



## Bias or Infinity Scarf

**Materials:** 5mm needles, 1 set + 1 extra for 3-needle bind-off; 368 m worsted yarn – sample used Portofino by Manos Artesanas; About 3 m waste yarn; blunt tapestry needle.

**Gauge:** Unblocked – 17 sts and 17 ridges in garter st equals 4 inches. Blocked for length – approx 16 sts and 14 ridges in 4 inches.

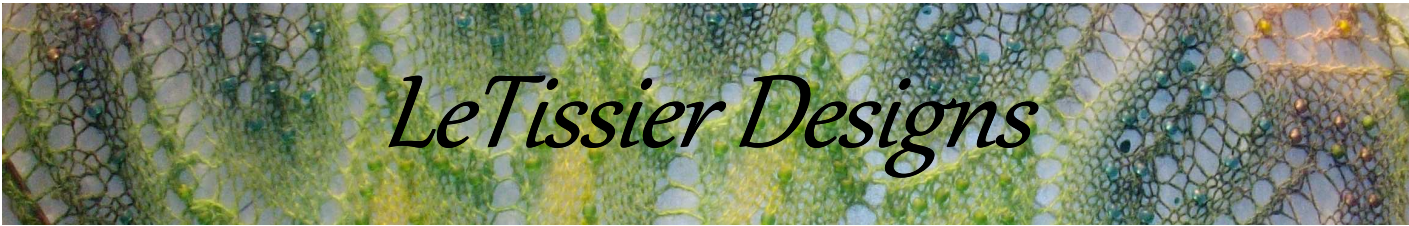
**Dimensions:** Unblocked – approx 8.5 ins wide and 5 ft long from point to point. Blocked for length– approx

8 ins wide and 6 ft long from point to point.

**Abbreviations:** **K2tog** – knit 2 sts together. **K1f&b** - work 2 sts into 1 st by knitting into the front and back of the st. Do this by first knitting into the st as normal – do not remove the st from the left needle – now rotate the right hand needle tip so that it is behind the left needle and knit into the same st again and then take both sts off the left needle. **3 needle bind-off** – lay the two needles holding sts side by side, with 3<sup>rd</sup> needle go through the first st on needle 1 as if to knit and then through the 2<sup>nd</sup> needle as if to knit, wrap the right needle tip and bring the stitch through the 2 sts, \*knit another 2 sts together – there are now 2 sts on the right needle, lift the back st over the front sts repeat from \* until the sides have been bound off together.



**Bias Technique:** A very effective technique for working with hand-dyed yarns. It is very easy. Increase at one end of the scarf and then decrease at the opposite end of the same row. The technique creates a scarf with long points at each end.



**Pattern:**

Cast-on 54 sts. If knitting a Scarf go straight to pattern rows. If knitting an Infinity Scarf work the set-up rows.

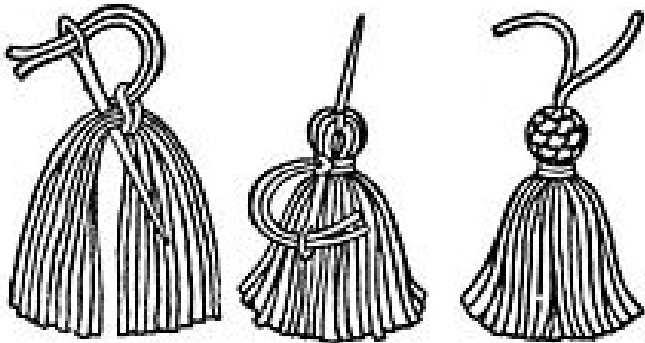
Set-up row 1 – Knit into the front and back of every st – 108 sts.

Set-up row 2 – With waste yarn threaded onto blunt needle work row 2 as follows: \*slip first st onto needle with waste yarn, K1; repeat from \* until end of row – 54 sts on waste yarn and 54 sts on knitting needle.

**Row 1: K1f&b, knit to last 2 sts, K2tog.**

**Row 2: Knit.**

**For Scarf:** Repeat rows 1 and 2 until scarf is desired length or until yarn runs out. Cast-off and weave in the ends. Finish long points with tassels if desired.



**For Infinity Scarf:** Repeat rows 1 and 2 until approx. 4 -5 yards or meters of yarn left. Pick-up, onto a third needle the sts held on waste yarn.

Using the three-needle bind-off method knit the last row of the scarf to the stitches that were held on the waste yarn. The 3-needle bind-off creates an interesting ridge detail.