Arsenic & Old Lace Afghan/Scarf KAL: Insertion #3/3

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This stitch is called: "Diagonal Design in Knitting" and was used in the 1800's either as a square or for insertions. Unusually, it was recommended to be used with multiple colors for a knit afghan.

Materials: 80-100 yards any worsted weight wool or cotton yarn, US8 needles

Gauge: 18 sts and 24 rows = 4 inches in Stockinette Stitch

Abbreviations: K = knit P = purl YO=yarnover K2tog = knit 2 sts together   Sl = slip a st p-wise SSK=sl1 k-wise, sl second st k-wise, insert LH needle through the 2 sts (point to point) and knit the two sts together.
Seed= *K1, P1; repeat from * to last st, K1.
TBL = through the back loop

Pick up a stitch at the bottom of the last completed strip with the right side of the work facing you and then knit cast-on 21 sts to the needle. Begin this insertion as follows:

Set-up Row 1: Seed to last of 21 sts, K2tbl (to connect insertion the the strip of the afghan), turn so wrong side is facing.
Set-up Row 2: pick up a new st from strip and seed across the 21 sts, turn
Set-up Row 3: see row 1
Set-up Row 4: see row 2
Set-up Row 5: see row 1
Set-up Row 6: pick up a new st from strip and purl across the 21 sts, turn

Diagonal Lace Design Stitch Pattern:
Set-up Row (RS): (K1, YO, K2tog, K4, K2tog, YO) X 2, K1, YO, K1, K2tog TBL.
Set-up Row (WS): PURL
Row 1: K1, (YO, K2tog, K3, K2tog, YO, K2) X 2, YO, K2tog, K2tog TBL.
Row 2: Pick up edge stitch from side of strip, PURL
Row 3: K1, (YO, K2tog, K2, K2tog, YO, K3) X 2, YO, K2tog, K2tog TBL.
Row 4: Pick up edge stitch from side of strip, PURL
Row 5: K1, (YO, K2tog, K1, K2tog, YO, K4) X 2, YO, K2tog, K2tog TBL.
Row 6: Pick up edge stitch from side of strip, PURL
Row 7: K1, (YO, (K2tog) X 2, YO, K5) X 2, YO, K2tog, K2tog TBL.
Row 8: Pick up edge stitch from side of strip, PURL
Row 9: (K1, YO, K2TOG, K4, K2TOG, YO) X 2, K1, YO, K2tog, K2tog TBL.
Row10: Pick up edge stitch from side of strip, PURL

Repeat rows 1-10 until the insertion is up to those last five rows of seed stitch on the
strip to which to which you are joining this insertion. Decrease back to 21 stitches and
repeat the initial set up seed stitch rows...leaving the stitches live and on a stitch holder
for ease of joining the edging.

Thanks to Miriam and Chris for their assistance in correcting the error in the first version
of this insertion. Take care and keep on knitting with heart and knowing that someone
in Northeastern PA loves you knitters all very much!

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