

I Missed A Purl (And I Liked It)

By Barry Klein with mods by Shelley Brander



Yarn:	Tools:	Gauge:
1 skein each of 3 colors Lotus "Autumn Wind" (cotton/cashmere, 175 yds/skein)	#8 32" circular needles #10 needle for binding off, if desired.	Approx. 15 sts = 4 inches Finished size: 6.5" x 76" after blocking

I love the linen stitch - it's a great first colorwork project, because it is deceptively simple. By alternating knit and slipped stitches, you intermingle the color from the current row with the color from the previous row, resulting in a "woven" look. And when you work with multicolored yarns, the result is a riot of colors that's really impressive!

I started out knitting in the traditional American style, and switched after a few rows to continental, which I found very efficient for this pattern. BUT I forgot to move my yarn to the front before slipping stitches. The result was a slightly different look (see stitches on the left side in the left photo) - but I decided to just switch back to the "right" way of slipping them purlwise with the yarn in front, and kept on going.

The result is a "design variation" that makes my scarf unique. So...with apologies to Katy Perry...I missed a purl, and I liked it! The pattern is written without this "variation" but with my other LoopsClub mods on Barry Klein's original pattern.

Directions: With #8 32" needles and **color A**, cast on 301 sts. You will work the scarf "longways." I used a loose, knit-on cast-on. **Note:** You will cut your yarn after each row and it will become the fringe. After every second row, knot the previous 2 tails together to secure.

Continuing with color A:

Row 1: *K1, move yarn to front, slip next st purlwise, move yarn to back* repeat from * to last st, K1. Cut yarn, leaving tail.

Row 2: Purl across the row. Cut yarn, leaving tail.

Switch to color B.

Row 3: K1, *K1, move yarn to front, slip next st purlwise, move yarn to back* repeat from * to last 2 sts, K2. Cut, leaving tail.

Row 4: Purl across the row. Cut and leave tail.

Switch to color C and work Rows 1-2.

Switch to color A and work Rows 3-4.

Continue in this manner, switching to the next color every 2 rows, while repeating pattern Rows 1-4, until scarf is about 6" wide. End with 2 rows of Color A. Bind off very loosely in color A (I used a #10 needle to bind off). Steam block. Trim fringe.