

# Pooled Infinity Scarf

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*A fresh take on variegated yarn, the Pooled Infinity Scarf works with the pooling properties of Intrepid Tulips yarn to create a unique pattern and a warm fashion statement.*

*This scarf works up quickly in the round, knit in stockinette with a simple picot edge for interest.*

**Yarn:**

Intrepid Tulips Sock, 100 grams,  
Latvia, 1 skein  
(Or Intrepid Tulips Cashmere Sock, 100  
grams, 1 skein)

**Needles:**

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## Notions:

Tapestry needle for hemming and weaving in ends

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Easy – there are no fancy stitches, but it's important to watch your knitting and make tension adjustments.

## Finished Size:

7 ½" wide and 28" circumference



**Gauge:** 19 sts and 29 rounds = 4" Sock & #5 needle  
23 sts and 34 rounds = 4" Cashmere Sock & #4 needle

## Abbreviations

CO Cast On  
BO Bind Off  
K Knit  
KFB knit 1 stitch in the front, then in the back, increasing 1 st  
K2tog Knit 2 stitches together  
Rnd Round  
St(s) Stitch(es)  
SSK sl 1 k-wise, sl 1 p-wise, knit slipped sts tog  
YO Yarn Over  
\*\* rep Repeat the instructions between the \*'s as indicated.

## Notes

Color pooling (or barber poling) is dependent on the way a variegated yarn was dyed and on the knitter's gauge. It is important to pay attention to the way your yarn colors "stack" (or don't) throughout this project. Not to worry – tiny adjustments are easily made and can keep your Pooled Infinity Scarf on track, but you will likely find that you need to watch your knitting much more closely than for a typical piece in stockinette.

This is a rather different style of knitting. You will pay much less attention to the pattern, and more attention to the colored yarn moving through your fingers than you often might. In some rounds, the colors will make some surprise leaps, only to return to the “plan” in the next round. This process of letting the yarn lead you through the pattern creates the unique and stunning scarf that results.

## Pattern

CO 184 if you’re working with Sock on a #5 needle. (CO 210 if you’re working with Cashmere Sock on a #4 needle.) Place stitch marker and join into a round without twisting.

K 8 rounds. Use these rounds to evaluate your gauge. Colors within the variegated yarn should stack or pool, so that the same color appears in the same place on each round. This won't be at all precise, but the general effect should be vertical striping. If this is not occurring, adjust either your tension or stitch count to achieve a reasonable color stacking.

If colors are striping to the left, knit more loosely, if they slant to the right, try knitting more tightly. If things are so out of line that the colors do not overlap at all, try increasing (in the case of left leaning stripes) or decreasing (to address right leaning colors) but be sure to maintain an even number of stitches. Work another few rounds until your colors are stacking nicely. After these adjustments, you may or may not have 184 (210) sts. As long as you have an even number of sts, it’s OK.

Next rnd: \*K2tog, YO\* repeat to end of round. This round creates a picot edge.

K next 10 rnds. Colors should again stack, although probably not in line with the stacking created prior to the picot round.

Next round: knit 1 st, kfb, work until one st remains before marker, kfb, K1.

K next 15 rnds. Colors will begin to travel to the right, or counter clockwise. Modify your tension as necessary to keep the colors shifting right 2-3 sts each rnd. It’s OK if some rnds show larger shifts than others, or if some rnds regress. Adjust your tension if a second consecutive rnd seems off pattern.

Next round: knit 1 st, ssk, work until one st remains before marker, k2tog, K1.

K next 10 rnds. Colors should stack in their new positions.

Next round: knit 1 st, ssk, work until one st remains before marker, k2tog, K1.

K next 15 rnds. Colors will begin to travel to the left, or clockwise. As above, modify your tension as necessary to keep the colors shifting left 2-3 sts each rnd.

Next round: knit 1 st, kfb, work until one st remains before marker, kfb, K1.

K next 10 rnds. Colors should stack in their new positions.

Next rnd: \*K2tog, YO\* repeat to end of round. This round creates the other picot edge.

Work another 8-10 rnds for hem, BO all sts loosely, removing stitch marker.

### **Finishing**

Fold edges to the wrong side at the line of YO's, sew hem loosely in place on each edge. Weave in ends; press lightly with an iron to block. Enjoy!