Imaarat

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Imaarat is a simple geometrical lace scarf with side-to-side construction. The lace is worked on odd number rows only, and all even number rows are knitted.

The scarf is knit in one piece - the first half (from the cast-on edge to the center) is worked using K2TOGs and yarn-overs (Imaarat Stitch Pattern A) and leans naturally towards the left. The second half (from the center to the bind-off edge) is worked using SSKs and yarn overs (Imaarat Stitch Pattern B), and leans towards the right. This natural slant towards the left and then the right creates the shallow V shape seen in the pictures.

Both the front and back of the scarf look good, but I prefer the side on which you're knitting all stitches (which would otherwise be the back of your work).

Yarn – One skein of Cascade Yarns Heritage (Solids *or* Paints) or 430-460 yards of any fingering weight yarn that blocks well. I used one skein of the Cascade Heritage Paints in the "Isle of Skye" colorway.

Needles:
- US size 6 (4 mm) for knitting
- US size 8 (5 mm) for casting on loosely (optional).

Gauge (after blocking) :
- 4 inches = 23.2 stitches and 25 rows

Notions:
- Tapestry needle to weave in ends
- 6 stitch markers (if using)
- Blocking pins (and wires, if using)

Finished Dimensions:
- Length - 55 inches, Width - 10.5 inches

Abbreviations:
- yo – yarn over
- k2tog – knit 2 together
- ssk – slip, slip, knit
- PM – place marker
- SM – slip marker

Imaarat Stitch Pattern A (for first half) – *worked over a multiple of 11 stitches and 16 rows*

- Row 1 – *(k2tog, yo) twice, knit 7 stitches*, repeat from * to *
- Row 2 and all even number rows – knit all stitches
- Row 3 – same as row 1
- Row 5 – same as row 1
- Row 7 – *(k2tog, yo) 5 times, knit 1*, repeat from * to *
- Row 9 – same as row 7
- Row 11 – *knit 6 stitches, (k2tog, yo) twice, knit 1*, repeat from * to *
- Row 13 – same as row 11
- Row 15 – same as row 11
- Row 16 – knit all stitches

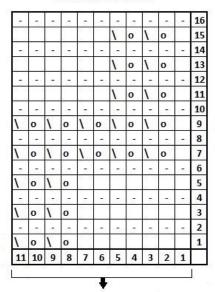**Imaarat Stitch Pattern B (for second half)** – *worked over a multiple of 11 stitches and 16 rows*

- Row 1 – *knit 7 stitches, (YO, ssk) twice*, repeat from * to *
- Row 2 and all even number rows – knit all stitches
- Row 3 – same as Row 1
- Row 5 – same as Row 1
- Row 7 – *knit 1, (YO, ssk) 5 times*, repeat from * to *
- Row 9 – same as Row 7
- Row 11 – *knit 1, (YO, ssk) twice, knit 6 stitches*, repeat from * to *
- Row 13 – same as row 11
- Row 15 same as row 11
- Row 16 – knit all stitches

Imaarat Chart A

11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Row
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repeat 5 times between borders

Imaarat Chart B

11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Row
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repeat 5 times between borders

Symbol Key:

☐	knit on odd-number rows
-	knit on even-number rows
o	YO (yarn over)
\	ssk (slip, slip, knit)
/	k2tog (knit 2 together)

- knit all stitches on all even number rows

- there are no purl stitches in the pattern

Instructions to knit the scarf:

First half of the scarf (uses Stitch Pattern A / Chart A):

Loosely cast on 61 stitches *(55 pattern stitches and 6 border stitches – 3 on either side)* using the larger needle.

Switch to smaller needles.

- Knit 6 rows
- Row 7 – knit 3 stitches, place marker (PM); work row 7 of Chart / Stitch Pattern A five times, placing markers after every repeat; knit the last 3 stitches. 6 markers placed.
  (Note that you begin working the lace stitches with row 7 of Imaarat Stitch Pattern A or Imaarat Chart A)

- On the next row (and all even number rows) knit all stitches, slipping markers as you go.
- On the next row, knit 3 stitches, SM; work row 9 of Pattern A five times, slipping markers as you go; knit the last 3 stitches.
- Next row – knit all stitches.
- Continue to work rows 11 to 16 of Pattern A as above, between the garter stitch borders.
- Now work rows 1 to 16 of Pattern A ten times (working 5 repeats between borders on every row, as established), ending with row 16 of the pattern.

Center:

- **Knit 2 rows** (knit all stitches). **These two rows mark the center of the scarf.**

Second half of the scarf (uses Stitch Pattern B / Chart B):

- On the next row, knit 3 stitches; work row 1 of Stitch Pattern / Chart B five times (separated by markers); knit the last 3 stitches
- On the next row, knit all stitches
- Continue to knit rows 3 to 16 of Pattern B as above, while maintaining a garter stitch border
- Repeat rows 1-16 of Pattern B nine **more** times.
- To finish, knit rows 1 to 10 of Pattern B once more (ending with row 10).

Knit 5 more rows.

Bind of all stitches purlwise.

Block to desired measurements, using the natural slant of the fabric as your guide to shape the scarf. Weave in ends.