



## Project Notes

**Fiber:** 2 oz Merino/Targhee/Rambouillet roving.

**Drafting method:** Short forward draw.

**Wheel:** Louet S10 single treadle, bobbin drive.

**Singles direction spun:** S.

**Number of plies:** 2.

**Plied direction spun:** Z.

**Plied twists per inch:** 15.

**Plied wraps per inch:** 7.5.

**Total yardage:** 200.

**Yards per pound:** 1,600.

**Yarn classification:** Sportweight.

**Yardage used:** 163.

**Needles:** U.S. size 2 (straight and short circular, or two double-pointed needles).

**Gauge:** 6 sts and 8 rows = 1".

**Finished size:** 4½" × 17".

# Quant

BY STAR ATHENA

*Note:* Star Athena first published her Quant pattern in the Winter 2007 issue of *Knitty.com*. Many spinners fell in love with this entrelac pattern that uses about 2 ounces and about 200 yards of yarn. It is a great pattern for showing off hand-dyed fiber and handspun yarn.

**T**he original Quant was made with a bright worsted-weight singles yarn (page 2). I was going for a wide mod-style headscarf. It was inspired by Mary Quant, inventor of the miniskirt. This time around I wanted something more subtle and wearable. I went with a sportweight yarn so the finished object would be smaller than the original. A lot of people are bothered by the fact that this headband is asymmetrical. This amuses me to no end. I think my favorite part of the design is the fact that the ends are different!

I had natural color roving that I dyed with Kool-aid and *Aguas Frescas* (the Mexican version of Kool-aid) before spinning. *Aguas Frescas* comes in five flavors or colors that are beautiful and very different from the colors that Kool-aid offers. I buy *Aguas Frescas* in the Mexican grocery store in East Los Angeles.

Most of the spinning I do each year happens during the month of July, while watching the *Tour de France* on television. I started the “Tour de Fleece” (U.S. version) to spin along with others dur-

## I-cord

Using a circular or double-pointed needle, CO required number of sts.  
Knit 1 row.  
*Next Row:* Instead of turning work to work back on the WS, slide all sts to other end of needle, switch needle back to your left hand, bring yarn around back of work, and start knitting the sts again.  
Repeat this row to form I-cord. I-cord is worked with the RS facing at all times. After a few rows, work will begin to form a tube.

ing this productive time. The yarn here was born during the dog days of summer, while I was watching cyclists conquer the Alps. I originally spun this yarn for socks. It's a bit overtwisted and tight, but stretchy as well.

Using double-pointed or circular needle, CO 3 sts.

Work I-cord for 10 inches.

Continue on straight needles as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K1, M1, k1f&b, M1, k1 = 6 sts.

Rows 2 and 4 (WS): P all sts.

Row 3: K1, M1, k to last st, M1, k1.

Repeat Rows 3–4, five times more = 18 sts.

*Set Up Base Triangles:*

Row 1 (RS): K1, turn work.

Row 2 (WS): P1, turn work.

Row 3: Sl 1, k1, turn work.  
 Row 4: P2, turn work.  
 Row 5: Sl 1, k2, turn work.  
 Row 6: P3, turn work.  
 Row 7: Sl 1, k3, turn work.  
 Row 8: P4, turn work.  
 Row 9: Sl 1, k4, turn work.  
 Row 10: P5, turn work.  
 Row 11: Sl 1, k5. Do not turn work. The first of three base triangles is complete. Continuing with the st to the left of st just worked, repeat Rows 1–11 twice more. Three base triangles are complete.

## SECTION 1

### *Left Edge Triangle:*

Row 1 (WS): K1, turn work.  
 Row 2 (RS): K1f&b, turn work.  
 Row 3: K1, p2tog, turn work.

Row 4: K1, M1, k1, turn work.  
 Row 5: K1, p1, p2tog, turn work.  
 Row 6: K2, M1, k1, turn work.  
 Row 7: K1, p2, p2tog, turn work.  
 Row 8: K3, M1, k1, turn work.  
 Row 9: K1, p3, p2tog, turn work.  
 Row 10: K4, M1, k1, turn work.  
 Row 11: K1, p4, p2tog. Do not turn work.  
 Left Edge Triangle is complete.

### *Right-Slanting Center Diamonds:*

Row 1 (WS): Pick up and p 6 sts along edge of next base triangle. (To pick up and purl, hold yarn at front of work and insert needle from RS to WS to pick up yarn.) Sl last picked-up st to left needle, p2tog with next st on needle. Turn work.

*Note:* When working subsequent repeats of Section 1, sts in Row 1 will be picked up along the edge of a diamond, instead of a base triangle.

*Even-Numbered Rows 2–10 (RS):* K6, turn work.

*Odd-Numbered Rows 3–9 (WS):* Sl 1, p4, p2tog, turn work.

Row 11 (WS): Sl 1, p4, p2tog. Do not turn work; diamond is complete.

Repeat Rows 1–11 once more to form a second diamond.

### *Right Edge Triangle:*

Row 1 (WS): Pick up and p 6 sts along edge of next base triangle or diamond. Turn work.

Row 2 (RS): K6, turn work.

Row 3: Sl 1, p3, k2tog, turn work.



Star's original Quant using millspun yarn.

Row 4: K5, turn work.  
 Row 5: Sl 1, p2, k2tog, turn work.  
 Row 6: K4, turn work.  
 Row 7: Sl 1, p1, k2tog, turn work.  
 Row 8: K3, turn work.  
 Row 9: Sl 1, k2tog, turn work.  
 Row 10: K2, turn work.  
 Row 11: K2tog.  
 Right Edge Triangle is complete.  
 Turn work.

## SECTION 2

*Note:* The remaining st of the Right Edge Triangle from Section 1 counts as the first picked-up st for the first diamond in Section 2. When working this diamond, instead of picking up 6 sts, slip the remaining st to the right needle, then pick up and k 5 sts.

### *Left-Slanting Center Diamonds:*

Row 1 (RS): Pick up and knit 6 sts along edge of next triangle or diamond. Sl last picked-up st to left needle, ssk with next st on needle. Turn.

Even-Numbered Rows 2–10 (WS): P6, turn work.

Odd-Numbered Rows 3–9 (RS): Sl 1, k4, ssk, turn work.

Row 11 (RS): Sl 1, k4, ssk.

Do not turn work; diamond is complete.

Repeat Rows 1–11 twice more to form a second and third diamond.

Repeat Sections 1 and 2 until work measures about 15 inches from beginning of base triangles, ending with Section 1.

### *End section*

Work Rows 1–11 of Left-Slanting Center Diamond.

Row 12 (RS): Pick up and knit 6 sts along edge of next diamond. Sl last picked-up st to left needle, ssk with next st on needle. Turn.

Odd-Numbered Rows 13–21 (WS): P5, p2tog, turn work.

Even-Numbered Rows 14–20 (RS): Sl 1, k4, ssk, turn work.

Row 22 (RS): Sl 1, k4, ssk. Do not turn work. There are 7 sts on the right needle; 1 st remains from the

previous diamond.  
 Rows 23–33: Work as for Rows 12–22; 8 sts rem.  
 Row 34: P5, p2tog, p1.  
 Row 35: Sl 1, k4, ssk.  
 Row 36: P6.  
 Row 37: Sl 1, k3, ssk.  
 Row 38: P5.  
 Row 39: Sl 1, k2, ssk.  
 Row 40: P4.  
 Row 41: Sl 1, k1, ssk; 3 sts rem.

Transfer sts to double-pointed or circular needle and work 1-cord for 10 inches.

Break yarn and draw through all sts; pull tight.

## FINISHING

Weave in ends. Block as desired; blocking is strongly recommended for this piece. ☘

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Star's handspun Quant using Merino/Rambouillet yarn dyed with Kool-aid and Aguas Frescas.