

Rice Stitch Stole

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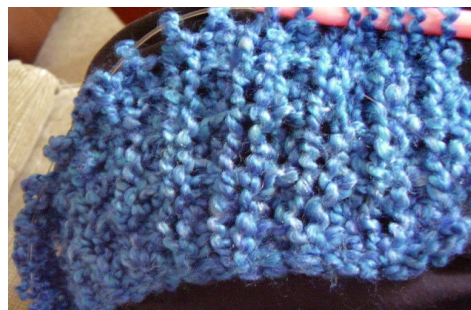
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The K1, P1 Side



The Plain Knit Side

I love stoles, and wanted a knitted stole that would look nice on both sides, and be quick and easy to knit – the knitting equivalent of comfort food. Rice stitch fits the bill nicely, I think. The two sides are different, but both look nice...As the yarn I picked frays easily (and I really don't like traditional fringe) I chose a crocheted chain loop fringe for the two short ends. If you don't know how to crochet, you can use traditional fringe – just be sure to knot the end of each strand to prevent fraying. You can also skip the end treatment entirely, if you wish!

Skill Level: Easy-Peasy

Size: 20" X 68" (Approximate)

Gauge: Not critical as you can simply make it whatever size you wish!

Materials:

3 Skeins Lion Brand Homespun (The swatches in the photo are #790-368, "Montana Sky")

Size 15 U.S. (10 mm) Needles – I use a circular and knit back & forth.

Tapestry needle for weaving in ends

Size "K" (6.5 mm) for chain loop fringe

Rice Stitch (Works with any even # of stitches):

Row 1: K1, P1 across row

Row 2: Knit. Repeat these two rows for pattern.

Note: To make a neat and tidy edge, I do the following on *every row*: With yarn in front, slip 1st stitch as if to purl. Return yarn to back (unless purling next st) and continue row in pattern to last stitch. Knit into the back loop of last stitch.

Stole:

Cast on 56 stitches. Begin Rice Stitch, and work in pattern until piece measures 68" or desired length, ending with Row 1. Bind off *loosely* in knit. Weave in any loose ends.

Chain Loop "Fringe"

Attach yarn in corner st of one short end. *Chain 30, slip stitch in base of same chain. Slip stitch in next stitch. Repeat from * across short end of stole. Fasten off, weave in end. Repeat for other end of stole.