



EVETTE

Moebius 1

Magic scarf with twist

A Moebius has no beginning or end. You crochet or knit the magical scarf in the round, as long and as wide as you want. The shape was invented by August Möbius, a German astronomer and mathematician. Hence the name Möbius or Moebius.

You choose from three variations:

1. a long, knitted, double Moebius with a knitted garland motif
2. a medium length, crocheted Moebius with stripes in soft alpaca (free pattern)
3. a medium length, crocheted Moebius with stripes in alpaca and sheep wool (free pattern)

I spun the alpaca and sheep wool myself and dyed it with various plants, including tansy. People used to burn that herb in the fireplace to scare off witches and wizards, so I thought it was appropriate in my Micca collection.

Moebius 1 requires patience and perseverance. Sometimes you have no idea what you are doing. But in the end everything will be fine. You can easily crochet Moebius 2 and 3 together in a few evenings. You find the free patterns on my Ravelry page.

Crochet or knit? Stripes or streamers? Buy wool or spin and dye it yourself? Easy or more difficult? The choice is yours!





This Moebius consists of two parts

cross each other. You knit continuously on the right and yet a stockinette is formed with a right and purl side. Pure magic!

Is part 1 ready? Then you put the stitches on a long auxiliary cable and knit part 2. To do this, pick up the stitches at the bottom of the first part.

Is part 2 also ready? Then cast off the stitches of both parts together with 3 needles. All loose threads and the long threads of the jacquard disappear into the sandwich. Still so handy!



Techniques

Stockinette stitch

Moebius cast on

Jacquard with 2 colors

Binding off with 3 needles

TIP

Have you never knitted a double Moebius before? Then first watch a number of videos on YouTube. The cast on is really challenging. I personally benefited greatly from Cat Bordhi's instructions: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LVnTda7F2V4>



YARN

ROWAN Felted Tweed

50% wool - 25% alpaca - 25% viscose

50 g = 175 m

153 Phantom 50 g

154 Ginger 50 g

150 Rage 50 g

152 Watery 50 g

213 Lime 50 g

211 Black 50 g

Felted Tweed is a mix of merino wool, alpaca and viscose with a beautiful tweed effect and a rustic color palette. The yarn is soft, light and warm - the moebius weighs nearly 250 g.

NEEDLES

Circular knitting needles 3.75, cable of 160 cm

KNITTING TENSION

24 stitches x 32 rows = 10 cm

DIMENSIONS MOEBIUS

Circumference 140 cm

Height 25 cm

TOTAL WEIGHT

250 g

DIFFICULTY



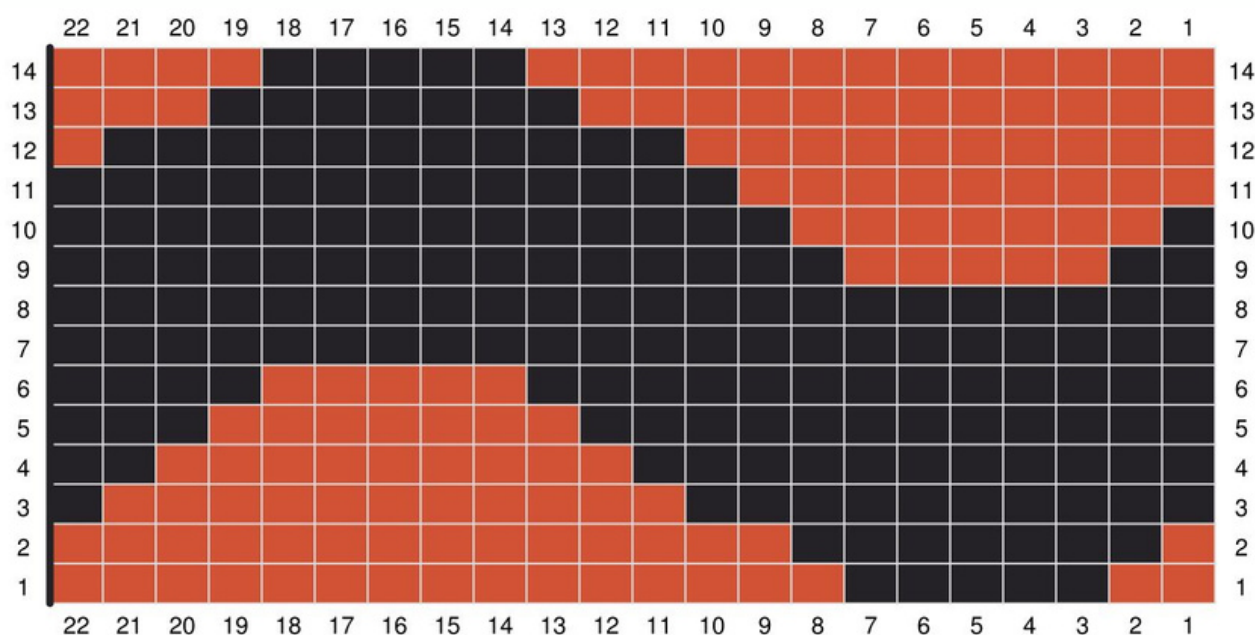
GARLAND MOTIF

The chart only shows the garland motif. You repeat the motif of 22 stitches 28 times over the entire row of 616 stitches. You knit in the round, so you always follow the counting motif from right to left.

You don't have to cross the long threads when knitting. They are neatly sandwiched between the two parts when finished. So you can't keep getting stuck in it with your fingers or a ring. Make sure that you leave enough thread hanging on the back when changing colors, but not too much. To do this, slide the stitches you need to bridge slightly apart on your right needle. This way you can properly 'measure' the distance and the required wire.

TIP

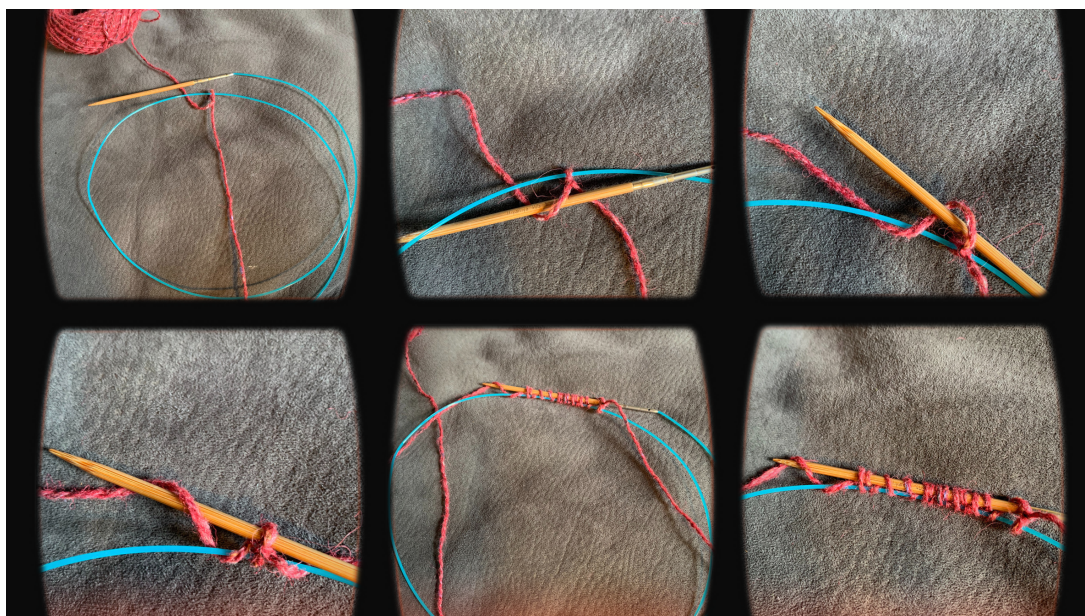
Print this page and follow the motif with a slat. Always place the slat just above the row you are going to knit. This way you have a good view of what you have already knitted.



MOEBIUS CAST ON

1. Make a loop and slide it to the center of the cable. Do not pull the loop too tight because you will have to knit a stitch out of it later.
2. Form a circle with the cable – the left needle goes on top.
3. Grasp the top needle and loop with your right hand. Open the thread with your left hand.
4. Dive under the cable with the needle, taking the thread with it and forming a first stitch on the bottom cable.
5. Loop over the needle to form a stitch on the top cable.

Repeat steps 4 and 5 to make the desired number of stitches. Only count the stitches on the top cable. The starting loop does not count.



FIRST COMPLETE ROW

1. Pull the cables to make them the same size and slide the stitches evenly spread over the cables. The stitches are crossed once at the end.
2. Place a stitch marker and start knitting on the right. The loop is the first stitch on the needle.
3. The next stitches look like a triangle. Insert the needle into the center front of the triangle. Repeat until all triangles have been worked and the stitch marker is on the bottom cable.
4. The stitches will look more normal from now on. Extend the row until the stitch marker is on the top cable.

You have knitted a first complete row.

METHOD



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PART 1, CAST ON

Take your size 3.75 circular knitting needles. Start the first part with Lime. You knit the garland with Black. Watery follows next. But of course you can choose a different progression.

Cast on 308 stitches using the Moebius cast-on technique (see page 6). In the end there are 616 stitches on the bottom and top cable together. I emphatically repeat my tip to watch Cat Bordhi's video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LVnTda7F2V4>

Insert a stitch marker. A full row consists of 616 stitches. All rows are knitted on the right.

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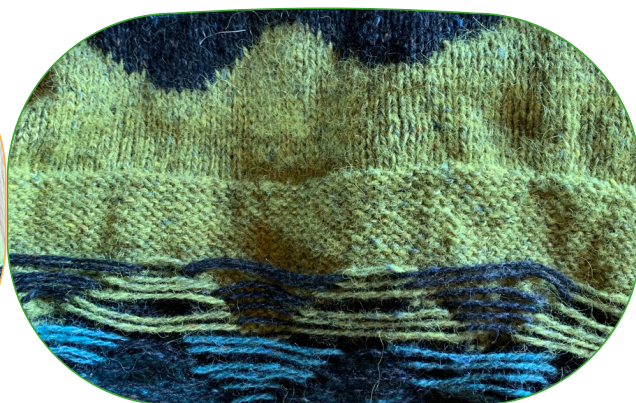
GARLAND MOTIF

Knit 11 rows with Lime.

Knit 14 rows of garland motif with Lime and Black. From row 9 onwards, replace the color Lime with Watery.

After the garland motif, knit 11 rows with Watery.

Rest the stitches on a guide cable and make sure the stitches cannot slip off. Start on part 2.



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PART 2, SETUP

Rotate your work. Pick up 616 stitches from the first row of part 1, just below the purl stitches (below the equator, as Cat Bordhi so aptly calls it).

TIP

Use a thinner circular needle to pick up the loops more easily.



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GARLAND MOTIF

Knit 11 rows with Rage.

Knit 14 rows of garland motif with Rage and Phantom. From row 9 onwards, replace the color Rage with Ginger.

After the garland motif, knit 11 rows with Ginger. Do not tie off the thread.

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THREE NEEDLE BINDING OFF

Each part is the same length and has the same number of stitches: 616. Pull all loose threads to the inside and tuck them in.

Insert a circular needle onto the left side of the auxiliary cable. Place both parts on top of each other. Cast off all stitches using the three-needle technique.



Knit the first stitch on the front cable together with the first stitch on the auxiliary cable using a third needle. There is 1 stitch on the third needle. Repeat. There are 2 stitches on the third needle. Pass the first stitch over the second stitch. Bind off all stitches in this way.

Soak your Moebius for half an hour in lukewarm water with a dash of Eucalan. Push the water out between two towels. Let dry flat.



CIRCLES AND SPIRALS



Protection against evil spirits

Circles and spirals are common signs in Wicca. The circle is a barrier through which evil spirits cannot pass. It is one of the most important Wiccan symbols, representing infinity, wholeness and unity. The ritual circle, or circle of the arts, serves as the sacred space where practitioners of Wicca perform rituals and spells. The spiral is also a protective symbol. The endlessly continuous line is intended to keep the evil spirits busy.

Tribute to thousands of 'witches'

The three Moebius scarves are part of the EVETTE bundle, together with a sweater. In turn, EVETTE is part of MICCA, a collection that pays tribute to the many victims of the witch persecution. In Europe alone, more than 100,000 alleged witches were burned at the stake. Evette was one of the victims. Together with five other women, she was strangled and burned on a hill in Ellezelles, a small village in Hainaut, Belgium, on October 26, 1610.



Threads of love

MICCA weaves their history into timeless creations made from wire. Every stitch is part of the chain that connects us across generations. You can find my designs individually or per bundle on my Ravelry page Micca-witchcraft. I will soon publish all the collections in one book, in which - in addition to the working descriptions of the patterns - I will present the cruel reality of witch persecution in an original way.

Would you like to stay informed about my work? Feel free to send me an email.



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