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### Pussy Cat Ears Scarf© by Thea Koss

When I was growing up my grandmother knit scarves for all of us that she called “Pussy Cat Ears” these were our favorite scarves partly because they were knit with love by my grandmother and partly because they stay in place.

When my children were born my grandmother knit scarves for them also. Before she died she gave me her pattern. My grandmother knit these scarves in worsted weight yarn but I have adapted the pattern to knit with a DK yarn which I find more suitable for little necks. I knit this scarves with pointed flaps for girls and with a variation of straight flaps that I like better for boys. The length and width of the flaps and neck wrap portion can be adjusted to

fit adults as well. After making this scarf once it will be easy for you to make your own personal changes. The scarf is knit in garter stitch (knit every row) but if you read to the end of the pattern I make other suggestions for knitting in other fabric designs.

### Material

Yarn: Sirdar Snuggly DK or worsted weight about 100 – 120 yards

Needles: Size US # 5 –6 for DK) #8 for worsted

Notions: 2 stitch holders, several pin type stitch markers or slip ring markers to mark rows

### Abbreviations

CO – Cast On

ST – Stitch

K – Knit

K2tog –Knit 2 Together

BO – Bind Off

KFB – Increase by Knitting in Front and Back of next st to increase 1.

### Instructions

Note: Instructions are given for DK yarn If you knit with worsted weight the scarf will be wider

CO 2 sts and K one row.

### Begin Increase

On the next and every following row

K1, KFB, Knit to end

Repeat until there are 28 sts

Note: you must have an even number of stitches on your needle

Work even for 2 inches

### Begin Decrease

K 1, K2tog, 8x

10 stitches remain. Place a marker on this row.

### Begin 2x2 ribbing.

Row 1: k2, P2, K2, P2, K2

Row 2: P2, K2, P2, K2, P2

Continue in ribbing until band is 2” above marker

### Begin Increase:

K1, KFB, Knit to end

Repeat until there are 20 sts on your needle. This is the band that goes around the neck..

Place a row marker

Knit even until neck band is 12 inches from marker.

### Divide for open loop

Working with your knitting needle and a stitch holder K 1, place next stitch on a holder, K1, place next stitch on a holder. Repeat to end and you will now have 10 stitches on your needles and 10 stitches on a holder.

Working with the 10 stitches on your needle place a row marker and begin 2x2 ribbing and work for 2 inches. If you like things really exact count how many rows you knit and mark down the number.. Break yarn leaving a tail and place these stitches on a holder.

Slip stitches from form holder back on the needles. Place a marker and join yarn. Work 2x2 ribbing for the same number of rows as you worked for the first 10 stitches.

Join the two parts of the loop. K the first stitch from the needle, then K the first stitch from the holder, next K the 2nd st from the needle and the 2nd stitch from the holder. Continue until alternating stitches from needle and holder all 20 stitches are now on the needle.

#### Increase Row:

K1, KFB , K1, 8x = 28 snitches.

Work even for 2 inches

#### Begin Decrease

K1, K2tog, knit to ens of row

Repeat this row until 2 stitches remain. Bind off.

#### Variations on a Theme

For a straight flap instead of a pointed flap

CO 28 stitches.

K even until piece measures 5" from the beginning

k1, k2tog,k1, repeat to end. 20 stitches remain.

Follow k2,p2 instructions for band. When band measures 2 inches begin garter stitch, (Knit every row) until you reach 12 –13 inches after end of ribbing

#### Divide for open loop:

Follow directions above placing half of the stitches on a holder.

When both parts of the loop are knitted and the loop is joined you will again have 20 stitches on your needle.

#### Increase Row

K1, KFB, K! Repeat 8x (28 stitches). Work till 5 inches and bind off.

#### Design note:

This scarf can be knit in

Garter stitch (knit every row) or

Moss stitch (k1, p1 k1 on first row and then k the p stitches and p the k stitches on the second row

or even knit in a combination knitting the flaps in moss stitch and the neck band in garter stitch, .

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