

Dropped Stitch Dynamics Wrap or Scarf

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Size: 1 (2) Approx 10 (13)" x 54 (100)"

Materials:

1 (2) Prism Saki; 80% merino, 20% nylon; 4 oz/112 gr;
430 yds/387 m

Needles size 5 or size to get gauge

Gauge: In stockinette st, 22 sts & 36 rows = 4"

Note about pattern: The open rows are created by dropping stitches after completion of all knitting and allowing them to run to the bottom. Hard blocking (pinned with lots of stretch) then sets the stockinette bands apart. Color patterning on size 2 is the result of the stitch number/gauge/dye repeat ratio. Both row and stitch gauges are critical to achieve color patterning. Once cast on is complete, identify a clean break between 2 colors, and tie off yarn so that you begin working with the new color. The same color must appear at beginning of next purl row. If the last few knit stitches were made with target color (you got to the target color too quickly), decrease

a stitch or two in the next row. If there is yarn remaining in the previous color, increase a stitch or two. There will be some movement of color from natural variations in tension. Once colors are stacking correctly, they should move slightly on their own as you work through the ball. If you have changed the total stitch count, adjust the first and last stitch counts on either side of dropped stitches. The number of edge stitches isn't critical.



Oh, the splendor of hand dyed yarns!

Our dropped stitch wrap, above, is worked at the perfect gauge and stitch count to take advantage of Prism's long, clear color repeats. The subtle argyle patterning happens as you knit, as if by magic.

A few adjustments might be needed to accomodate individual knitting differences, but once you have it, knit away!

The long stitches are created after knitting is complete: during the bind-off row, regular stitches are dropped and then run down to the cast-on row—what fun, intentional running!

Wrap, above, shown in Terra Cotta; scarf, left, in Fantasia.

Scarf or (wrap): CO 49 (57) sts. Work stockinette to 54 (100)" or desired length.

Note: Join new yarn at same spot in color repeat, and make certain colors are flowing in the same direction.

BO row: BO 4, *drop next st, yo, pass last st over yo, BO 7*, repeat **, end drop next st, yo, pass last st over yo, BO 4. Run dropped stitches down to CO edge. Insert blocking wires along long edges and across one short edge. Pin out hard on ironing board, 1 section at a time. Apply lots of steam; allow to dry. Move wires to next section and repeat.