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Project

Cloud Scarf

by Stephanie Flynn Sokolov

Woven on the Cricket Loom with Imperial Stock Ranch Anna and Tracie Too yarn.

This oh-so-soft scarf is lightweight, yet warm—the perfect project to start weaving now for fall wearing. We’ve combined two Imperial Stock Ranch Yarns, Anna, which is a wool and cotton plied yarn, and Tracie Too, which is a 2-ply wool yarn doubled in the warp and used single in the weft. We love



Project Details

Level: Beginner

Finished Size: 7-5/8" wide x 69" long, including 5" of twisted fringe at either end

Weave structure: plain weave with spaced wefts.

Equipment: 10" Cricket Loom, 5-dent reed, 1 stick shuttle.

Yarn: Imperial Stock Ranch Anna in 002 Pearl Grey, 120 yards or 1 skein needed; Imperial Stock Ranch Tracie Too in 01 Natural, 150 yards or 1 skein needed.

Warp Length: 116" which includes 20" loom waste to allow for

fringe on both ends.

Total Warp Ends: 36 ends of Tracie Too and 28 (14 doubled) ends of Anna.

Width in Reed: 10"

Ends per inch: 5

Picks per inch: Approximately 7 in plain weave areas

Warping: We used the direct peg warping technique and wound the warp in the following order: Tracie Too in the first slot 2 passes (four threads total—you are doubling these ends), then thread Anna in the next three slots (six threads total). Repeat 5 more times. End with Tracie Too threaded ▶

the look of the Anna yarn where the white cotton ply appears to float in and out along the length of the woven web to great effect. This yarn is contrasted with stripes of natural white Tracie Too, two ends doubled, producing a strong vertical line.



Imperial Stock Ranch

Located in the high desert of north central Oregon, Imperial Stock Ranch has been raising sheep and cattle, and producing grains and hay for more than 142 years. Founder and home-



steadier Richard Hinton began the early commercial cross-breeding that would lead to a new breed of sheep in America, the well-known Columbia sheep.

Today Imperial Stock Ranch spans more than 32,000 acres and continues as a four-commodity operation with cattle, sheep, grain, and hay production. It is the only ranch in Oregon designated a National Historic District that is still in operation.

In the 1990s, with changes in the global wool market, current owners Dan and Jeanne Carver transitioned from selling unprocessed wool as a commodity to creating retail products from wool, establishing Imperial Yarn. Imperial Yarn was honored to provide the yarn for the Opening Ceremonies Sweater worn by Team USA this past Olympics in Sochi. As part of their Ranch to Runway initiative, Imperial Stock Ranch will launch the▶



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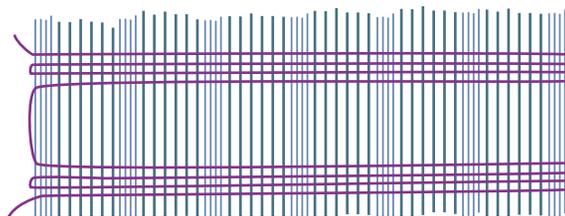
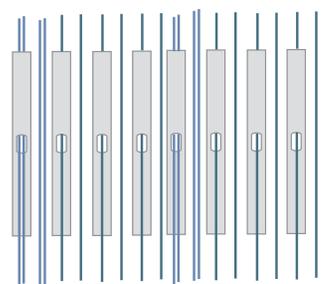
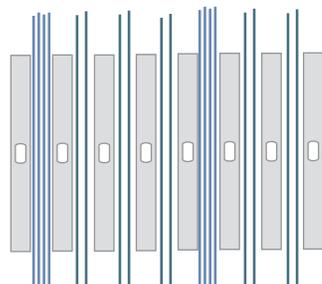
2 passes in last slot (four threads—again doubling the threads).

After you've measured all of the warps and wound onto the warp beam, thread the holes.

In the slots where you have 4 threads of the Tracie Too, move two of them to the adjacent hole (these are your doubled threads).

Weaving: Weaving is a breeze and you'll be done before you know it.

- To allow for the twisted fringe, begin weaving approximately 11" from the tie-on knots at the front apron rod (you can untie the tie-on knots and include that as part of the length needed for fringe).
- Using Tracie Too singly, weave 3 picks and hemstitch in groups of 2 warp threads.
- Using Tracie Too singly, weave 4 rows of plain weave. Place your next pick 1-1/4" away and weave another 4 rows, carrying the weft along the sel-



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vedge. Repeat for the length of the scarf or 86", ending with hemstitching as you began.

- The weave will look very open. Don't worry: it'll all come together in the washing process. Use a firm beat but be careful not to pack the weft so tightly it completely obscures the warp. Each section of 4 picks should measure about 1/2".
- If you need the length for your fringe, untie the knots rather than cutting to remove the scarf from the loom.

Finishing: Once you've removed your scarf from the loom, it's time to bring out the full beauty of this yarn through the finishing process.

- Before washing, twist the fringe in groups of two securing with an overhand knot at the end of each fringe.
- Wash by hand in warm water with very little agitation.



Imperial Stock Ranch, continued

Imperial Collection by Anna Cohen in Fall 2014.

Imperial Yarn is known for its fabulous wool yarns and fashion forward knitting patterns. It all begins with respect for the landscape, animals, and traditional skills, and results in an ethic of sustainability as a way of life. From soil, sunlight, and grazing sheep, to the gentle processes of transforming wool to yarn, working with Imperial Yarn is like working with sunshine. It connects you to the source.



Learn more about Imperial Stock Ranch and Yarns at www.imperialyarn.com.

- Gently squeeze to remove excess water.
- Roll in a dry towel and press to remove the moisture. Then, set your dryer to low and place the towel and scarf in the dryer checking every 2 minutes. When the scarf appears fulled, but not felted (it will still be damp), approximately 6-8 minutes in my dryer, remove and lay flat to finish drying.
- Using a medium warm iron, press and shape to finish.

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