



The National WWII Museum  
Knit Your Bit: 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Missing Man

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- Skill level:** Easy
- Size:** 7 x 60
- Yarn type:** Aran or Worsted weight  
Main Color (A): Dark Blue  
Contrast Color (B): White, Silver, or Sky Blue
- Gauge:** 16 sts = 4 inches  
32 rows = 4 inches  
\*Gauge is not critical to this project\*
- Needles:** US 10 (6mm) circular for cast-on and bind-off  
US 9 (5.5mm) circular for body of scarf



### The Missing Man Formation:



This formation began when British fighter pilots flew over the funeral of Manheim von Richthofen as a sign of respect in World War I. During World War II, it evolved into an RAF ceremonial tradition. The Thunderbirds were the first military aerobatics unit to ever perform the maneuver to honor the men and women who were then POWs in Vietnam. Today, demonstration squadrons perform it during ceremonial events such as National POW-MIA Recognition Day, Memorial Day, funerals, and at interment of repatriated remains of prisoners of war and missing in action.

**Directions:**

With US 10 circular needle, Cast-on 200 stitches with color A.

Change to US 9 circular needle

Rows: 1-10: Knit color A

Rows: 11-16: Knit color B

Rows: 17-20: Knit color A

Rows: 21-26: Knit color B

Rows: 27-40: Knit color A

Rows: 41-46: Knit color B

Rows: 47-56: Knit color A

Bind-off in color A using larger needles.

Add fringe if desired.