

Spring 2019 Knitted Cable and Lace Scarf materials:

First class: we will practice reading charts and knitting different types of cable and lace. Please bring some scrap yarn in a light weight, not lace weight, for this purpose. If you don't have anything for practice, don't buy anything as I have tons of scrap yarn and will bring some for this purpose. If you want to see the scarves that are made up before purchasing yarn, call me and we can meet and discuss it before the first class. I will be travelling the week before, so if you want a pre-meeting, let me know soon.

Yarn for the scarf should be fingering, DK weight or light worsted. Please, no lace weight or regular worsted. The number on the ball band should be a 2 or a 3.

Make sure the yarn/thread is plied or twisted together in at least two strands, preferably more. Both cables and lace like plied yarn as opposed to a single yarn or roving style yarn.

Fiber content can be any that you wish: Wool, cotton, linen, silk, rayon/Tencel acrylic or any blend(s) of the above. Remember that wool is stretchy and forgiving and blocks nicely, the others not so much. But for spring/summer, a breathe-ier fiber might be nice. On the other hand, lightweight wool made into lace, is not "sweaty".

Solid colors work better for these patterns than variegated. Hand dyes are okay as long as they are very low contrast.

You will need 800-1000 yards depending on the length of the scarf. For a "usual" length, I recommend the person's height who will be wearing the scarf. For instance: for myself, I try to make scarves no shorter than 72", not including fringe. And if you want complicated fringe, that takes quite a bit of yarn and may require more than I have listed.

Needles should be 2 SIZES LARGER (yes that's what I said: TWO) than the recommended size on the yarn ball band. In other words, if you have chosen a yarn/thread that suggests size 5 needles, I'd like you to consider knitting your scarf with size 7 or even size 8. This helps to open up the lace and also makes the knitting go along a little faster. You can use straights or continuous—connected—needles, but not double points.

We will be working from charts, so if you have a chart holder that you prefer, please bring it. I will have chart tape and stickies if you don't.

You will also need to bring scissors, needle for sewing in threads at the end, cable needle or smaller diameter double point for cabling, and anything else you can think of that makes you happy and comfortable when you knit!

I will provide patterns for the scarves that are pictured, but you can also de-construct the charts that are provided and recombine them into your own design! I'll help you with this if you like. If you already have a pattern you would prefer to make, please bring it with you and I'll help with that as well.

We're going to have fun!

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