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This easy crossed stitch pattern was described by the great Barbara Walker and it's just perfect for big, bulky yarn dyed in many pretty colours, like Malabrigo Rasta. It creates a dense fabric, so I recommend using needles size 15 mm – you want a scarf you can drape around your neck, not a long, stiff coaster.

The stitch pattern might look a bit 'open' at first, but the yarn will get much more voluminous after blocking. The stitch pattern is not reversible, but both sides are interesting to look at.

The finished scarf might seem short and wide at first, but due to the weight of the yarn, it will soon be longer and narrower after wearing it a few times.

Materials: 3 skeins of *Malabrigo Rasta*, color no. 086 "Verde Azul"
Straight knitting needles, size 15 mm (US 19)

Finished size: 22 × 185 cm

Directions:

Cast on 25 stitches with Malabrigo Rasta needles size 15 mm (US 19). Work in pattern as follows:

Right side rows: Knit 2 sts, *insert the needle from back to front between the first and second stitch on the left hand needle, knit the second stitch, then knit the first stitch and slip both stitches from the left hand needle together.*

Repeat directions within asterisks (*) until 1 stitch remains, knit 1 st.



Wrong side rows: Knit 1 st, purl 1 st, *first purl the second stitch on the left hand needle, then purl the first stitch, than slip both stitches together from the left hand needle.*

Repeat directions within asterisks (*) until 1 stitch remains, knit 1 st.

Repeat these two rows until your scarf has the desired length and bind off with knit sts.

Blocking:

Either steam block or wet block your project and leave it to dry completely.

Video tutorial:

If you would like to see a visual presentation of this technique go to www.vimeo.com, simply enter “how to knit basket weave” into the search field and select one of the videos listed.

