

## Sampler Scarf/Shawl Designed by Laura Bryant

This is a great way to experience both working in a three yarn rotation and combining different thicknesses and textures—and to wind up with a great project at the end. Each section of the scarf becomes a record for future reference. Assemble as many different yarns as you can, even if you have only a small amount. We used about 14 oz of yarns that ranged from 5 per inch to 2 \_ per inch, and splurged on two ribbons for the edging. Try to stay within a general color and value scheme: it will be difficult to blend highly contrasting colors (lights and darks) successfully, as the fabric will be very striped. Divide the yarns into three groups—the thickest (A), middle (B) and thinnest (C). If they are all similar in weight, you can ignore this part. Subdivide these groups into texture types—bumpy, smooth, hairy, spiky, etc. Pick one from each type: an A, B & C strand, paying attention to color and texture (make them different). I used a # 11 needle and 40 sts. You can make a narrower scarf, or wider if you want a very dramatic wrap. Cast on with A, drop A and attach B, k B across, drop B and attach C, the knit C across. A is waiting at the beginning of the next row. Continue in garter stitch for a few inches—as much as you like. Drop A and attach a different A, overlapping the two strands for about 10 sts. Continue to work for as long as you like, then drop B and add a different B. If you mix the sizes randomly, you will have very thin and very thick areas within the scarf, and the width will change accordingly. Attention to yarn selection (replacing yarns with like sized yarns) keeps the scarf relatively even. Continue to work through your stash, repeating yarns you have more of. Our scarf was worked to about 80”, then bound off and finished with a crochet edge. Stop once in a while to notice the difference in feel from one area to another. I have gotten great ideas for sweaters from doing this type of knitting.

Crochet edge: 2 skeins Mirage Ribbon: 1 Tumbleweed, 1 Sierra

With any bulky yarn and a size I crochet hook, work 1 rnd sc around the entire scarf, working about 1 st in every other row to keep the edge flat—not stretched or pulled. Attach Tumbleweed Mirage, and \*ch 6, skip 3 sts, sc in next st, repeat around from \*, fudging the end as needed to make the loops relatively even. Cut Tumbleweed and attach Sierra to a stitch in between one of the chain loops from previous row; \* ch 6, push chain from previous row to front, skip 3 sts, sc in next st; ch 6, push chain from previous row to back, skip 3 sts, sc in next st\*, repeat \*\* around.