WoolWench and Majacraft present:

Circle Weave Along Tutorial #2

In which we will create a stained glass inspired stash busting Scarf

Diva Scarf Circle Weave Along Tutorial: Part 2

This week we will take the circles we wove last week and add a crocheted edging around it. Then we will pick up some stitches and start knitting!

Please feel free to make your own additions, alterations, and adjustments to this project as we go, this is not so much a pattern as a description, and there will be variation related to different yarn thicknesses, needles used, and personal preference. This is perfectly fine and I hope you simply enjoy creating your own style! Just keep in mind consistency in the design, I maintained that through the length of the scarf simply by continuing the separation of colours with the stripes of black. You may find your own way to do this, perhaps repeating the same colour changes in the straight piece that you made in the circles, or you might want to use something not black as well.

I will provide measurements to work to for the scarf width and length, but again, if your circles are larger or smaller than the ones I made, you might want to work more proportionally and choose your own dimensions, this is all ok! It just means you might want to pick up a different number of stitches than I suggest.

I hope you enjoy the process this week!

CROCHET

First we are going to add the crochet edge around the circles. I used black to do this and continue the design theme.

Take a crochet hook appropriate to the size of yarn you are using (if you are unsure you could make a small swatch and check).

Insert your hook through the first warp loop, going under the last row of weaving. You could just go through the warp loop but I have found that I like the extra sturdiness of the edge if I also go under the weft row.

Pull through a loop and chain stitch three

Insert the hook into the next warp loop, * make a single crochet stitch (yarn over, draw yarn through stitch, yarn over, draw yarn through 2 loops on hook)

Chain stitch one *

Insert hook into the next warp loop and repeat the previous step * until you have completed the circle.

When you get back to where you started, insert your hook into the inside of the three chain you started with and make a slip stitch to join.

You now have a completed circle! However, if you want to make your circle larger, you can continue crocheting for another round or two, just remember to add in an extra chain stitch to allow for the increase in the width of the circle.

Repeat this section for the second circle.

KNIT

Now we pick up stitches and start knitting! You will need to make your own judgement here about how many stitches you will need to create, it will depend on the thickness of your yarn and the size of your needles, and because this is a stash buster, that could be anything! Here are my guidelines:

I used my warp yarn doubled, so double DK weight (approx) and US 9 (5.50mm) needles. I picked up a total of 24 stitches which gave me a width of 5.5 inches (14cm) for my scarf.
You can start at any point on the circle. I used my crochet hook to pull a loop through the first crochet stitch (I used black again). Insert your needle through the loop and then through the next crochet stitch, yarn over and pull through the next loop, leaving them on the needle. Continue like this until you have the width you want.

Next knit one complete row

Now it is time to do a little shaping to compensate for the curve of the circle and the straight rows we are knitting. To do this we are going to make 'wedges' on each side:

* Knit one third of a row (for me with a row of 24 stitches, I knitted 8 stitches).

Turn your work and knit back over those 8 stitches to the start of the row

Turn again and knit a complete row.*

Repeat * *

You should now find your knitting sits quite nicely around the circle.

From this point onwards it is simply a matter of knitting straight (this is garter stitch the whole way) until you get to the length you want. Mine measures a total of 58 inches (147 cm) between the circles, however it is up to you to decide how long you want your scarf to be! Just keep knitting till you get the desired length, changing colours as you feel like it but keeping your black (or other coloured) stripe between them.

You will also find that if you have different thickness and textured yarns it will alter the width of your scarf. Since this is a stash busting project it is good to be able to use all or anything from your stash for it, so you can use this as a design feature too! I used yarns from thin to thickest and back again to create wavy edges along the length of the scarf, this reflects the curves of the circles at the ends and I spaced them out to be in proportion to the circles too. Sometimes I needed to increase or decrease a little by knitting twice into a stitch (knit one into the front of the stitch and then yarn over knit one into the back of the stitch, or to decrease, knit two together. This way I could use my bigger yarn (the blue in my scarf) and enhance its effect on the project rather than try to hide it or not use it at all.. You might want to try this too, planning out which yarns to use with your colour changes and shape. Or you might want to make it totally random and let the knitting do what it wants to do when you add a different thickness yarn, which will add a very rustic look to your project!

I also didn't worry too much about which side I was on when I added a new colour. It makes a narrow stripe in the knit when you add a new colour, some people may prefer to keep this on one side only, so just choose your side and make it the same one each time, or add them randomly as I did.

Thats all we have for this week! Next week we will join on the second circle and add the tassels!