk, (p1, brk) to last st, k1.

**Row 7**: k2, (sl1yo, k1) to last st, k1.
**Row 8**: k1, p1, (brk, p1) to last st, k1.

Work Row 1 - 8 four times more; 7 sts.

Next, work Row 1 - 4 once more; 5 sts.

**Next row** (RS) - *decrease row:* ssk, sl1yo, k2tog; 3 sts.
**Next row** (WS): k1, brk, k1.

**Next row**: k to end.
**Row 8**: k1, p1, k1.

**Next row**: BO all sts kwise.

Break yarn.

## APPLIED I-CORD
Next, you are going to work an Applied I-cord around your scarf, using the yarn **held double**. Work as follows.

Place a removable st marker in the center of the long edge of your scarf. This is where you will start to apply the I-cord.

With Needle B and yarn **held double**, CO 4 sts using your preferred provisional CO.

Knit to end.

**Step 1**: do not turn, slide your sts to the other end of the needle.
**Step 2**: k3, sl1, yo.
**Step 3**: PU and k 1 st in the center of the long edge of your scarf, remove m.
**Step 4**: pass the second and third st (the yo and the slipped st) on your RH needle over the first (picked up) st.
**Step 5**: slide the sts to the other end of the needle.
**Step 6**: k3, sl1, yo.
**Step 7**: PU and k 1 st.
**Step 8**: pass the second and third st on your RH needle over the first st.

*Note: you will PU and k 1 st for every 2 rows.*

Repeat step 5 - 8 until 2 rows before the pointy corner of your scarf.

## Rounding the Corner
Next, you are going to round the corner by working I-cord rows without attaching them to your scarf. Work as follows.

**Step 1**: slide the sts to the other end of the needle, k4.
**Step 2**: work Step 5 - 8 of the **Applied I-cord**, slide.
**Step 3**: (k4, slide the sts to the other end of the needle) twice.
**Step 4**: work Step 6 - 8 of the **Applied I-cord**, slide.
**Step 5**: work as Step 3.
**Step 6**: work Step 6 - 8 of the **Applied I-cord**.
**Step 7**: work as Step 1.

Next, work Step 5 - 8 of the **Applied I-cord** until 2 rows before the other pointy corner of your scarf.

Work Step 1 - 7 under **Rounding the Corner.**

Next, work Step 5 - 8 of the **Applied I-cord** until you've reached the beginning of the Applied I-cord.

Break yarn leaving a tail. Use the yarn tail to graft the stitches together with the provisionally cast on sts, using Kitchener Stitch (see TECHNIQUES).

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## I-CORD RING

With Needle B and your yarn **held double**, CO 6 sts using your preferred provisional CO.

**Step 1**: knit to end.
**Step 2**: do not turn, slide your sts to the other end of the needle.

Repeat step 1 & 2 until your I-cord measures 13 cm / 5".

Break yarn leaving a tail. Use the yarn tail to graft the stitches together with the provisionally cast on sts, using Kitchener Stitch (see TECHNIQUES).

## FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Wet-block your scarf to given measurements.

# ABBREVIATIONS

**(x, y)** = the brackets represent a repeat. Directions within the bracket should be repeated as instructed.

**approx** = approximately

**bef** = before

**BO** = bind off

**brk** = brioche knit (see TECHNIQUES)

**brp** = brioche purl (see TECHNIQUES)

**CO** = cast on

**dec** = decrease

**DPN** = double pointed needle

**inc('d)** = increase(d)

**k** = knit

**k2tog / p2tog** = knit / purl 2 sts together (right leaning decrease).

**kfb / pfb** = knit / purl into the front and the back of the stitch (1 st increased).

**kwise** = knitwise

**LH** = left hand

**m** = marker

**M1L / M1pL** = make 1 (purl) left (left leaning increase); insert left needle, from front to back, under strand of yarn which runs between next stitch on left needle and last stitch on right needle; knit (purl) this stitch through back loop.

**M1R / M1pR** = make 1 (purl) right (right leaning increase); insert left needle, from back to front, under strand of yarn which runs between next stitch on left needle and last stitch on right needle; knit (purl) this stitch through front loop.

**p** = purl

**patt** = pattern

**pm** = place marker

**pwise** = purlwise

**PU** = pick up

**rem** = remove

**RH** = right hand

**RS** = right side

**sl** = slip (purlwise with yarn in back on RS and yarn in front on WS, unless otherwise stated).

**sl1yo** = slip one yarn over (see TECHNIQUES)

**ssk / ssp** = slip, slip, knit / purl (left leaning decrease); slip 2 sts as if to k, one at a time, slip the sts back to the LH needle, knit / purl these sts together through back loops.

**st(s)** = stitch(es)

**WS** = wrong side

**yo** = yarn over

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