A gansey-pattern scarf: Seahouses, cable, and ladder scarf

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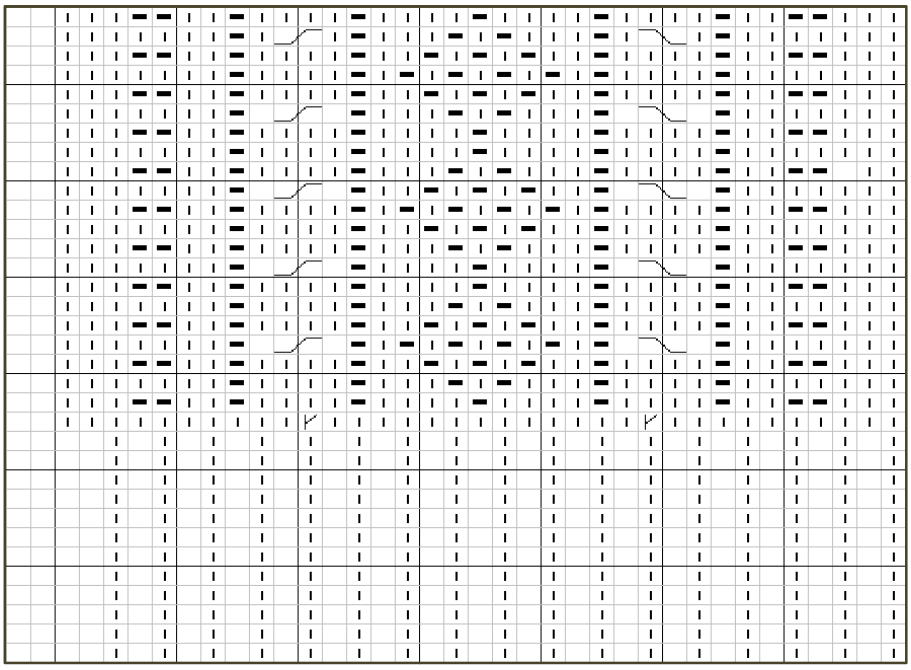
The gansey sampler scarf can get you started on these wonderful stitch patterns from the English and Scottish fishing ports. This one is simpler, and is a single pattern, seahouses, flanked by cable and ladder patterns. It requires two balls of knitting worsted, a pair of #6 needles, and very little else. I use a cable needle, but you may want to do the cables by an alternate method.

Cast on 33 stitches, by the knitting method, in K1, P1. Work twelve rows of K1, P1, as shown on the chart, ending with a wrong-side row. Increase as shown on the chart in a knit row. Begin the pattern, and repeat until you have about 5 feet of length and end with the top row of the central "house." Now, decreasing on the two central stitches of each cable in a row that will read as "knit" on the front of the work. Work 12 rows of K1, P1 rib, and bind off in pattern.

On each long side of the work: With a long circular needle, size 7, pick up stitches on 3 of each group of four rows. Work 4 rows of garter stitch (knit each row), and bind off. Wash gently, block, and dry thoroughly.



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