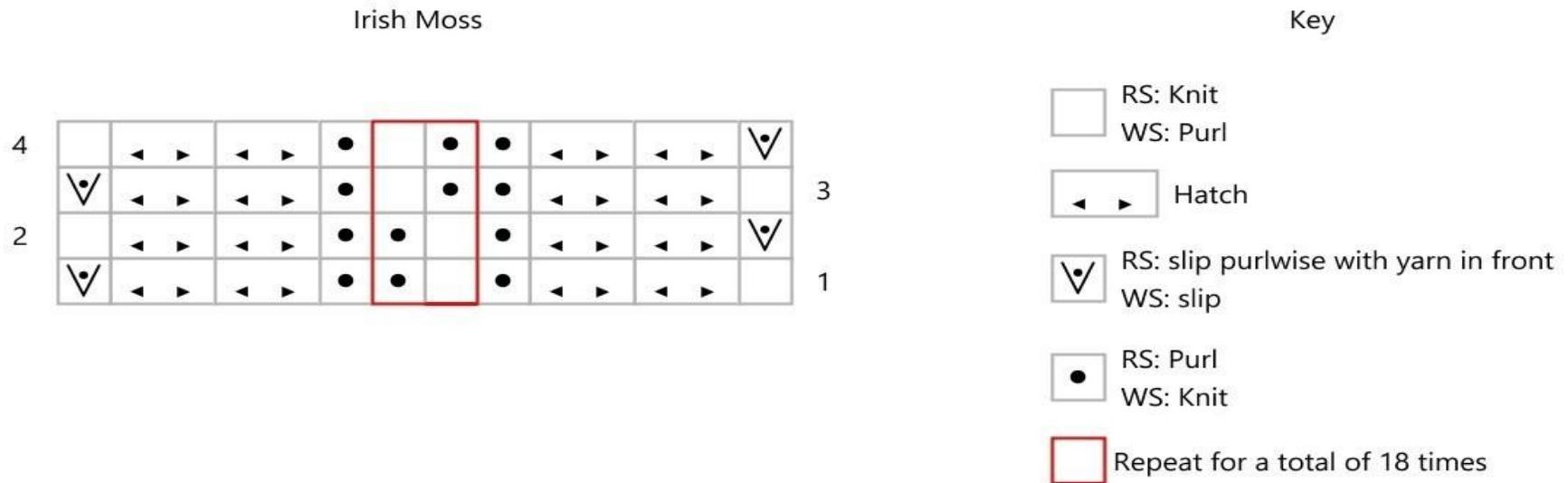


Stitch 5 - Irish Moss

Irish Moss Stitch is a form of seed stitch that's worked over a four-row repeat; it's often knitted as a filler stitch for the diamond pattern. The Irish moss stitch suggests a good harvest. It depicts carrageen moss, a type of seaweed found on the Irish coast, which is used as a food and as a fertilizer of barren fields.

Moss stitches represent the rich and abundant growth of the mossy soil. Wear a moss stitch when you want to get things done and grow fast!

Please note: If you are using stitch markers to separate the border stitches from the main stitches, the marker placement will not be shown on the knitting charts.



Written Instructions:

Knit the 2 stitch pattern 18 times across the 36 stitches between the Hatch Stitch Border Stitches.

Row 1: (RS): HS/RS, SM, *K1, P1* repeat 17 more times, SM, HS/LS.

Row 2: (WS): HS/LS, SM, *K1, P1* repeat from * to border maker, SM, HS/RS.

Row 3: HS/RS, SM, *P1, K1* repeat from * to border marker, SM, HS/LS.

Row 4: HS/LS, SM, *P1, K1* repeat from * border marker, SM, HS/RS.

Repeat rows 1-4 until 3 inches have been completed ending with Row 4.

Knit 6 rows (garter stitch) before starting the Neck Section of the scarf.

Hatch Stitch Written Instructions

HS/RS is referencing the right hand side of the scarf facing you. HS/LS is referencing the left hand side of the scarf.

Row 1 (RS): K1, *Sl1, k1, yo, pass slip st over both the knit and yo sts* repeat 1 time, p1. Place marker and work stitch pattern until last 6 stitches. Place marker, p1 *Sl1, k1, yo, pass slip st over both the knit and the yo sts* repeat 1 time, slip last stitch with yarn in front.

Row 2 (WS) K1, p4, k1, slip marker and work stitch pattern until last 6 stitches and maker. Slip marker, K1, p4, sl 1 with yarn in front.

Special Notes:

Make sure to pay close attention in Row 3. That's where you will have to knit all purl stitches and vice versa. If you don't, you will create a **1 x 1 rib**. That can also be very beautiful, but it's probably not what you were looking for.

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This stitch pattern can be done with an uneven number of stitches. The results make the pattern symmetrical - either side can be the right side.

What is the difference between seed stitch and moss stitch? The American Moss Stitch pattern, which is a variation on the British Moss Stitch, is also known as Irish Moss Stitch so it's no wonder things can get a little confusing. "The British Moss Stitch / Seed Stitch are a two row repeat stitch pattern while the American / Irish Moss Stitch is a four row repeat stitch pattern. It is created by alternating knit and purl stitches in the same row, repeating that row, then knitting the opposite stitches in the next row and repeating that row.