

Blue Lightning



Way back when I used to live in Maine, the thing I disliked most about the winter wasn't the subzero temperatures, or the icy sidewalks, or the excavation of my car after snowstorms—it was the disappearance of color from the landscape. This scarf takes those washed-out winter days and goes ZAP! It's also a double-thickness, so you won't have to worry about being cold, either. Knit it up and step outside!

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

8" wide x 60" long, or desired length.

MATERIALS

{MC} Swish DK Coal (24045); 6 skeins
{CC} Swish DK Whirlpool (24635); 2 skeins

1 set US #5/3.75mm straight needles

4 stitch markers
Tapestry needle

GAUGE

5.5 sts = 1" in St st

NOTES

The markers placed in the first set up row mark the left and right extremes of the lightning bolt zig-zag. They're not necessary to complete the scarf, but they help if you don't want to have the pattern in front of you all the time. And once you have the Left Twist and Right Twist down, you probably won't need to have the pattern in front of you at all.

TECHNIQUES

Right Twist (RT): Knit the second stitch on the left needle, then knit the first stitch. Slip both stitches off left needle.

Left Twist (LT): Knit into the **back** of the second stitch on the left needle, then into the **front** of the first stitch on the left needle. Slip both stitches off left needle.

If you don't already know how to do kitchener stitch, you can find a great tutorial here:
<http://knitty.com/ISSUEsummer04/FEATtheresasum04.html>

PATTERN

Beginning Section

Using provisional cast-on, CO 88 sts with CC.
Beginning with a k row, work 4 rows in St st.

Lightning Section

Switch to MC.

Work Set-up Rows as follows:

Row 1 (RS): k15, pm, k10, kCC, k, kCC, k, kCC, k10, pm, k8, pm, k10, kCC, k, kCC, k, kCC, k10, pm, k15.

Row 2 (and every WS row from here forward): P all sts and sl all markers, making sure to work MC sts with MC and CC sts with CC.

Begin Chart Rows (see pages 5-6 for chart). Make sure to sl markers on every row:

Row 1: K24, RT three times, k28, LT three times, k24.
 Row 3: K23, RT three times, k30, LT three times, k23.
 Row 5: K22, RT three times, k32, LT three times, k22.
 Row 7: K21, RT three times, k34, LT three times, k21.
 Row 9: K20, RT three times, k36, LT three times, k20.
 Row 11: K19, RT three times, k38, LT three times, k19.
 Row 13: K18, RT three times, k40, LT three times, k18.
 Row 15: K17, RT three times, k42, LT three times, k17.
 Row 17: K16, RT three times, k44, LT three times, k16.
 Row 19: K15, RT three times, k46, LT three times, k15.
 Row 21: K15, LT three times, k46, RT three times, k15.
 Row 23: K16, LT three times, k44, RT three times, k16.
 Row 25: K17, LT three times, k42, RT three times, k17.
 Row 27: K18, LT three times, k40, RT three times, k18.
 Row 29: K19, LT three times, k38, RT three times, k19.
 Row 31: K20, LT three times, k36, RT three times, k20.
 Row 33: K21, LT three times, k34, RT three times, k21.
 Row 35: K22, LT three times, k32, RT three times, k22.
 Row 37: K23, LT three times, k30, RT three times, k23.
 Row 39: K24, LT three times, k28, RT three times, k24.
 Row 41: K25, LT three times, k26, RT three times, k25.
 Row 43: K26, LT three times, k24, RT three times, k26.
 Row 45: K27, LT three times, k22, RT three times, k27.
 Row 47: K28, LT three times, k20, RT three times, k28.
 Row 49: K29, LT three times, k18, RT three times, k29.
 Row 51: K30, LT three times, k16, RT three times, k30.
 Row 53: K31, LT three times, k14, RT three times, k31.
 Row 55: K32, LT three times, k12, RT three times, k32.
 Row 57: K33, LT three times, k10, RT three times, k33.
 Row 59: K34, LT three times, k8, RT three times, k34.
 Row 61: K34, RT three times, k8, LT three times, k34.
 Row 63: K33, RT three times, k10, LT three times, k33.
 Row 65: K32, RT three times, k12, LT three times, k32.
 Row 67: K31, RT three times, k14, LT three times, k31.
 Row 69: K30, RT three times, k16, LT three times, k30.
 Row 71: K29, RT three times, k18, LT three times, k29.
 Row 73: K28, RT three times, k20, LT three times, k28.
 Row 75: K27, RT three times, k22, LT three times, k27.
 Row 77: K26, RT three times, k24, LT three times, k26.

Row 79: K25, RT three times, k26, LT three times, k25.

Row 81: K24, RT three times, k28, LT three times, k24.

Repeat Chart Rows until entire length is approximately 1/2" less than desired length, ending with row 40 or 80.

End section

Using CC and with RS facing, work four rows in St st. Slip all sts to a stitch holder.

Finishing

Divide stitches between two needles. There should be 44 sts on each needle. Close this end of the scarf by sewing stitches together using kitchener stitch.

"Unzip" your provisional cast-on, dividing the live stitches between two needles. As above, close this end of the scarf using kitchener stitch.

Sew side edge of scarf using mattress stitch.

If you think the scarf needs it, block the edges gently to help it lie flat.

Wrap it around your neck, put on your sunglasses, and step outside.

ABBREVIATIONS USED

CC: Contrast color

CO: Cast on

K, k: Knit

kCC: Knit contrast color

LT: Left twist (see Techniques section)

MC: Main color

P, p: Purl

RT: Right twist (see Techniques section)

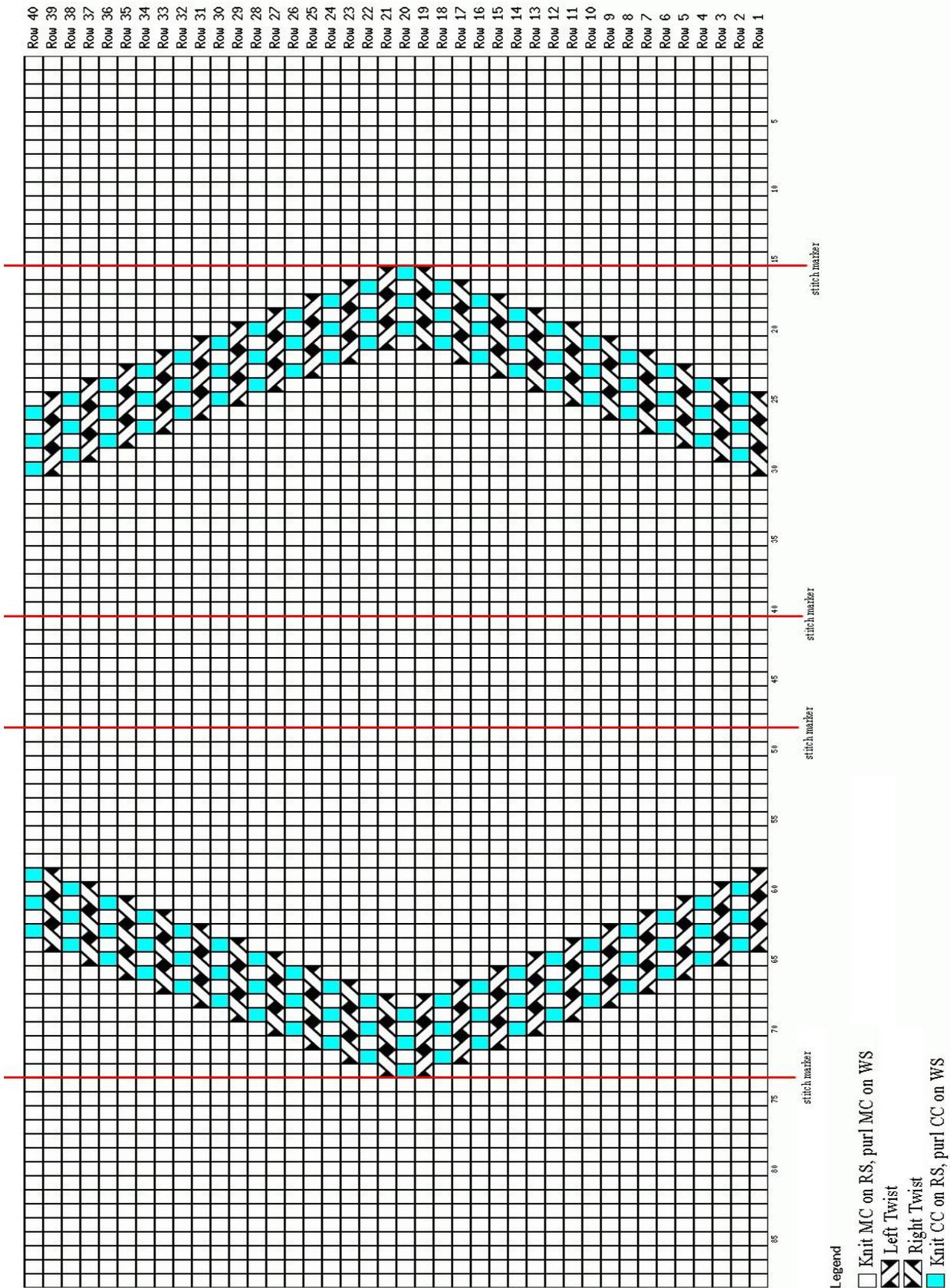
Sl, sl: Slip

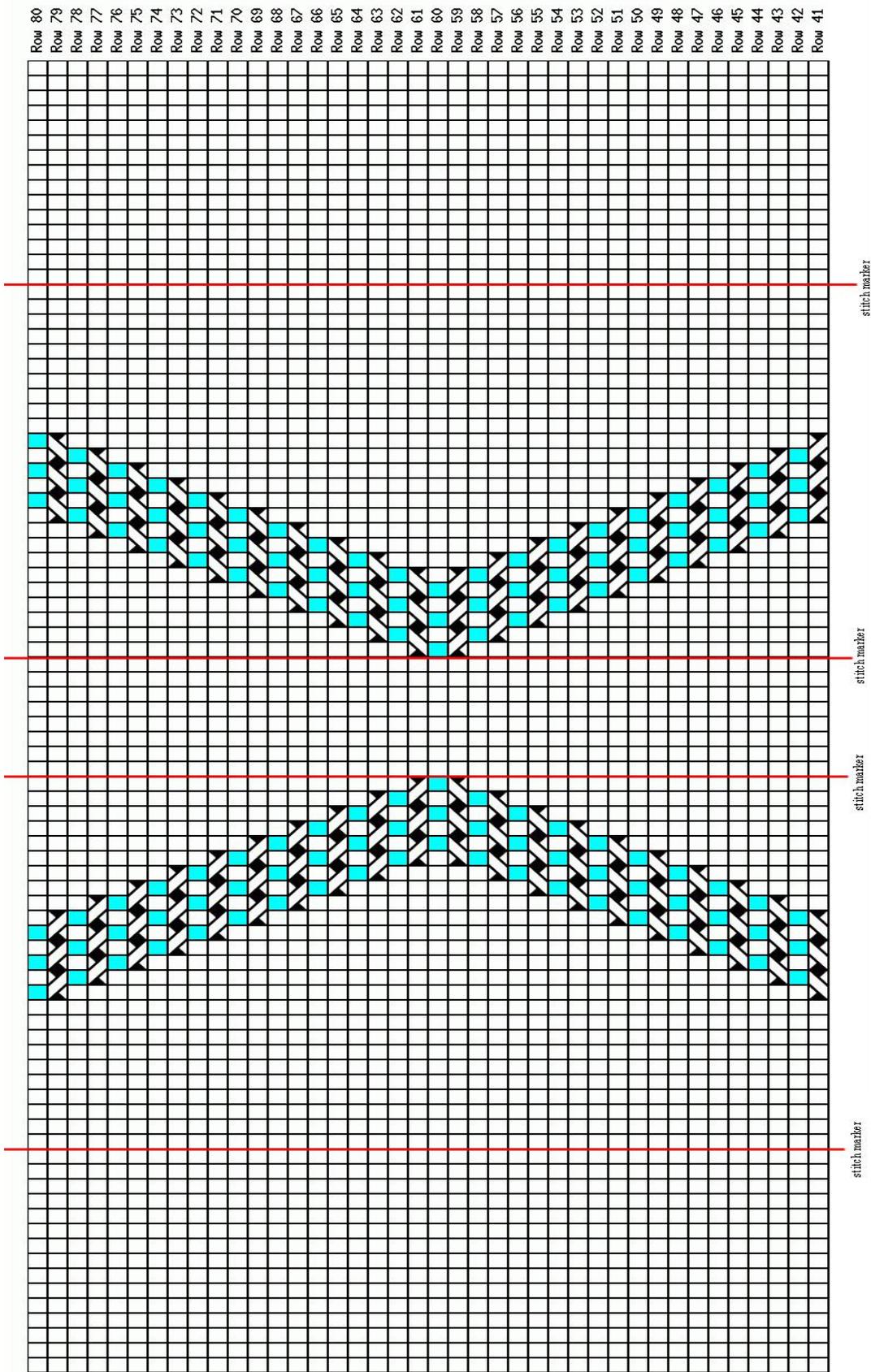
St, st: Stitch

St st: Stockinette stitch

sts: Stitches

Questions? Problems? Drop me a line at support@yarnboy.com!





Legend

- Knit MC on RS, purl MC on WS
- ▤ Left Twist
- ▥ Right Twist
- Knit CC on RS, purl CC on WS