



BLACKBERRY KERCHIEF

When we created our afghan square for this year's LYS Tour, the Blackberry Stitch really caught our fancy. Here, we've opened up this classic, bobbly stitch with Rowan's Kidsilk Haze, for dainty, lacy clusters.

- Finished Size:** Approx. 34"/86cm wingspan; 14"/36cm depth.
- Yarn:** 1 skein Rowan *Kidsilk Haze* (229 yds/210m). Or approx. 229 yds/210m of an equivalent lace-weight yarn.
- Needles & Notions:** US 6 (4mm) circular needle (a sharp taper is helpful), or size to obtain gauge.
Blocking wires (3) or pins (150).
- Gauge:** 23 sts = 4"/10cm in pattern stitch, after blocking and resting.
- Glossary:** **K** = knit; **KPK** = knit, then purl, then knit, into the same stitch; **K2Tog** = knit 2 sts together; **P** = purl; **RS** = right side; **P3Tog** = purl 3 sts together; **Sl** = slip; **St(s)** = stitch(es); **TBL** = through back loop; **WS** = wrong side; **YO** = yarn over (bring yarn forward between needles, then back over right needle; if purling next st, bring yarn forward between needles again).
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- Cast on:** Using long-tail method, cast on 4 sts.
- Set-up rows:** Row 1 (RS): Knit.
Row 2 (WS): Knit.
Row 3 (RS): K2, YO, K2.
Row 4 (WS): K2, KPK, K2. [7 sts]
- Blackberry stitch:** Row 1 (RS): K2, YO, P to last 2 sts, YO, K2.
Row 2 (WS): K2; *KPK, P3Tog (give a gentle tug after each P3Tog)*; repeat between * * to last 3 sts; KPK, K2.
Repeat Rows 1 and 2, 44 more times.
Repeat Row 1, one more time. [189 sts; 45 clusters]
Note: You'll be increasing by 2 sts every row.

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Top eyelet edge: Row 1 (WS): K2; *P1, P3Tog, slip first purl st made over second (st created by P3Tog) on your right needle*; repeat between * * to last 3 sts; P1, K1, slip purl st over knit st on right needle, K1. [50 sts]

Row 2 (RS): K2, YO; *P1 TBL, YO*; repeat between * * to last 2 sts, K2. [97 sts]

Row 3 (WS): K2, purl to last 2 sts, K2. [97 sts]

Bind off: K2, Sl sts purlwise back to left needle, K2Tog TBL; *K1, Sl 2 sts purlwise back to left needle, K2Tog TBL*; repeat between * * to end. Fasten off.

Finishing: Weave in tails. Place RS down on bath towel on moisture-safe, pinnable surface. Weave blocking wires through each eyelet on all sides. Pull top edge to desired wingspan; pin wire in place. Pull sides down to desired depth; pin wires into straight lines. If not using wires, pin points to desired dimensions, then pin into each eyelet. Gently steam press with press cloth. Allow to dry.