Cascade Pure Alpaca & Heritage Hand Paints
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This stitch pattern reminds me of seersucker fabric with its alternating firm and rippled sections. The proper knitting term is “rouching” but I will refer to it as seersucker every time. It is an amazingly easy stitch. Although it requires a very large number of stitches, there are so few rows and the result is well worth it.

Size: The pictured scarf is a generous 7 feet long because I wanted to be able to wrap it around my neck two times. This is the longer scarf with numbers in parenthesis. For a 6-foot scarf, use the first numbers. Where there is only 1 number it applies to both lengths.

Materials: 1(2) 100 gram skeins of Cascade Pure Alpaca yarn. Pictured scarf is color #3011. 1 skein of Cascade Heritage Handpaint. Pictured scarf is color number #9881. Size 7 and 8 needles, 29 inch circular or size required to obtain gauge.

Gauge: 16 stitches per 4 inches in garter stitch on smaller needle. BE SURE TO CHECK GAUGE to obtain the desired length scarf!!

Glossary:
KFB – Knit into the front and back of the stitch, 1 stitch increased.

DIRECTIONS:

With smaller needle and Pure Alpaca yarn, Cast on 290(350) sts.
Rows 1-8 -- Knit (4 garter st ridges).
Change to larger needles (yes, the smaller needles are used for the thicker yarn, and the larger for the finer yarn) and Heritage yarn. Carry the yarn not used up the side edge.
Row 9 -- KFB every st across row, doubling number of sts. Please don’t count, a stitch or 2 off won’t matter.
Rows 10, 12, 14 and 16 – Purl.
Rows 11, 13 and 15 – Knit (8 rows of stockinette which will ripple)
Change to smaller needles and Pure Alpaca Yarn. Again, carry the yarn not used up the side edge.
Row 17 – K2tog across row, halving the number of sts. Now check for proper number and fudge a little if needed. The proper number is the 290(350) cast on.
Repeat rows 2 through 17 2 more times and 2-8 once more. You will have 4 bands of the Pure Alpaca garter st surrounding 3 bands of the Heritage rippled stockinette. Bind off nice and loosely.

End sections: Starting at either short end, with right side facing and using smaller needles and Pure Alpaca, pick up and knit 4 sts in each Pure Alpaca section and 6 sts in each Heritage section, 34 sts. Knit 7 rows (4 garter stitch ridges) and bind off. Repeat at other end.

Weave in all ends.