Distitch Edge Scarf   by Assia Brill

The pattern was designed to demonstrate a new type of selvedge – Distitch selvedge. It is taken from **Distitch**, a book about an innovative principle of knitting. Distitch provides a very neat, clear and decorative edge.

The scarf is worked in conventional Garter stitch, it has a rectangular shape and can be knitted as long and as wide as you wish. Any yarn can be used – from fingering to bulky.

This basic pattern is ideal for beginners.

Pattern | Features
slip knit DS selvedge – closed

Materials

Woolfolk "Tov"
{100% Ovis 21 Extra Fine Merino Wool
158 m (173 yds) per 100 g skein
15 sts / 27 rows = 10 cm (4") in Stocking stitch on
5.0 mm (US 8) needles}
The sample scarf uses two skeins of colour T0 Natural
(Undyed)

Needles and notions

4.5 mm (US 7), or size to obtain the gauge, for working
flat

Gauge

17 sts x 30 rows = 10 cm (4") square in Garter stitch
using 4.5 mm (US 7) needles
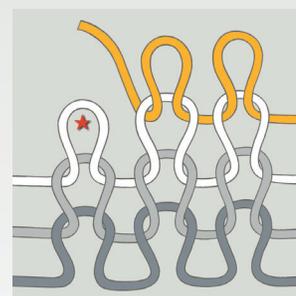
Finished measurements

15 x 160 cm (6" x 63")

Abbreviations

current stitch – the stitch
ready to be worked
(current row – white)
PS – **previous stitch** the
stitch from the row below
the current stitch
(previous row – light grey)
pre-previous stitch – the stitch from the row below
the previous stitch (pre-previous row – grey)
(See the diagram above right)

DS – **Distitch**
kDStog – knit both loops of the Distitch together as
one
LN – **left needle**
m&kDStog – make Distitch and knit two loops together
as one stitch: pick up PS (nearest of the two loops to LN)
and place onto LN, knit two DS loops as one st;
setup&kDStog – set up Distitch and knit two loops
together as one stitch: lift up PS and place onto LN,
knit both loops of DS as one st;
st(s) – stitch(es)

Instructions

Cast on 25 stitches.

The first three rows are set-up rows for **slip knit DS
selvedge – closed** (p. 3).

Row 1: purl 1, knit to the end
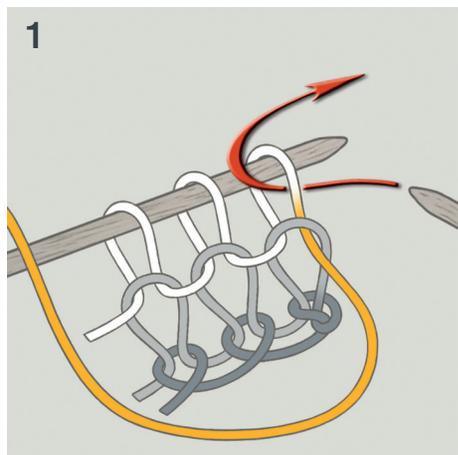Row 2: slip 1, knit to the last stitch, **setup&kDStog**
Row 3: as row 2
Row 4 and all following rows: slip 1, knit to last stitch,
m&kDStog (p. 4)

After you reach your desired length, bind off all stitches.
Break the yarn and weave in the ends.
Block if necessary.

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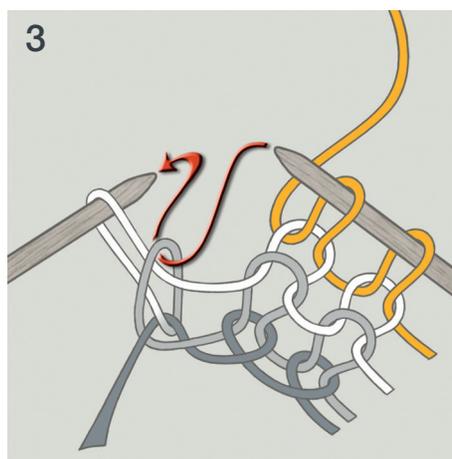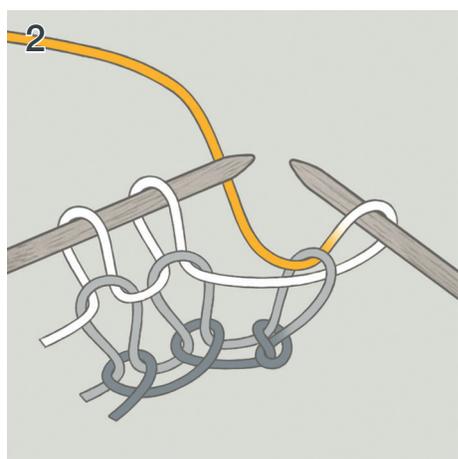**1**

The **closed selvedge** consists of twisted stitches.
The first three rows are setup rows. Please note that, after the first row, the first stitch is always slipped **purlwise** with the yarn in front.

Row 1: purl the first stitch, knit all other stitches

Row 2:
1-2. Slip the first stitch **purlwise** and **bring the yarn** to the **back** between the needles. Don't tighten the slipped stitch.
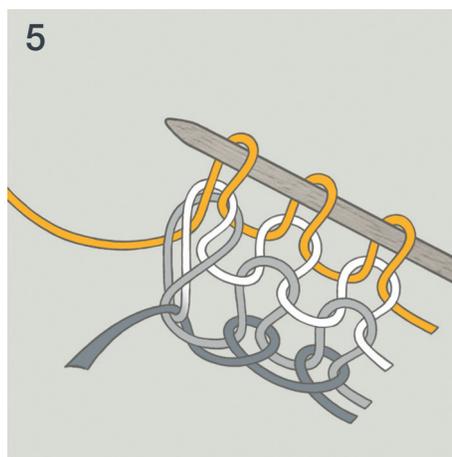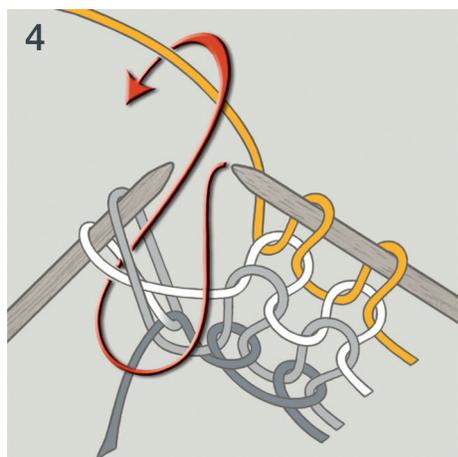
Knit all stitches to the last stitch of the row.

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The last stitch at the end of the row is worked in two steps, **setup&kDStog** (3-5).

3. Lift up the previous stitch by inserting the tip of the right needle from right to left into the head of the loop under the last stitch and **place it** onto the left needle to create a Distitch.

4. Knit the two loops of the Distitch together as one (**kDStog**).

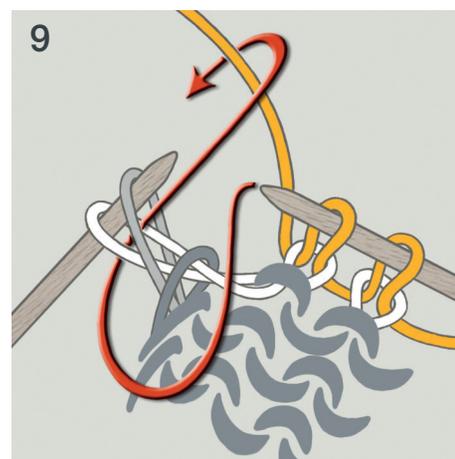**5.** The DS selvedge is now established at the end of the row.

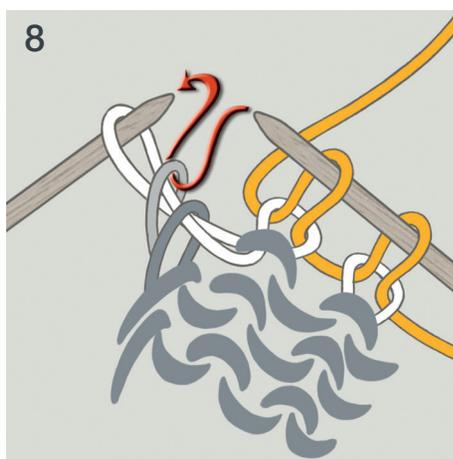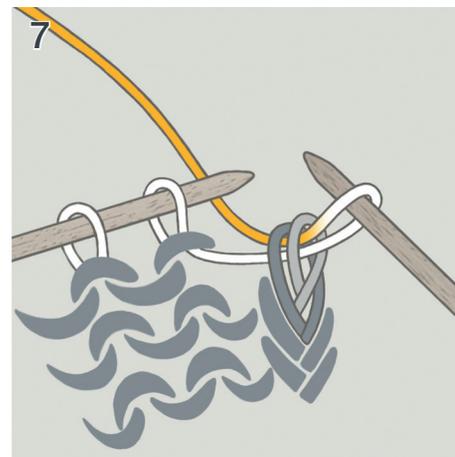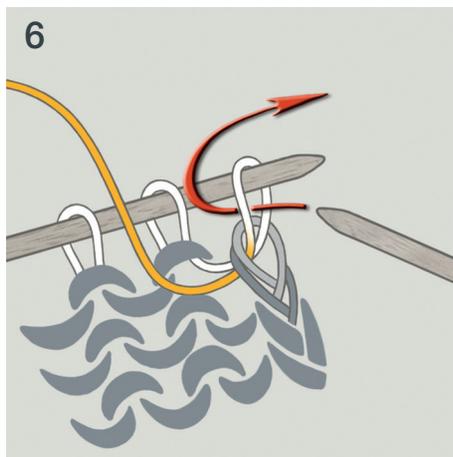**Row 3:** work as row 2

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Row 4:

6-7. Slip the first stitch **purlwise** and **bring the yarn** to the **back** between the needles without tightening it.

Knit all stitches to the last stitch of the row. Two loops [**the previous stitch** (grey) and **the pre-previous stitch** (dark grey)] are hanging below **the current stitch** (white) (**8**).

The last stitch at the end of the row is worked in two steps: make and knit DS together (**m&kDStog**) (**8-9**).

8. Pick up the previous stitch by inserting the tip of the right needle from right to left into the head of the loop **nearest** to the needle. **Place it** onto the left needle.

9. Knit two loops of Distitch together as one (**kDStog**).

Repeat row 4 to desired length to continue the selvedge.

Please watch the video of this most useful technique: scan this icon on the right. Or follow this link: https://vimeo.com/366266767

Tip

At the end of the row, always turn your knitting **anticlockwise** and the yarn will be in the right position (in front).