

Shimmer Wave Scarf



Pattern Name: Shimmer Wave Scarf by Kate Hiester

Yarn: Malabrigo Yarn Mecha (bulky) in Paysandu, 1.9 skeins, 188 g

Gauge: (I used a 4.5 mm)

Notes

I had used this yarn to make Autumn in Vincennes, but I decided I don't like triangular shawls.

So I blocked out what was my Red Scarf to make it my Red Shawl, and this pattern will be my winter scarf.

Not Bothering to Dekink First!!!

I am doing something virtually unthinkable based on what I've read: I'm reknitting the shawl directly, in its curly condition, straight into the scarf. I had done the same thing on Tim's Green Monster with no noticeable ill effects, so I'm taking the lazy way out once again!



FO being frogged is above, WIP is below

And why should deinking frogged yarn be necessary? Most everyone would agree that for natural fibers, you can reshape items in blocking, making sleeves shorter and wider or longer and narrower, without any issue. Why would knitting with kinked yarn be any different? (Unless the kinks affect your working gauge of course, but that seems to me to be a different issue altogether.)

Making the Wider One

I initially cast on 26, which in Mecha was 7.5 inches wide, so I bumped up to the larger size with 36 stitches.

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So I've done four repeats of the eight-row pattern on thirty-six stitches. It's about 8.75 inches wide and 6 inches long.

I've done some preliminary dry yanking, just to see how the stitches will spread, and I think it's going to be terrific! With enough for a matching hat, even!

The first ball did fourteen row repeats and about twenty inches long. The designer is right in saying that it looks, well, not very good in the knitting. Even if the yarn was deinked, the WIP would still look odd. I spent some time pulling all the dropped yarnovers out, not so much because they were kinked, but because working the first, and even the second, row after the yarnovers made the stitches a bit, or a lot, wonky. So everything is mainly pulled out to its proper length, and the rest will get done in the wet blocking.

I will definitely have quite a bit to make a hat, and I saw several patterns that used less than a skein of Mecha. Woo-hoo!

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There was a lot of fuzz on my white shirt after I took off the scarf. I assume that will decrease with use and washing.

There were several places where the kinked yarn caused some minor issues, but overall, even considering that this was not the best stitch pattern--because of all the long strands in the FO--to make with kinked yarn, it still came out fine. Any other stitch pattern you wouldn't be able to tell at all.

I'm looking forward to using it in however much winter we have left.

I should have enough left for a hat.



Central blue streak is present in FO (not a lighting or other issue)

