

BIRDS IN FLIGHT STOLE

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A rectangular stole knitted flat using mosaic knitting and garter stitch.

Difficulty level: easy to intermediate

Skills needed: being able to read a detailed pattern.

Finished blocked measurements: 56 x 170 cm (22" x 67")

Yarn : Artfil Belle, 4 skeins of 100gr, 354m (387yds)

in 3 contrasting colors :

C1 - Onyx, 2 skeins ;

C2 - White Sands, 1skein ;

C3 - Antique Gold, 1 skein.

Needles: 4mm for garter stitch
4.5mm for mosaic knitting

Gauge (after blocking): Garter : 24 sts x 36R in 10 cm (4")

Mosaic : 24sts x 40R in 10 cm (4")

Special Techniques:

Chinese Waitress Cast On with a crochet hook:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ragBNdHwjg8>

Double chain Bind off

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ns30iCTkNFg>

Slip stitch: slip stitch purlwise

Changing color: when changing color at the beginning of a RS row, always bring the new color FROM UNDER the old one.

Selvedge: Slip the first stitch purlwise with the yarn in front, at the beginning of every row.

Stitches used

Garter: knit on RS and WS

Mosaic: Knit with one color and Slip other color wyib on RS and wyif on the WS.

On the charts and in the text instructions, the wrong side rows are not described because, on the wrong side (even numbered rows) you always knit the same stitches worked on previous row, with the same color, slipping all same slipped stitches with yarn in front.

Abbreviations:

K: knit

Slwyif: Slip st with yarn in front

Sl: slip purlwise

Cx: color 1, 2 or 3

CO: cast on

BO: bind off

RS: right side of work

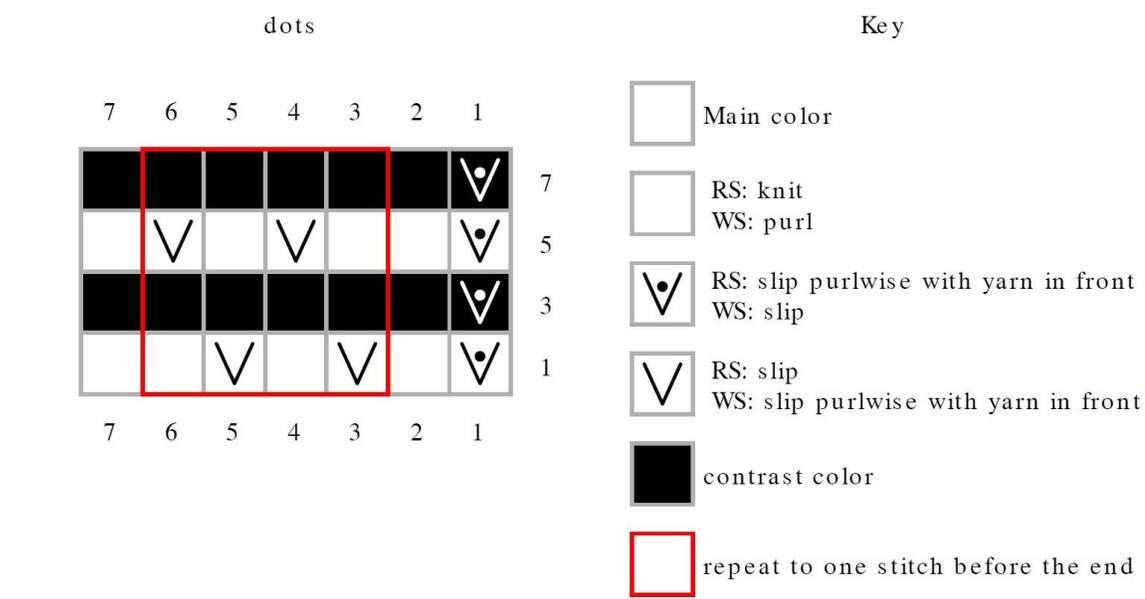
WS: wrong side of work



Color charts

DOTS pattern (repeat of 4 sts and 8 rows).

All wrong side (even numbers) rows, knit the knitted stitches and slip with the yarn in front the slipped stitches.



Row 1 (RS): Sl wyif, k1, *(sl, k1) x 2 ; work from * 33 times, k1. (135 sts)

Row 2 and all wrong side rows: Knit the same sts worked on previous row, with the same color; slip all same slipped sts with yarn in front.

Row 3: Sl wyif, k134. (135 sts)

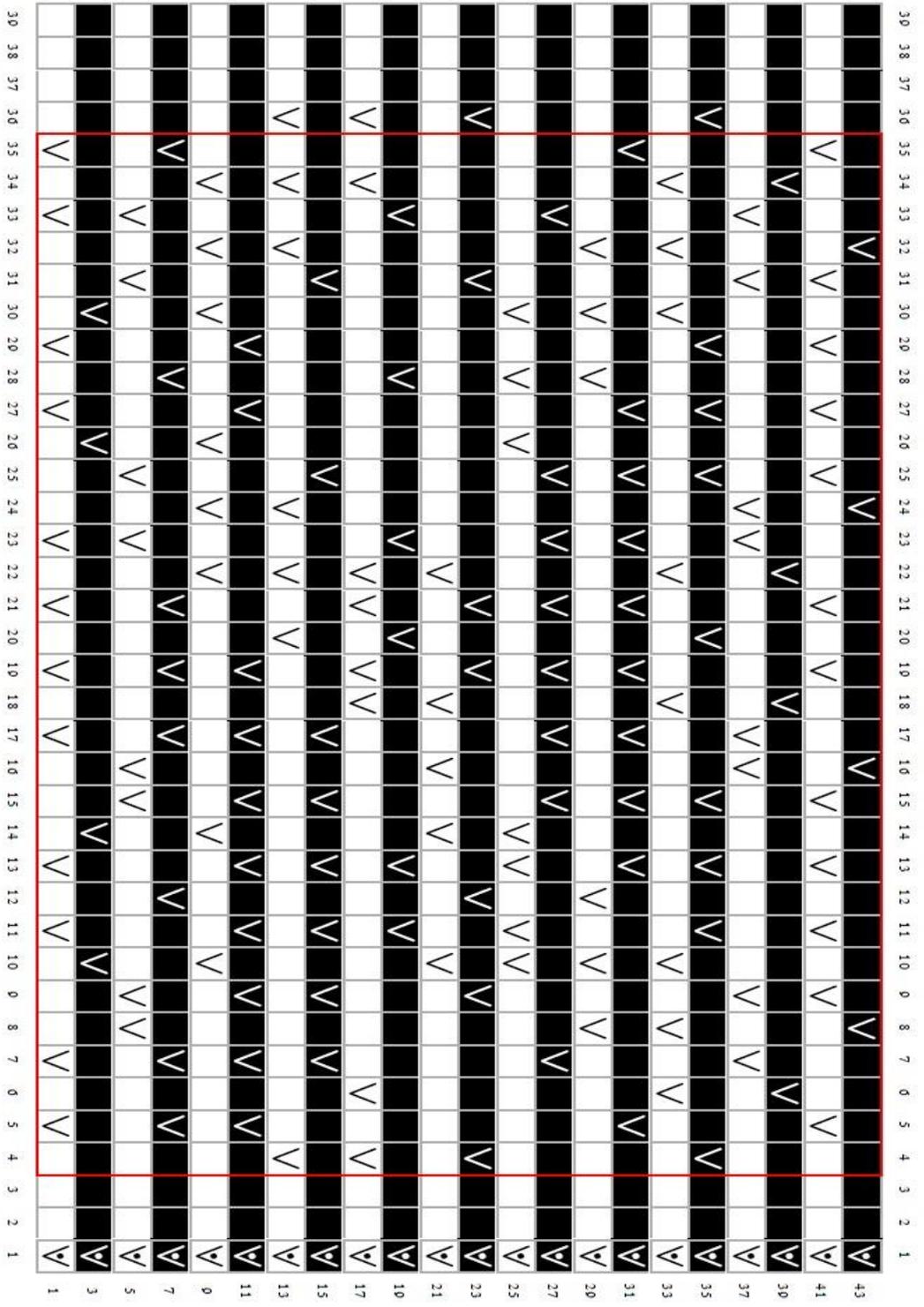
Row 5: Sl wyif, k1, *(k1, sl) x 2 ; work from * 33 times, k1. (135 sts)

Row 7: Sl wyif, k134. (135 sts)

Birds in Flight pattern (repeat of 32 sts and 44 rows) (see chart)

Note that Main Color is the color of the birds. So the color you are using for R1 will be the one the birds will appear in. Contrast Color will be the color of the background.

- Main color
- RS: knit
- WS: purl
- RS: slip purlwise with yarn in front
- WS: slip
- Contrast color
- RS: slip
- WS: slip purlwise with yarn in front
- repeat 4 times



Row 1 (RS): Sl wyif, k2, *(k1, (sl, k1, sl, k3) x 2, sl, k1, sl) x 2 ; work from * 4 times, k4. (135 sts)
 Row2 and all wrong side rows : Knit the same sts worked on previous row, with the same color ; slip all same slipped sts with yarn in front.
 Row 3: Sl wyif, k2, *k6, sl, k3, sl, k11, sl, k3, sl, k5 ; work from * 4 times, k4. (135 sts)
 Row 5: Sl wyif, k2, *k4, sl x 2, k5, sl x 2, k6, sl, k1, sl, k5, sl, k1, sl, k2; work from * 4 times, k4. (135 sts)
 Row 7: Sl wyif, k2, *(k1, sl) x 2, (k4, sl) x 2, (k1, sl) x 2, (k6, sl) x 2 ; work from * 4 times, k4. (135 sts)
 Row 9: Sl wyif, k2, *k6, sl, k3, sl, k7, (sl, k1) x 2, sl, k3, (sl, k1) x 3 ; work from * 4 times, k4. (135 sts)
 Row 11: Sl wyif, k2, *(k1, sl) x 8, k7, sl, k1, sl, k6 ; work from * 4 times, k4. (135 sts)
 Row 13: Sl wyif, k2, *sl, k15, (sl, k1) x 2, sl, k7, (sl, k1) x 2 ; work from * 4 times, sl, k3. (135 sts)
 Row 15: Sl wyif, k2, *k3, (sl, k1) x 5, sl, k7, sl, k5, sl, k4 ; work from * 4 times, k4. (135 sts)
 Row 17: Sl wyif, k2, *sl, k1, sl, k11, sl x 2, k1, sl x 2, k11, sl, k1 ; work from * 4 times, sl, k3. (135 sts)
 Row 19: Sl wyif, k2, *k7, sl, k1, sl, k6, sl, k2, (sl, k4) x 2, sl, k2 ; work from * 4 times, k4. (135 sts)
 Row 21: Sl wyif, k2, *k6, sl, k3, (sl, k1) x 2, sl, k3, sl, k13 ; work from * 4 times, k4. (135 sts)
 Row 23: Sl wyif, k2, *sl, k4, sl, k2, sl, k6, sl, k1, sl, k9, sl, k4 ; work from * 4 times, sl, k3. (135 sts)
 Row 25: Sl wyif, k2, *k6, sl x 2, k1, sl x 2, k11, (sl, k1) x 2, sl, k5 ; work from * 4 times, k4. (135 sts)
 Row 27: Sl wyif, k2, *k3, sl, k7, (sl, k1) x 5, sl, k7, sl, k2 ; work from * 4 times, k4. (135 sts)
 Row 29: Sl wyif, k2, *k4, (sl, k1) x 2, sl, k15, (sl, k1) x 2, sl, k3 ; work from * 4 times, k4. (135 sts)
 Row 31: Sl wyif, k2, *k1, sl, k7, (sl, k1) x 7, sl, k7, sl ; work from * 4 times, k4. (135 sts)
 Row 33: Sl wyif, k2, *k2, (sl, k1) x 2, sl, k7, sl, k3, sl, k7, (sl, k1) x 3 ; work from * 4 times, k4. (135 sts)
 Row 35: Sl wyif, k2, *sl, k6, (sl, k1) x 2, (sl, k4) x 2, (sl, k1) x 2, sl, k6 ; work from * 4 times, sl, k3. (135 sts)
 Row 37: Sl wyif, k2, *k3, sl, k1, sl, k6, sl x 2, k5, sl x 2, k6, sl, k1, sl, k2 ; work from * 4 times, k4. (135 sts)
 Row 39: Sl wyif, k2, *k2, sl, k11, sl, k3, sl, k11, sl, k1 ; work from * 4 times, k4. (135 sts)
 Row 41: Sl wyif, k2, *(k1, sl, k3, (sl, k1) x 3, sl, k3, sl) x 2 ; work from * 4 times, k4. (135 sts)
 Row 43: Sl wyif, k2, *k4, (sl, k7) x 3, sl, k3 ; work from * 4 times, k4. (135 sts)

Instructions

Using Chinese Cast On technique. (see special techniques)
 Cast on 135 stitches with C1 and 4mm needles

Knit 120 rows always slipping the first stitch wyif. (60 ridges)
 On row 121, change to 4.5mm needles and join C2, do not cut C1.

Next, Knit the 8 rows of the **DOTS pattern** once, where main color is C2 and Contrast Color is C1 and repeat rows 1 to 4 of the **DOTS pattern** once ; Total of 12 rows, 6 ridges.

Knit 2 rows in C2

Next, start the **Birds in Flight pattern**, using the chart or the written instructions above.
 Main Color is C1, contrast color is C2.
 After knitting the 44 rows of the **BIRD pattern**,
 Knit 2 rows using C1, then
 Knit 2 rows using C2

Next, Knit **Dots pattern**, where Main color is C1 and Contrast color is C2, repeating the 8 rows of the chart 4 times: 32 rows and 16 ridges. (or until the first skein of C1 runs out). Cut C1

Continue on 4mm needles using C2 and garter stitch for 76 rows or 38 ridges.

Change to 4.5mm needles and join C3, do not cut C2

Using the **DOTS pattern**, where Main Color is C3 and Contrast Color is C2, knit the 8 rows of the chart twice and repeat Rows 1 to 4 once: 20 rows or 10 ridges.

Next, Knit 2 rows using Color 3

Continue with the 44 rows of **Birds in Flight pattern** using C2 as Main color and C3 as contrast color.

Next, Knit 2 rows in C2

Knit 2 rows in C3

Using C2 as main color and C3 as contrast color, Knit the 8 rows of the **DOTS pattern** twice and repeat Rows 1 to 4 once: 20 rows or 10 ridges... or continue until C2 runs out. Cut C2.

Change to 4mm needles and continue in garter st with C3 for 64 rows or 32 ridges.

Change to 4.5mm needles and join C1 again.

Knit the 8 rows of the **DOTS pattern** using C1 as Main color and C2 as contrast color repeating the 8 rows 4 times: 32 rows or 16 ridges.

Next, Knit 2 rows with C1

Knit the 44 rows of the **Birds in Flight pattern**, using C3 as Main color and C1 as contrast color.

Next, Knit 2 rows in C3,

Knit 2 rows in C1

Knit the **Dots pattern** using C3 as main color and C1 as contrast color repeating the 8 rows 6 times and lastly Row 1 to 4 once: 52 rows or 26 ridges or until C3 runs out.

Change to 4mm needles and continue in garter stitch using C1 for about 25 cm blocked or until C1 runs out. Remember to keep enough C1 to bind off.

Bind off using the double chain technique: (see special techniques)

Weave ends in and block.

