



SEED STITCH TRIANGLE SCARF: *Merino 5* Version

Designed by Catherine Lowe just for us.

Catherine Lowe, doyenne of couture knitting techniques and design, has created beautiful yarns that, once knitted, behave like designer ready-to-wear fabrics. As proud purveyors of some of Catherine's line, we asked her for a simple 'get acquainted' project that would give knitters a taste of her bespoke yarns.

- Finished Size:** Approx. 13"/33cm deep x 52"/132cm wingspan, after blocking and resting.
- Yarn:** 1 skein Catherine Lowe *Merino 5* (400 yds/365m each).
Or approx. 400 yds/365m of an equivalent DK-weight yarn.
- Needles** US 5 (3.75mm) needles, or size to obtain gauge.
& Notions: US 7 (4.5mm) needles, or two sizes larger than gauge needle, for binding off.
Darning needle to finish. Blocking wires and T-pins.
- Gauge:** Approx. 24 sts/44 rows = 4"/10cm in seed stitch, before blocking.
Approx. 22 sts/42 rows = 4"/10cm in seed stitch, after blocking (see Catherine's blocking method below).
- Glossary:** **Inc(d)** = increase(d); **K** = knit; **KBFB** = knit into back, then front, then back of same stitch; **P** = purl; **St(s)** = stitch(es).
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- Cast on:** With gauge needle and using long-tail cast-on method cast on 3 sts. *Note: This piece has no right or wrong side.*
- Triangle:** Row 1 (inc): (K1, P1) to last stitch, KBFB. [2 sts inc'd]
Repeat Row 1, 138 more times, or to desired depth, and you have enough yarn remaining to bind off (approx. 12 yds/11m). [281 sts]
- Bind off:** With larger needle, bind off knitwise. Weave in ends as invisibly as possible.
- Blocking:** Soak scarf in lukewarm water with a little gentle wool wash for several hours or overnight. Rinse two or three times by soaking in fresh lukewarm water (careful—don't agitate or twist!) until water is clear. This removes the mill finish that is characteristic of Catherine's yarns. Gently squeeze out as much water as possible. Roll in towels and squeeze out as much remaining moisture as possible. Place on moisture-safe surface, and using fine blocking wires or lots of pins, pin edges straight and corners to points. Pull to at least 105% of desired finished dimensions (*Merino* is very bouncy and will spring back a little when dried and relaxed, so it helps to block it under some tension). Allow to air dry thoroughly.

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