



Candy Stripes

Perhaps it's the intense, saturated colors of this laceweight mohair-silk blend, but the stripes in this scarf remind me of fruit jellies, those gummy fruit-slice candies. Whatever colors you choose, this light-as-a-feather lengthwise scarf is a sweet treat.

Materials

Laceweight mohair/silk blend, one ball each of four colors. Shown in KnitPicks Aloft, 75% kid mohair, 25% silk, 246 yards (225 m)/.9 ounces (25 grams); one ball each: eggplant (A), fairy tale (B), celestial (C), tarragon (D) AND black (A), white (B), silver (C), cosmopolitan (D)

Size US 9 (5.5 mm) 24" (61 cm) or 32" (81 cm) circular needle. Wooden needle highly recommended! Metal needles are too slippery for this yarn.

Gauge

20 stitches = 4" (10 cm) in linen stitch

Finished dimensions: 7" (18 cm) wide x 65" (165 cm) long

ABBREVIATIONS

BO bind off
CO cast on
RS right (front) side
St, sts stitch, stitches

WS wrong (back) side
yb bring yarn to back of work
yf bring yarn to front of work

LINEN STITCH PATTERN

Row 1 (RS): *knit 1, yf, slip 1 purlwise, yb* repeat from * to * across
Row 2 (WS): *purl 1, yb, slip 1 purlwise, yf* repeat from * to * across

DIRECTIONS

With A and using a loose cable cast-on, cast on 330 stitches (counts as row 1). Beginning linen stitch with pattern row 2, work 12 rows total (includes cast-on row), ending with pattern row 2.

Join B. Continuing in linen stitch pattern, work as follows, carrying the inactive yarn loosely up the side:

2 rows B
2 rows A
2 rows B
2 rows A (end with pattern row 2)
Cut A, leaving 4" (10 cm) tail.

Work 12 rows with B only, ending with pattern row 2.

Join C. Work as follows, carrying the inactive yarn loosely up the side:

2 rows C
2 rows B
2 rows C
2 rows B (end with pattern row 2)

Cut B, leaving 4" (10 cm) tail.

Work 12 rows with C only, ending with pattern row 2.

Join D. Work as follows, carrying the inactive yarn loosely up the side:

2 rows D
2 rows C
2 rows D
2 rows C
Cut C, leaving 4" (10 cm) tail.

Work 11 rows with D only, ending with pattern row 1.

BO purlwise as follows: *BO 7; p2tog next two sts, BO,* repeat from * to * to last 7 sts, BO remaining sts.

Check frequently to make sure that tension of BO edge is the same as tension of CO edge. Bind off tighter or looser as needed.

Blocking is optional. If you wish to block the scarf, use lace wires and T-pins and pin scarf to dimensions 7" (18 cm) wide x 65" (165 cm) long, then spray with cool water to dampen. Let dry thoroughly, unpin, and enjoy!

