

Batik Fringeworthy

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Yarn:

1 skein Arona Batik, 100% cotton, aran weight, 251 yards

Tools:

#13 32" or longer circular needles, stitch marker

Gauge:

Not important - any smooth worsted or dk with drape

Directions:

Cast on 6 sts.

Setup rows: Knit 4, place marker, knit 2.

Knit one row.

Row 1: Knit 4, slip marker, k1fb, knit to end of row

Row 2: Knit, slipping marker as you come to it

Row 3: Knit, slipping marker as you come to it

Row 4: Knit, slipping marker as you come to it

NOTE: It is critical to always maintain 4 sts on one side of the stitch marker. These sts will become your fringe when your knitting is complete.

Repeat these 4 rows until the shawl is as wide as you like, or until you've gone through half your yarn. You can use a skein to weigh the yarn and make sure.

Now start decreasing as follows:

Row 1: Knit 4, slip marker, k2tog, knit to end of row

Rows 2, 3 and 4: Knit, slipping marker as you come to it

Continue decreasing until you have only 6 sts left on needle, ready to start a row where the marker is after the 2nd stitch. Bind off the first two stitches, so there is one st on your right needle. Remove the marker - there are 4 sts on the left needle. Gently and slowly, remove left needle, and carefully unravel the 4 sts to make your first "fringe." wrap this piece around itself to form a knot. Continue unraveling, one set of 4 sts at a time, along the length of the shawl. Finally, go back to the one st on the right needle, cut yarn, pull through the st and weave in ends.