Crafty Housewife Yarns

Boldly Traditional

Color block Bandana or Shawl

Handspun Yarn Suggestion: Aprox 50+ yards worsted to bulky weight

Yarn of similar size and complimentary color from your favorite LYS 50+

Needle size : US 7-11 or size you normally use for worsted or bulky weight yarn

Gage: 4-5 st per inch or 3 - 3.5 st per inch depending on worsted or bulky weight

Size: Very customizable depending on if you want to continue knitting for a shawl sized project or stop when it reaches Bandana size approx 40 inches long and 20 inches deep

Skills needed: Cast on, stretchy bind off, Seed stitch, (Knit and Purl) , yarn over

Abbreviations: k – knit, p – purl , co – cast off , bo – bind off, yo – yarn over

Pattern support:

I would highly recommend blocking your handspun project. Always use cool water to wet and then lay flat to dry in the desired shape. If your yarn has very bright dyes it's always wise to lay flat to dry on an old towel or something similar the first time you block to avoid any color transfer, just like those cool dark wash jeans.

Alterations suggestions:

This pattern is exactly the same for the bandana version or the shawl , the way it's designed the longer you knit it the longer and deeper it will become. Depending on how much yarn you have you can make it any size. Shown in the picture is two colors one of handspun accent and one solid from my LYS. You could use many different colors as a stash busting project or use more than one handspun yarn with one coordinating yarn from a store.

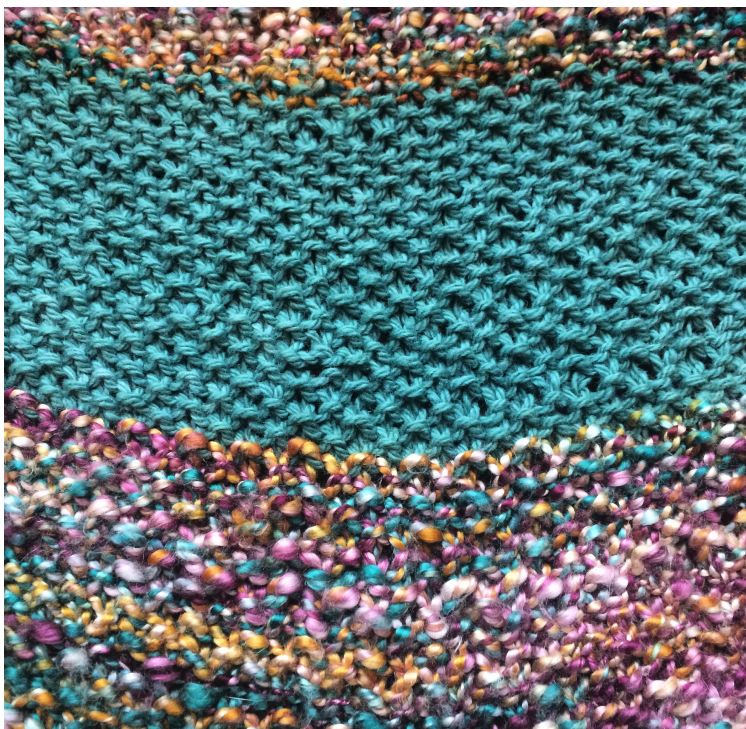Let's start knitting this fun versatile stash buster.

Cast on 3 st in handspun accent color

Row 1: k 1 yo, k, yo, k1,

row 2 : k 1 yo, p , k, p, yo , k1

row 3 : k1 yo , k ,p, k, p, k, yo, k 1

Continue in this pattern of kn 1 yo and then seed stitch the rest purling the knit stitches and knitting the purls, then ending each row with a yo and k st.   Continue this pattern switching between the handspun accent and the main body color. You can do large color blocks for smaller strips for different looks.

Stretchy bind off when you reach your desired size or run out of yarn

Weave in all ends