Murano squares bandana
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KnitCircus Divine DK and Harrisville Designs Nightshades on 4.5mm/US 7

You can find more **yarn ideas** and **projects** linked to the pattern page on **ravelry - bandana link**, or the boomerang **- boomerang link**.

Abbreviations and explanations:
k =   knit
p =   purl
st(s) =   stitch(es)
sl   =   slip
pw =   purlwise
wyib =   with yarn in back
wyif =   with yarn in front
kfb =   knit into front and back of the stitch
          (increases 1 stitch)

RS/WS: right side/wrong side
CC/MC: contrast colour/main colour

Yarn requirements:

Allow approx. 150m/165yds of each of 2 yarns with good contrast between them.

It works especially well if one yarn is self-striping, handspun or variegated – use the "fancy" yarn as the contrast colour (CC) – the main colour will form "frames" around the little squares of CC.

The yarns can be sport, DK, worsted or Aran weight – there can be one difference in weight between the 2 yarns, e.g. DK and sport or worsted; worsted with DK or Aran.

Gauge – you do not need to knit to a specific gauge, just be sure you like the fabric you are creating.

Styling note – tuck the top edge under as shown in the photo on the left for a nice tidy look.

Seaming at the back – this photo shows a different bandana (Gingham the easy way), but the principle is the same.

Cast-on: 37 sts using cable cast-on and the MC yarn (shown as dark yarn on the chart, but can be lighter colour if preferred).
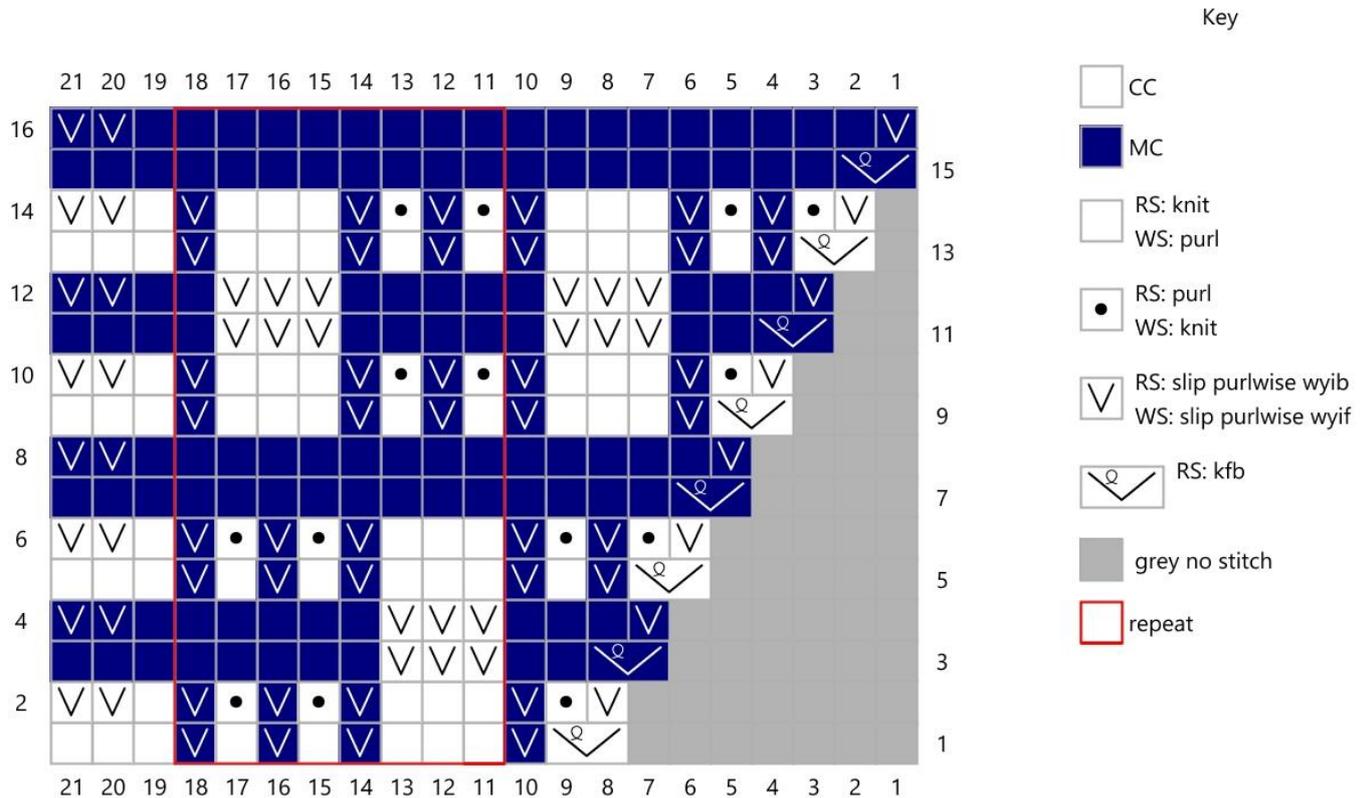*If you wish to make a shallower bandana or use heavier yarn, you can cast on 29sts instead.*

Link for cable cast-on: *http://stitchnerd.blogspot.be/2011/10/cable-cast-on.html*.
Then repeat from Chart 1, starting with Row 1.

Chart 1 – increase section: use the chart below or the written version on page 4
(be sure to read the notes below)

Key:
- CC
- MC
- RS: knit / WS: purl
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- RS: slip purlwise wyib / WS: slip purlwise wyif
- RS: kfb
- grey no stitch
- repeat

Note that there is a repeat on stitches 11-18 (shown in red) – if you print in black and white you will need to add it to your printout.

Work the repeat as many times as needed to get to the end of the row – e.g. the first time you work Row 1, you will work the repeat in the red box 4x, on the following repeat of Row 1 you will work it 5x.
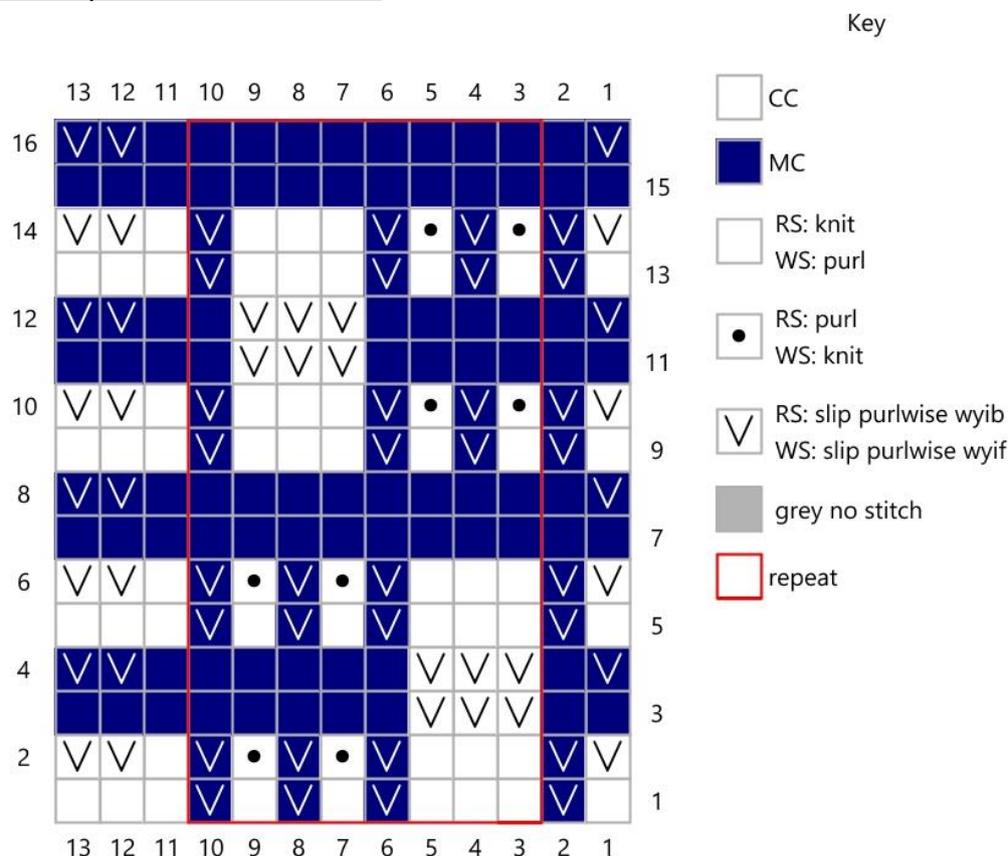Every 16 rows will add 8 new stitches (one repeat).

Repeat rows 1-16 until the topline (edge A on schematic to the right) fits around the head (approx. 50cm/20"), stopping after a Row 16, then work the straight section - see next pg.

Schematic:

Chart 2 - straight section
(use the chart below or the written version on page 4)
The repeat is stitches 3-10.

Key

Work the straight section by working Chart 2 three times (*or twice if you cast on 29sts*).
Work Chart 2 one more time, but this time stop after Row 15.

Then work the bottom edging (B on schematic) as follows:
Final row (WS) – sl2 wyif, knit to the last stitch, sl1 wyif.
Bind-off row (RS) – k1, p1, lift the knit stitch over the purl stitch,
*p1, lift the purl stitch over, repeat from * to the last stitch, then
k1, lift over.
Pull the yarn end through, and cut the yarn leaving a tail which you can use to secure the edge if you wish.

Finishing:
Once you have bound off, block flat, and then seam sides C and D together – I match the right sides and sew a neat seam on the WS, which is invisible on the RS (see photo on page 1), but you can use your preferred method – some of the testers, crocheted the seam.

Chart 1 – increase section - written version

Row 1 - CC (RS):   Kfb, sl1 wyib, *k3, (sl1 wyib, k1) × 2, sl1 wyib ; repeat from * to the last 3 sts, k3.

Row 2 - CC (WS):   Sl2 wyif, p1, *(sl1 wyif, k1) × 2, sl1 wyif, p3 ; repeat from * to the last 3 sts, sl1 wyif, k1, sl1 wyif.

Row 3 - MC: Kfb, k2, *sl3 wyib, k5 ; repeat from * to the last 3 sts, k3.

Row 4 - MC: Sl2 wyif, p1, *p5, sl3 wyif ; repeat from * to the last 4 sts, p3, sl1 wyif.

Row 5 - CC: Kfb, sl1 wyib, k1, sl1 wyib, *k3, (sl1 wyib, k1) × 2, sl1 wyib ; repeat from * to the last 3 sts, k3.

Row 6 - CC: Sl2 wyif, p1, *(sl1 wyif, k1) × 2, sl1 wyif, p3 ; repeat from * to the last 5 sts, (sl1 wyif, k1) ×2, sl1 wyif.

Row 7 - MC: Kfb, knit to the end of the row.

Row 8 - MC: Sl2 wyif, purl to the last stitch, sl1 wyif.

Row 9 - CC: Kfb, *sl1 wyib, k3, (sl1 wyib, k1) × 2; repeat from * to the last 8 sts, sl1 wyib, k3, sl1 wyib, k3.

Row 10 - CC: Sl2 wyif, p1, *sl1 wyif, p3, (sl wyif, k1) × 2 ; repeat from * to last 7 sts, sl1 wyif, p3, sl1 wyif, k1, sl1 wyif.

Row 11 - MC: Kfb, k2, sl3 wyib, *k5, sl3 wyib ; repeat from * to last 4 sts, k4.

Row 12 - MC: Sl2 wyif, p2, *sl3 wyif, p5 ; repeat from * to last 7 sts, sl3 wyif, p3, sl1 wyif.

Row 13 - CC: Kfb, sl1 wyib, k1, sl1 wyib, k3, *sl1 wyib, (k1, sl1 wyib) × 2, k3; repeat from * to last 4 sts, sl1 wyib, k3.

Row 14 - CC: Sl2 wyif, p1, *sl1 wyif, p3, (sl1 wyif, k1) × 2 ; repeat from * to last stitch , sl1 wyif.

Row 15 - MC: Kfb, knit to the end of the row.

Row 16 - MC: Sl2 wyif, purl to the last stitch, sl1 wyif.

Chart 2 – straight section - written version

Row 1 - CC (RS):   K1, sl1 wyib, *k3, (sl1 wyib, k1) × 2, sl1 wyib ; repeat from * to the last 3 sts, k3.

Row 2 - CC (WS): Sl2 wyif, p1, *(sl1 wyif, k1) × 2, sl1 wyif, p3 ; repeat from * to the last 2 sts, sl2 wyif.

Row 3 - MC: K2, *sl3 wyib, k5 ; repeat from * to the last 3 sts, k3.

Row 4 - MC: Sl2 wyif, p1, *p5, sl3 wyif ; repeat from * to the last 2 sts, p1, sl1 wyif.

Row 5 - CC: K1, sl1 wyib, *k3, (sl1 wyib, k1) × 2, sl1 wyib ; repeat from * to the last 3 sts, k3.

Row 6 - CC: Sl2 wyif, p1, *(sl1 wyif, k1) × 2, sl1 wyif, p3 ; repeat from * to the last 2 sts, sl2 wyif.

Row 7 - MC: Knit to the end of the row.

Row 8 - MC: Sl2 wyif, purl to the last stitch, sl1 wyif.

Row 9 - CC: K1, *(sl1 wyib, k1) × 2, sl1 wyib, k3; repeat from * to the last 4 sts, sl1 wyib, k3.

Row 10 - CC: Sl2 wyif, p1, *sl1 wyif, p3, (sl1 wyif, k1) × 2 ; repeat from * to last 2 sts, sl2 wyif.

Row 11 - MC: K1, *k5, sl3 wyib ; repeat from * to last 4 sts, k4.

Row 12 - MC: Sl2 wyif, p2, *sl3 wyif, p5 ; repeat from * to last stitch, sl1 wyif.

Row 13 - CC: K1, *(sl1 wyib, k1) × 2, sl1 wyib, k3; repeat from * to the last 4 sts, sl1 wyib, k3.

Row 14 - CC: Sl2 wyif, p1, *sl1 wyif, p3, (sl1 wyif, k1) × 2 ; repeat from * to last 2 sts, sl2 wyif.

Row 15 - MC: Knit to the end of the row.

Row 16 - MC: Sl2 wyif, purl to the last stitch, sl1 wyif.