RESTFUL RAINBOW (Crochet)
Shared by Martha Hall
Afghans

FINISHED SIZE: 25” x 65”

MATERIALS: Worsted Weight Yarn:
   White – 11 ounces (300 grams, 690 yards)
   Scraps - 11 ounces (300 grams, 690 yards) TOTAL
   (We used 6 shades of pastels)
   Crochet hook, size I (5.50 mm) or size needed for gauge
   Yarn needle

GAUGE: Center 1 3/4” wide and 7 rows = 4”
   Each strip 2 1/2” wide

STRIP CENTER (Make 8)
   • With desired color, ch 8 loosely
   • Row 1 (Right side): Dc in fourth ch from hook and in each ch across: 6 stitches
   • Note: Loop a short piece of yarn around any stitch to mark row 1 as right side and bottom edge.
   • Rows 2-99: Ch 3 (counts as first dc, now and throughout), turn; dc in each st across: 6 dc
   • Finish off

BORDER
   • With right side facing and working in end of rows, join white with slip st in last row; ch 3, 2 dc in same sp, (working in front of first 2 dc on next row, tr around third dc, 3 dc in next row) across.
   • Working in free loops of beginning ch, skip first 2 chs, 4 tr in each of next 2 chs.
   • Working in end of rows, 3 dc in first row, (working in front of first 2 dc on next row, tr around third dc, 3 dc in next row) across.
   • Skip first 2 dc on last row, 4 tr in each of next 2 dc
   • Join with slip st to first dc, finish off: 118 tr
ASSEMBLY

- Place two strips with wrong sides together and bottom edges at the same end.

- Using White and working through inside loops only, whipstitch Strips together, beginning in center dc of first 3-dc group and ending in center dc of last 3-dc group.

- Join remaining Strips in same manner, always working in same direction.
**FINISHED SIZE:** 65-67” long

**MATERIALS:** G or H hook
3 skeins medium or 4-ply yarn

- Row 1 Chain 214 — 2 dc in 4th chain from hook (Beginning skipped chains count as a dc).

- Skip next four chains and shell in the 5th chain. (Shell Stitch is 5 dc in same stitch).

- Continue across by skipping 4 chains and shell in 5th chain.

- At end of row you should have 4 remaining chains; skip 3 and dc 3 times in last chain.

- Row 2 Chain 3 and turn (counts as a dc on this and following rows).

- Dc in next 2 dc. Ip nex2dc and shell (5 dc in same stitch) in next dc. (This shell will be in the center of the previous row’s shell. Always use the back thread of all dc.)

- Continue across to last 3 dc. Dc in each of them. Chain 3 and turn.

- Continue with the rows until your shawl measures 24-34” wide. The number of rows will vary with each person depending on how tightly or loosely you crochet. It also varies with the hook size and yarn used.

**Dutchie’s note:** “I end up with 42 shells with 3 dc at each end of the shawl. Mine usually ends up 65-67” long. You can always add borders to enlarge the length or width. I continually measure mine as I go. If you want to lengthen the shawl, add in 5 ch increments to the original chain.”
SHELL SHAWL (Crochet)
Shared by Dutchie Cain

BEGINNER LEVEL
FINISHED SIZE: 72” (Measure your work)

MATERIALS: Size 11 circular needles
3 skeins 4 ply yarn

GAUGE: In stockinette stitch
14 sts and 18 rows = 4 inches
Pattern is multiples of 18 + 12 stitches

Cast on 234

Rows 1 – 6
• Knit across.

Row 7
• (wrong side) k6, (k2 together) 3 times, (yo k1) 6 times.
• *k2 together 6 times, yo k1, 6 times.
• Repeat from * across to last 12 stitches.
• k2 together 3 times, k6.

Row 8
• Knit across

Row 9
• K6, purl across to last 6 stitches, k6
• Repeat rows 7-9 until measures 24 to 34 inches
• Last 6 rows k across
MOCK CABLE (Knit)
Shared by Judi Windich

FINISHED SIZE: 24 - 25 inches by about 66 inches long

MATERIALS: #8 needles, worsted weight yarn

Cast on 102 stitches. To change number of stitches, pattern is in multiples of 5 plus 2.

Row 1
• K2, (P3, K2) across.

Row 2
• (right side). P2, (k3, P2) across.

Row 3
• K2, (P3, K2) across.

Row 4
• P2, *[slip one as if to knit, K2, PSSO, P2].
• repeat from * across.

Row 5
• K2, *P1, yarn round needle, P1, K2.
• Repeat from * across.
• Repeat rows 2-5 for pattern.
Anyone can make a shawl using only the Knit stitch. That's the only stitch you need to use after you cast on. If you are a beginner, YouTube has multiple tutorials for casting on and binding off. Pick the one that works for you. This is a great way to use scrap yarn as well!

- Using Size 15 needles, and using two strands of 4-ply yarn, cast on 130 stitches.
- Knit each row until you have achieved your desired width. For me, it was 76 rows.
- Using size 13 needles, and using two strands of yarn, cast on 150 stitches.
- Again, knit each row until you have achieved your desired width, approximately 92 rows.
- Finished size 66" long and 24" wide.
- If using only one strand of yarn, use a smaller needle.
- Knit a test strip to determine number of stitches needed.

Remember: everyone’s tension and stitch size varies so please measure your work.

SOME IDEAS:

Rainbow Shawl

- This requires three skeins of your main color, plus yarn to complete stripes.
- When making the rainbow shawl, begin with 2 skeins (2 strands) of your main color (black in picture).
- I cut only one black strand and tied on another color (purple) and continued knitting until I was ready to change colors where I cut the second color (purple) and changed colors (blue).
- I continued until I tied in the original cut black skein and completed the shawl.
- To make your rows even, knit 10 rows of each color.
THE “ONE” STITCH (Knit)
Shared by Janice Cassell

Two Colors

• Some of the prettiest and most unique shawls are when you take two colors and
  knit them at the same time.

• A plain strand of yarn with a variegated strand adds dimension and character to
  the shawl. Depending on the size of your skein, you will need 2-3 skeins of each
  color.

• Knit using two colors together.

• You can also use two complimenting colors and knit together for a unique look.

• Add fringe if you like!
**MATERIALS:** Size 8 round needles
3 Skeins of 4-ply yarn. (Each skein is 359 yards.)

**FINISHED SIZE:** 21" X 63"

Cast on 220 stitches.

**Rows 1-6**
- Purl across.

**Row 7**
- (Right side) P5, *YO, K2 together.
- Repeat from * to last 5 sts, P5.

**Rows 8-12**
- Purl across.

**Row 13**
- P5 (YO, K2 together) across to last 5 sts, P5.
- Repeat Rows 8-13 for pattern until the shawl reaches the desired width of 24” or more.

**Last 6 Rows**
- Purl across.
- Bind off all sts in purl.
GARTER DROP STITCH (Knit)
Shared by Barbra Gabard

MATERIALS: Size 10 needles

FINISHED SIZE: 29” X 70”

Cast on 85 stitches.

Row 1
• Knit across.

Row 2
• Purl across.

Row 3
• Knit across.

Row 4
• Purl across.

Row 5
• *K1, wind yarn twice around needle and repeat * to end, K1.

Row 6
• Knit to end dropping extra stitches each time.
• Repeat to desired length.

• *You may also use this pattern and on Row 5 only wrap the yarn around your needle for a smaller gap.

Barbra likes to be creative and use a 12 row repeat as follows. After completing the 6 rows above, Barbra adds:

Row 7
• Knit across.

Row 8
• Purl across.
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Row 9
• Knit across.

Row 10
Purl across.

Row 11
• *K1, wind yarn once around needle and K repeat* to end, K1.

Row 12
• Knit to end dropping extra stitch.
• Repeat rows 1-12.
GARTER STITCH RIDGES (Knit)
Shared by Barbra Gabard

**MATERIALS:** Size 10 needles

**FINISHED SIZE:** 27” X 65”

Cast on 80 stitches.

Row 1 (right side)
- Knit across.

Row 2
- Purl across.

Row 3
- Knit across.

Row 4
- Purl across.

Rows 5-10
- Purl across.

- Repeat Rows 1-10 to your desired length.
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