

# Fisherman's Rib

Fisherman's Rib is similar in appearance to the Brioche Stitch, but it is created using "Knit 1 Below (k1b)" rather than using yarnovers and slipped stitches. The float produced by the k1b requires a stitch on either side to maintain its structure, so k1b can only be done every other stitch and every other row.

This ribbing stitch makes a deep fluffy pattern. It can be used as an all over pattern for scarves and other garments. When knitting this pattern, it is best to use needles that are one to two sizes smaller than what would be used for the weight of yarn being used.

For those of you that do not like to purl, I have included instructions for the Garter Rib version below.

### **Knitted Flat:**



#### True Rib:

### Using even number of stitches:

Cast on and purl 1 row.

Row 1: \*P1, k1b; rep from \*, end p2 Repeat row 1 until desired length is knit.

### Using odd number of stitches:

Cast on and purl 1 row.

Row 1 (RS): P1, \*k1b, p1; rep from \* to end. Row 2: (WS): K1, \*p1, k1b; rep from \* to last 2 sts, p1, k1.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until desired length is knit





#### Garter Rib:

### Using even number of stitches:

Cast on and knit 1 row.

Row 1: \*K1, k1b; rep from \*, end k2 Repeat row 1 until desired length is knit.

## Using odd number of stitches:

Cast on and knit 1 row.

Row 1 (RS): K1, \*k1b, k1; rep from \* to end.

Row 2: (WS): P1, \*k1, k1b; rep from \* to last 2 sts,

k1, p1.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until desired length is knit

**Knitted in the Round:** When knitting in the round, Purl 1 below (p1b) is used with the purl stitches from the round below just as the k1b is used with the knit stitches.





CO an even number of sts and join.

Round 1:: K all sts

Round 2: \*P1, k1b; repeat from \* around Round 3: \*P1b, K1; repeat from \* around

Repeat 2 and 3 until desired length is knit.

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