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Braided

An original pattern by Susan B. Anderson for Spud & Chloë

Finished Measurements:

4 ½ inches wide on the rib sections

2 ¼ inches wide on the braid sections

76 inches in length

Note: You can make the scarf any desired length just bind off at the end of a Rib Section.

Yarn:

Spud & Chloë Outer (65% superwash wool, 35 % organic cotton; 60 yards/100 grams), 3 skeins in Soapstone #7200

Tools:

US size 17 needles

US size 13 double-pointed needles, set of 4

Yarn needle

Scissors

Tape measure or ruler

Gauge:

1 $\frac{3}{4}$ stitches per inch in stockinette stitch

Abbreviations:

k knit

p purl

dpn(s) double pointed needle(s)



Scarf Pattern:

With the larger size needles and Soapstone, cast on 15 stitches.

Rib Section:

Row 1: (k1, p1) repeat to end.

Row 2: (p1, k1) repeat to end.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until the ribbed section measures 6-inches ending with a row 2.

Braid Section:

Using two dpns to work in I-cord, knit first 5 stitches onto one dpn, leaving the remaining stitches on the larger needle. Work the 5 stitches in I-cord until the cord measures 6 inches. Cut the yarn, leaving a 4-inch end leaving the stitches on the dpn.

Reattach the yarn leaving a 4-inch tail to begin working on the next 5 stitches. Knit the middle 5 stitches. Repeat the I-cord as the first cord including cutting the yarn and leaving the stitches on the needle.

Reattach the yarn leaving a 4-inch tail and knit the last 5 stitches. Repeat the third I-cord as the first and second I-cord. For this cord leave the yarn attached.

Now you have 3 six-inch I-cords on 3 separate dpns, the cord on the left has the working yarn still attached. Starting with the left I-cord, braid the cords together until the cord with the attached yarn ends up on the right side (see the close up photo of the braided section).



For the Rib Section following a Braid section, work back onto the larger needles directly from the dpns holding the stitches.

Continue repeating the Rib Section and Braid Section until you reach the desired length. End the scarf with a Rib Section. Bind off, cut the yarn and pull through the remaining stitches. With a yarn needle, weave in and trim all ends from the cast on, I-cords and bind off edge.

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