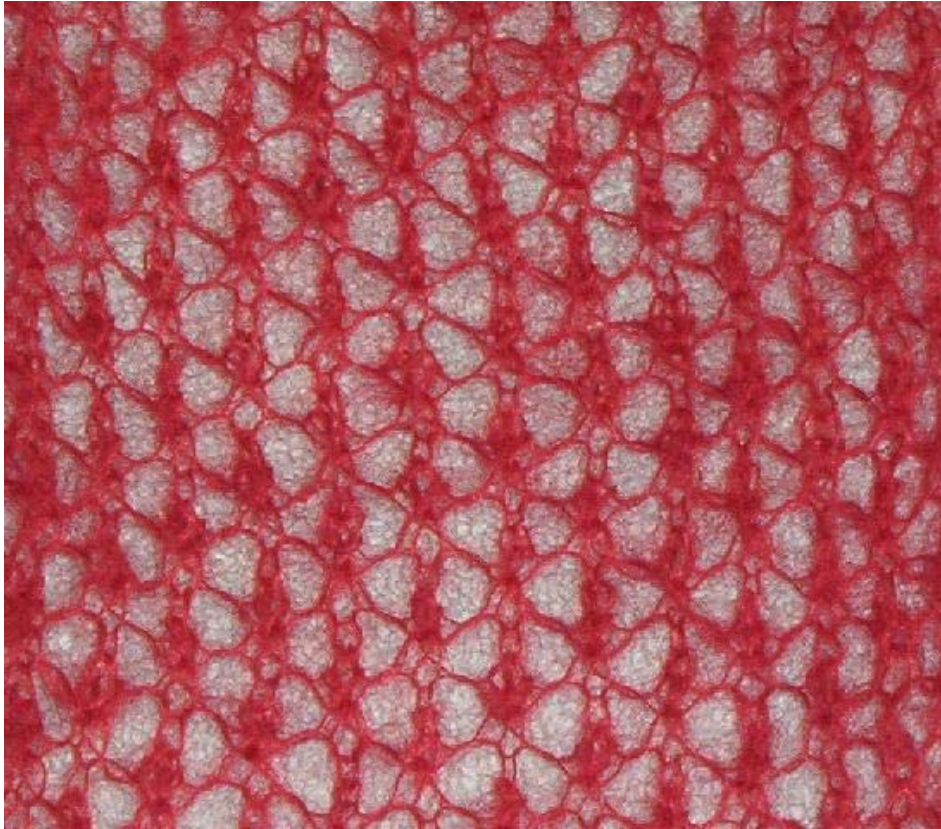


Free Pattern of the month - January 2003 An Easy Lace Scarf



This month's Free Pattern is a lacy scarf. After all of that stressful Holiday knitting, you need to knit something soft and silky for yourself (or your SO), and this is the perfect project! As a bonus, it only uses one skein of a reasonably priced mohair lace-weight yarn, AND the pattern is easily memorized so you can take it with you.

I used one skein of Grignasco VIP lace-weight mohair/nylon (80%/20%) yarn in a raspberry color. The label says that there are 259 yards per ball, and I had a generous bit left over to add to something else or make something small.

The scarf is a generous 7" wide x 65" long and light as air!

The LYS had only one skein left, so I had to decide on a small project that would best show this limited quantity off, and the Star Rib Mesh Scarf was born!

For purists, the lace pattern can be found in Barbara Walker's First Treasury on page 196. My version is slightly different, but the fabric looks much the same.

Slip the first stitch on every row to make a chain edge. Cast on 33 stitches (over two needles so it would be nice and loose) on a US #3 needle and work garter stitch (Knit every row) for 3 ridges and then begin the pattern -

Rows 1 and 3 (WS) Purl

Row 2 - Slip 1, * Yarn Over, Knit 3 Together, Yarn Over, Knit 1 * Repeat from * to * ending Knit 1.

Row 4 - Slip 1, Knit 2 * Yarn Over, Knit 3 together, Yarn Over, Knit 1 * Repeat from * to * ending Knit 3.

End by working 3 more ridges in garter and binding off - not too tight!

Note: I like to use a Knit 3 Together decrease rather than the Slip 2, Knit 1, Pass the 2 slipped stitches over decrease that BW uses, and I've re-written the pattern for my (easier, I think) version. I also eliminated the single decreases at each side...It still looks just fine, dontcha think?



Here is a heavier version of the same pattern. The yarn is Rowan Cork in color 038 - Bug - a lovely shade of green - just perfect for showing those Staples people that knitting is fashionable! Two skeins will make a 40" +/- scarf - not too long, not too short...

For this version, cast on 26 stitches and work the pattern the same way. It goes quite fast, so this is a quick gift idea...

Let me know what you think!

A special thanks to Bonnie over at <http://www.chicknits.com> for the great idea of the "Staples Green" scarf.

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