

# Spring Spirits Kerchief

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This kerchief originated during testing of my “Spring Spirits Shawl” <http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/spring-spirits-shawl> when my friend LyubovShalnaya <http://www.ravelry.com/people/LyubovShalnaya> had the neat idea to use the shawl charts to make a smaller version with added ties which can be used as a kerchief.

The kerchief is knitted from the top down and has a triangular shape. The beginning of the kerchief is at the center top edge, the increases are made on both sides of the central stitch and along the edges of the kerchief. There is lace patterning on RS only, on WS all stitches are purled including YO. The ties are knitted on the 7-sts garter border in garter stitch.

## SKILL LEVEL

Intermediate (Lace knitting skills: knit, purl, increases, decreases, pattern repeats, provisional CO method). The lace pattern is simple, but requires attention.

## MATERIALS

**Yarn:** about 25 g of Pehorka Len Naturalniy (85% Linen, 15% Rayon, 440 m /100g)

**Needles:** US 2 (2,75 mm) circular needles

### Notions:

crochet hook and scrap yarn for provisional cast on

knitting stitch markers

blocking tools

two US 2 (2,75 mm) double pointed needles



*Kerchief and photo by LyubovShalnaya*

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**MEASUREMENTS**

Top edge: 57 cm excluding ties  
Depth along center stitch: 35 cm

**GAUGE** is not very important

**INSTRUCTIONS**

**BEGINNING**

Provisionally CO 7 sts: using provisional yarn with a crochet hook make a chain of 9, then with main yarn pick up and knit 7 stitches knitting in the bumps on the back of the chain. Work 8 rows in garter stitch. At the end of row 8 turn your work 90° clockwise, pick up and knit 3 sts along the longer side of the strip. Undo the provisional yarn and pick up the seven open stitches onto the left-hand needle and knit them (17 sts on right-hand needle). Continue your work with 7-sts garter border at the beginning and the end of each row.

**Set-Up Row (WS):** 7-sts garter border, PM, P1, PM, P1, PM, P1, PM, 7-sts garter border

Knitting stitch markers are indicating the center stitch and the 7-stitch garter border. You can also place markers between pattern repeats.

**BODY**

Work Rows 1-28 of the Chart A once. (65 sts)

Work Rows 1-36 of the Chart C once(153 sts)

**TIES**

In the next row (RS), start knitting the first tie on the 7 sts of the garter stitch border using two double pointed needles, leaving the remaining sts on the main needle.

**Abbreviations**

<b>approx</b>	approximately	<b>PM</b>	place marker
<b>acc</b>	according	<b>RS</b>	right side
<b>BO</b>	bind off	<b>rep</b>	repeat(s)
<b>CO</b>	cast on	<b>st(s)</b>	stitch(es)
<b>K</b>	knit	<b>WS</b>	wrong side
<b>P</b>	purl	<b>YO</b>	yarn over

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Work the tie as follows:

**Row 1 (RS):** K7

**Row 2 (WS):** K7

Repeat Rows 1-2 to desired length (about 20 cm). BO these 7 stitches after final repeat of Row 2, cut yarn.

Join your yarn and BO the remaining sts very loosely except for the last 7 sts of garter stitch border. On these 7 sts make the second tie the same way as you did the first one.

### FINISHING

Weave in the ends, block the kerchief. The points of blocking are shown on Chart C.

### HOW TO WORK WITH CHARTS

There is a garter stitch border which is formed by always knitting the first and the last seven sts.

Center stitch: RS rows – knit, WS rows – purl.

The center stitch and the garter stitch border are not shown on the charts.

The charts show RS rows only, in WS rows purl all stitches.

The charts are symmetrical and show one half of the shawl only. Knit all the charts as follows: garter stitch border, knit acc. to chart till center stitch, center stitch, knit acc. to chart till last 7 sts, garter stitch border.

Symbols			
	<b>K</b>		<b>Pattern rep</b>
	<b>YO</b>		<b>Point of blocking</b>
	<b>K2tog</b> (knit 2 stitches together—a decrease)		<b>S2KP</b> (slip 2 stitches knitwise together, knit 1stitch, pass slipped stitches together over the knitted one, 2 stitches have been decreased)
	<b>SSK</b> (slip, slip, knit these 2 stitches together—a decrease)		<b>Make 3 out of 1</b> ((RS) knit 1 stitch, yarn over, knit 1 stitch – 2 stitches have been increased; (WS) purl 1 stitch, purl 1 stitch through the back loop, purl 1 stitch )
	<b>SK2P</b> (slip 1, knit 2 stitches together, pass slipped stitch over the K2tog; 2 stitches have been decreased)		

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Chart A

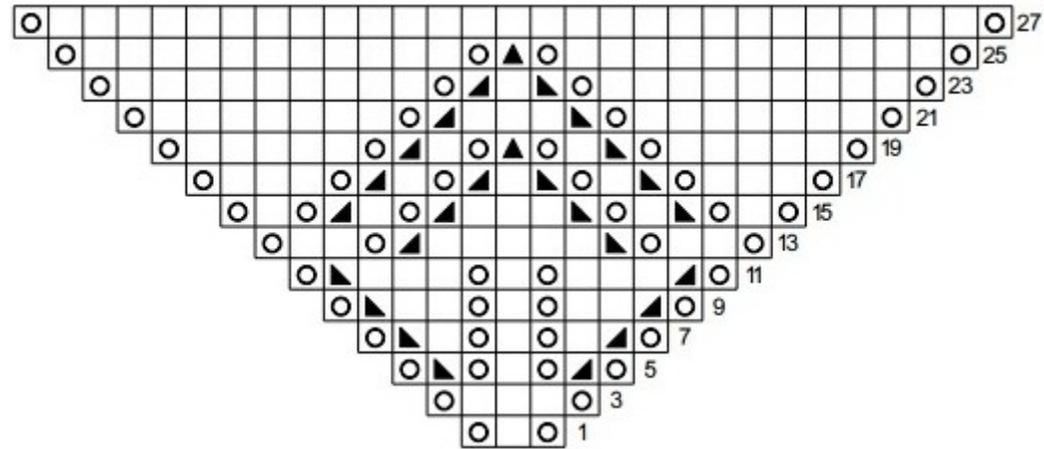


Chart C

