Riviera Neckerchief

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Super fast to knit making this a perfect weekend project or last minute gift. Made from just 100 grams of chunky yarn worked in garter stitch throughout with simple increasing and decreasing to create the shape.

YARN
100g of chunky/bulky weight yarn with approx. 80 – 90 metres (90 - 100yards)/100g

TENSION
16 stitches and 23 rows to 10cm (4") in garter st on 5.5mm needles

NEEDLES & ACCESSORIES
6mm (UK 4/US 10) and 5.5mm (UK 5/US 9) knitting needles
5.5mm single DPN or cable needle, or as close as possible
Darning needle for grafting and finishing

SIZE
To fit up to 40cm (16") neck (adjust as necessary)

ABBREVIATIONS
K: Knit
K2tog: Knit 2 stitches together
Sl: Slip
SK2PO: Sl 1, k2tog, pass slip stitch over
St/s: Stitch/es
YO: Yarn Over

PATTERN
With larger needles, cast on 5 sts.
Rows 1-4: Knit.
Row 5 (RS): K2, yo, k1, yo, k2. 7 sts
Row 6 and all WS rows: Knit.
Row 7: K2, yo, k3, yo, k2. 9 sts
Row 9: K2, yo, k2tog, k1, k2tog, yo, k2.
Row 11: K2, yo, k5, yo, k2. 11 sts
Row 13: K2, yo, k2tog, k3, k2tog, yo, k2.
Row 15: K2, yo, k7, yo, k2. 13 sts
Row 17: K2, yo, k2tog, k5, k2tog, yo, k2.
Row 19: K2, yo, k9, yo, k2. 15 sts
Row 21: K2, yo, k2tog, k7, k2tog, yo, k2.
Row 23: K2, yo, k11, yo, k2. 17 sts
Row 25: K2, yo, k5, sk2po, k5, yo, k2.
Row 27: K2, yo, k2tog, k9, k2tog, yo, k2.
Rows 29-32: Rep Rows 25-28.

Note: To lengthen the ends of the scarf rep Rows 29-32 as many times as you like, just be sure you have enough yarn.

Row 33: K2, yo, k2tog, k3, sk2po, k3, k2tog, yo, k2. 15 sts
Row 34: Knit.

Change to smaller needles.
Row 35: K2, yo, k2tog, k7, k2tog, yo, k2.
Row 36: Knit.

CREATING THE PULL-THROUGH LOOP:
Next Row: With RS facing, (k1, sl1 to DPN and hold to back) rep to last st, k1. You will now have 8 sts on working needle and 7 sts on hold. Turn work so WS is facing and knit 11 rows. With WS facing slip these 8 sts to DPN and transfer the 7 held sts to your working needle. Join new yarn from the opposite end of your ball to these 7 sts and knit 9 rows. Break yarn leaving a tail for weaving in.

Next Row: With RS facing, rearrange sts back onto the working needle as follows; (K1 from DPN, k1) to last st, k1 from DPN. 15 sts on working needle.
Next Row (WS): Knit.
*Next Row: K1, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k1. 12 sts
Knit 9 rows.
Next Row: K1, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k1. 9 sts*****
Knit 30 rows or until the 9 st section is approx. half your neck measurement ending on an even number of rows. Transfer these 9 sts to the DPN and put to one side. Cut yarn leaving a 20cm tail.

SECOND HALF
Work rows 1-36.
Knit 10 rows.
Rep from * to *.
Continue in garter stitch for 29 rows or until the 9 st section is approx. half your neck measurement ending on an odd number of rows.

FINISHING
Thread the tail left from the first half of the scarf onto the darning needle and holding the two sets of stitches parallel, with WS together, graft the two ends together using the garter stitch version of the kitchener stitch as follows:

Insert the darning needle into the first stitch on the front needle as if to purl and then into the first stitch on the back needle as if to purl again. You only do this step once.
*Insert darning needle into first stitch on front needle as if to knit and slip it off, insert darning needle purlwise into second stitch and pull the yarn through. Insert darning needle knitwise into first stitch on back needle and slip it off, insert darning needle into next stitch as if to purl and pull yarn through*****; rep from * to * to end skipping the instructions for the second stitch on the needle when you reach the final two stitches. This will create a garter stitch ridge and almost invisible join.
Steam block gently and wear!