Pussy Cat Ears Scarf© by Thea Koss

When I was growing up my grandmother knit scarves for all of us that she called "Pussy Cat Ears" these were our favorite scarves partly because they were knit with love by my grandmother and partly because they stay in place.

When my children were born my grandmother knit scarves for them also. Before she died she gave me her pattern. My grandmother knit these scarves in worsted weight yarn but I have adapted the pattern to knit with a DK yarn which I find more suitable for little necks. I knit this scarves with pointed flaps for girls and with a variation of straight flaps that I like better for boys. The length and width of the flaps and neck wrap portion can be adjusted to

fit adults as well. After making this scarf once it will be easy for you to make your own personal changes. The scarf is knit in garter stitch (knit every row) but if you read to the end of the pattern I make other suggestions for knitting in other fabric designs.

Material
Yarn: Sirdar Snuggly DK or worsted weight about 100 – 120 yards
Needles: Size US # 5 –6 for DK) #8 for worsted
Notions: 2 stitch holders, several pin type stitch markers or slip ring markers to mark rows

Abbreviations
CO – Cast On
ST – Stitch
K – Knit
K2tog –Knit 2 Together
BO – Bind Off
KFB – Increase by Knitting in Front and Back of next st to increase 1.

Instructions
Note: Instructions are given for DK yarn If you knit with worsted weight the scarf will be wider

CO 2 sts and K one row.

Begin Increase
On the next and every following row
K1, KFB, Knit to end
Repeat until there are 28 sts
Note: you must have an even number of stitches on your needle

Work even for 2 inches

Begin Decrease
Row 1: (K1, K2tog)* 9x, K1 (19 stitches) Row 2:K 1, (K2tog, 8x), K1
10 stitches remain. Place a marker on this row.

Begin 2x2 ribbing.
Row 1: k2, P2, K2, P2, K2
Row 2: P2, K2, P2, K2, P2
Continue in ribbing until band is 2" above marker

Begin Increase:
K1, KFB, Knit to end
Repeat until there are 20 sts on your needle. This is the band that goes around the neck..
Place a row marker
Knit even until neck band is 12 inches from marker.

Divide for open loop
Working with your knitting needle and a stitch holder K 1, place next stitch on a holder, K1, place next stitch on a holder. Repeat to end and you will now have 10 stitches on your needles and 10 stitches on a holder.

Working with the 10 stitches on your needle place a row marker and begin 2x2 ribbing and work for 2 inches. If you like things really exact count how many rows you knit and mark down the number.. Break yarn leaving a tail and place these stitches on a holder.

Slip stitches from form holder back on the needles. Place a marker and join yarn. Work 2x2 ribbing for the same number of rows as you worked for the first 10 stitches.

Join the two parts of the loop. K the first stitch from the needle, then K the first stitch from the holder, next K the 2nd st from the needle and the 2nd stitch from the holder. Continue until alternating stitches from needle and holder all 20 stitches are now on the needle.

Increase Row:
K1, KFB , K1, 8x = 28 snitches.
Work even for 2 inches

Begin Decrease
K1, K2tog, knit to ens of row
Repeat this row until 2 stitches remain. Bind off.

Variations on a Theme
For a straight flap instead of a pointed flap
CO 28 stitches.
K even until piece measures 5" from the beginning
k1, k2tog,k1, repeat to end. 20 stitches remain.

Follow k2,p2 instructions for band. When band measures 2 inches
begin garter stitch, (Knit every row) until you reach 12 –13 inches after end of ribbing

Divide for open loop:
Follow directions above placing half of the stitches on a holder.
When both parts of the loop are knitted and the loop is joined you will again have 20 stitches on your needle.

Increase Row
K1, KFB, K! Repeat 8x (28 stitches). Work till 5 inches and bind off.

Design note:
This scarf can be knit in
Garter stitch (knit every row) or
Moss stitch (k1, p1 k1 on first row and then k the p stitches and p the k stitches on the second row
or even knit in a combination knitting the flaps in moss stitch and the neck band in garter stitch, .