

Not really short rows at all, this method produces airy, lacy fabric that makes an arc and falls in ruffles.

You may find it easier to work on straight needles as extra wraps are involved and they can catch on the cable/needle join of circular needles. For scarves, short straight needles are sufficient.

#### Skills needed:

- Cast on with knit-on method: place slip knot on LH needle. Insert RH needle, wrap and make a stitch but do not remove it from LH needle. Place tip of LH needle into stitch in the same direction as RH needle (needles are now in position to knit this stitch); wrap and make another stitch and place it on LH needle. Repeat for as many stitches as needed.
- Double wrap: insert RH needle into stitch, wrap yarn twice around needle, remove stitch to RH needle. Keep all loops intact. **This is not the same as k 1, yo.**
- Triple wrap: insert RH needle into stitch, wrap yarn three times around needle, remove stitch to RH needle. Keep all loops intact.
- Drop extra loops: on next row, when making stitch, simply remove all extra wraps as stitch is completed.

**The extra wraps produce long stitches. Both cast on and bind off must be worked to accommodate these long stitches, or they will be too tight and the ends will not expand as the body does.**

- For every double wrap, CO one extra st; for every triple wrap, CO two extra sts except for the very last stitch: do not cast on extra sts. On first row, drop one st for every double wrap and drop two sts for every triple wrap, except last st.

If you are working on an equal number of stitches for each section (regular knitting, double wrap and single wrap) **CO two times the needed number minus 2**. For example, our swatch uses 18 stitches divided in thirds, so we cast on 34 sts ( $2 \times 18 = 36 - 2 = 34$ ).

- Bind off with yarn over method: \*k 1, yo, pass 1<sup>st</sup> st over yo\*; rep \*\* once for every double wrap and twice for every triple wrap. Binding off on row 1 (from the loose end) will leave the tail at the tighter end, where it will be easier to bury.
- Alternatively, BO with a crochet hook: insert hook into first st, wrap and draw through, (ch 2, insert hook into next st, wrap and draw through both sts) 5 times; (insert hook into next st, wrap and draw through both sts, ch 1) 6 times; BO 6 sts.

**Practice swatch:** CO 34 sts.

**Preparation row:** K 6, place marker, (k 1 wrapping yarn around needle twice, drop 1 st) 6 times, pm, (k 1 wrapping yarn around needle three times, drop 2 sts) 5 times, end k 1 wrapping yarn around needle three times—18 sts on needle.

**Row 1:** (K 1 wrapping yarn around needle three times) 6 times; (K 1 wrapping yarn around needle twice) 6 times; k 6.

**Row 2:** K 6, (K 1 wrapping yarn around needle twice) 6 times; (K 1 wrapping yarn around needle three times) 6 times.

Work to desired length, end ready for row 1 for **bind off:** k 1, (yo, pass 1<sup>st</sup> st over yo, yo, pass st over yo, k 1) 5 times; (yo, pass 1<sup>st</sup> st over yo, k 1) 6 times; BO 6.