



The National WWII Museum
Knit Your Bit: 2016 10th Anniversary

Missing Man

Knit Pattern by: Kathy and Jeff Valentine

- 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 “The Red Baron” Manheim von Richthofen as a sign of respect in World War I. During World War II, it evolved into an RAF ceremonial tradition. The United States Airforce 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, Aerial demonstration squadrons perform it during ceremonial events such as National POW-MIA Recognition Day, Memorial Day, during 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.