

sillyheart shawl

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The Technical Stuff

Skill Level

Rookie-Apprentice-Virtuoso-Genius

Skills

- knit, purl, easy lace knitting, knit-on edge

Sizes

- one size (length is adjustable)

Gauge

- not crucial - approx 22 sts and 38 rows = 10 cm (4") in St st on 3.5 mm after blocking

Yarn

- 100 grams fingering weight wool + 10 grams mini skein (or stash yarn)

Suggested Brand

- 1 skein Bohoyarns Squoosh + mini skein 75% superwash wool, 25% nylon 398 m (436 yds) per 100 g
- shown in colours Doubting Thomas (dark blue) and Salmon Shuffle (salmon); Mystic (blue) and Paramour (red)

Needles

- 3.5 mm (US 4) 80 cm (32") circs
or size needed to obtain gauge

Note: Long circular needles are used to accommodate the width of the shawl, but you may use shorter needles if you like

Other Materials

- tapestry needle or teeny crochet hook for tails
- 1 stitch marker
- blocking pins and blocking wires (optional)

The Sillyheart Shawl invites you to add a pop of colour to your style with a bright saw-tooth edge and a charming curly tail. The lacework is simple and the knit-on edge is a good opportunity to pick up a new skill!

This design allows you to knit until the shawl is desired length or until you run out of yarn. A contrasting colour is attached and the knit-on edge is worked which means no binding off!

The elongated vortex shape is a great way to maximize your yardage and get the most out of one skein of precious yarn (solid or variegated). The curved shape helps your shawl stay put or you can accessorize with a cute shawl cuff.



Instructions

Note: This shawl is a triangle/vortex shape. An increase and decrease (that cancel each other out) are worked on every RS row to create the curling shape. An increase on every WS creates the triangle shape. Therefore, one stitch is increased every other row.

Set-Up

CO 2 sts with MC.

Row 1 (WS): K2.

Row 2 (RS): K1, Kfb. 3 sts.

Row 3: K1, P1, K1.

Row 4: K2, Kfb. 4 sts.

Row 5: K1, P1, K1, YO, K1. 5 sts.

Row 6: K2, YO, K1, K2tog. No sts increased or decreased.

Row 7: K1, P2, K1, YO, K1. 6 sts.

Row 8: K2, YO, K2, K2tog. No sts increased or decreased.

Stockinette Section

Note: The outer edge on this shawl has a soft curl to it. If you prefer a flat edge, I would suggest working 3 garter sts on the outer edge (instead of 1) as follows:

Row 1 (WS): K3, work to end as written below.

Row 2 (RS): work as written to last 4 sts, K2, K2tog.

Continue working the edge in this manner when you come to the eyelet section.

(Regular) Edge Stitches Cheat Sheet

RS Rows: K2, YO, work to last 2 sts, K2tog.

WS Rows: K1, work to last 2 sts, K1, YO, K1.

Row 1 (WS): K1, purl to last 2 sts, K1, YO, K1. 1 st increased.

Row 2 (RS): K2, YO, knit to last 2 sts, K2tog. No sts increased or decreased.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 until you have 25 sts total ending with a WS row.

Eyelet Section

Notes: An extra eyelet hole is added every 4th row.

This shawl uses a marker that needs to be moved *forward* once every 4 rows to keep track of the lace pattern. There are a few ways to do this:

A - use a ring marker; move it forward 4 sts where indicated by slipping 4 sts pwise to the right needle, removing the marker, slipping the 4 sts back to the left needle and replacing the marker on the right needle; this is the method outlined in the instructions

B - you can move the ring marker on the wrong side instead by working to the marker on Row 3, removing it, working 4 sts, replacing the marker; this saves you slipping sts

C - you can use a removable marker and move it 4 sts ahead when indicated instead of slipping sts

D - you can use 2 markers; knit to 4 sts before first marker, place second marker onto right needle, work 4 sts, remove first marker and set aside



Set-up (RS): K2, YO, knit to last 4 sts, pm, K2tog, YO, K2tog. Always slip the marker when you come to it.

Row 1 (WS): K1, purl to last 2 sts, K1, YO, K1. 1 st increased.

Row 2 (RS): K2, YO, knit to last 2 sts, K2tog. No sts increased or decreased.

Row 3: Rep Row 1 (above).

Row 4: K2, YO, knit to 4 sts before marker, slip next 4 sts pwise from left to right needle, remove marker, slip 4 sts back to left needle, replace marker on right needle, K2tog, *YO, K2tog*, rep from * to * to end of row.

Note: After replacing the marker make sure you do not start the eyelet sequence with a YO (which may be a natural impulse for lace knitters).

Rep Rows 1-4 until you have 35 eyelet holes in a single row ending with a Row 3 (WS).

Next (RS): K2, YO, knit to m, remove m, K2, pm, *K2tog, YO*, rep to last 2 sts, K2tog.

Rep Rows 1-4 until you have 35 eyelet holes in a single row (again) ending with a Row 3 (WS).

Next (RS): K2, YO, knit to m remove m, K2, pm, *K2tog, YO*, rep to last 2 sts, K2tog.

Continue with Rows 1-4 until you run out of yarn ending with a Row 2. On the final row, remove marker when you come to it. You should be at the bottom point. Cut MC leaving a tail for weaving in.

Edge

Note: See Resources on next page for help with knit-on edge. It is knit back and forth, turning after each row and attaching to the live edge sts.

With WS facing, attach CC and CO 3 sts with backwards loop method next to the MC sts on the left needle.

Set-Up (WS): K2, K2tog (with next MC st from edge). Turn.

Row 1 (RS): Wyif sl st pwise, move yarn to back, K1, YO, K1. 4 sts.

Row 2 (WS): Knit to last CC st, K2tog (with next MC st from edge).

Row 3: Wyif sl st pwise, move yarn to back, K2, YO, K1. 5 sts.

Row 4: Rep Row 2.

Row 5: Wyif sl st pwise, move yarn to back, K3, YO, K1. 6 sts.

Row 6: Rep Row 2.

Row 7: Wyif sl st pwise, move yarn to back, K4, YO, K1. 7 sts.

Row 8: Rep Row 2.

Row 9: Wyif sl st pwise, move yarn to back, K5, YO, K1. 8 sts.

Row 10: BO 5 sts loosely. K1, K2tog (with MC edge st). 3 sts.

Rep Rows 1-10 until 1 MC st remains. On WS row BO to last 2 sts, K2tog, pssso. Tie off. Weave in ends.



Blocking

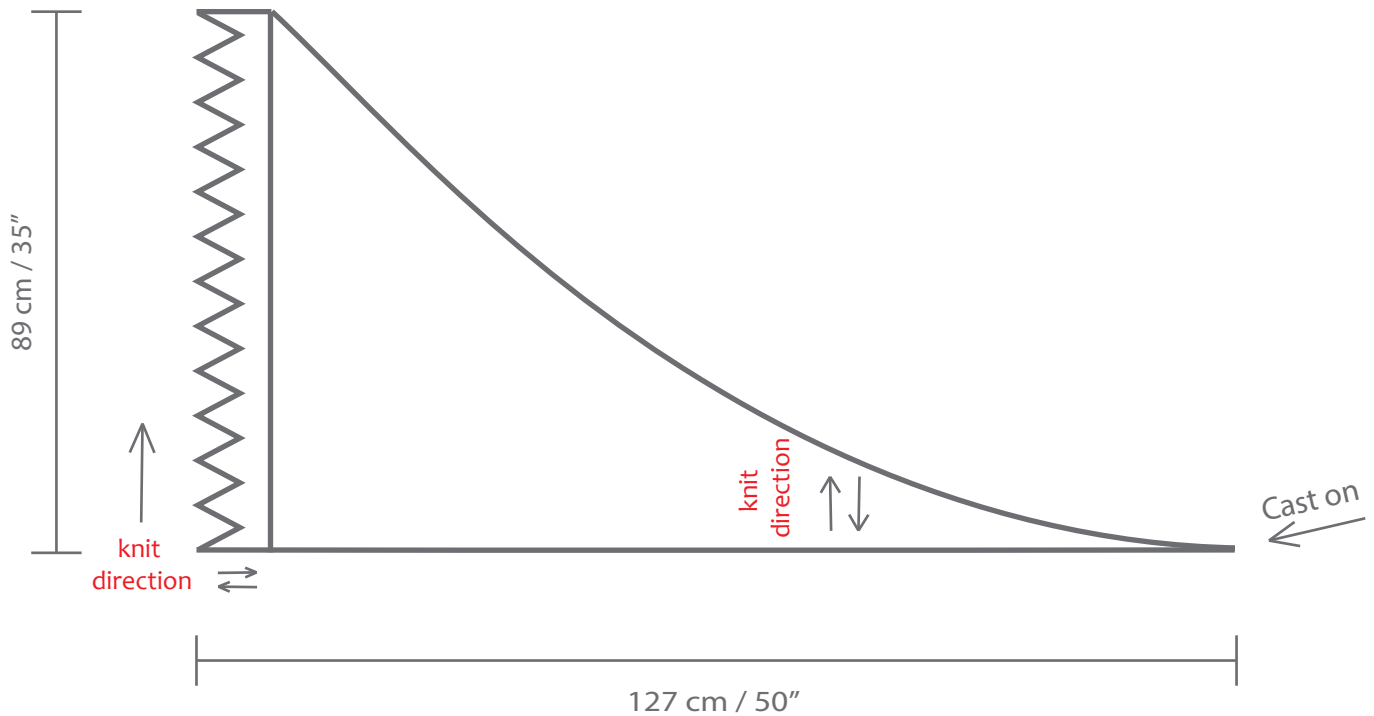
Block your shawl by soaking it in warm water for an hour. If you are worried about your yarn bleeding then skip this step. Thread your blocking wires through the points and pin into place (or just pin the individual points into place if you don't have wires).

If you didn't soak your shawl, then use a spray bottle with cold water and dampen the shawl as you pin it out. Spread the rest of the shawl into shape, pin it and let it fully dry. The tail will curl naturally after you unpin it.

Resources

Knit-On Edge

<https://www.lavisch.com/site/knitted-on-border/>



beg = beginning
BO = bind off
BOR = beginning of round
CC = contrasting colour
circ(s) = circular needle(s)
cn = cable needle
CO = cast on
dpn(s) = double pointed needle(s)
dec(s) = decrease(s)
inc = increase
K = knit
K2tog = knit two stitches together (decrease)
Kfb = knit into front and back of stitch (increase)
Ktbl = knit through back loop
kwise = knitwise
m = marker
M1 = make one (increase)
M1L = left slanting increase
M1R = right slanting increase
MC = main colour
P = purl
P2tog = purl two stitches together (decrease)
patt = pattern
pm = place marker

psso = passover
pu = pick up
pwise = purlwise
rem = remaining
rep = repeat
rev St st = reverse stockinette stitch
rnd(s) = round(s)
RS = right side
skp = slip one stitch, knit one stitch, pass slipped stitch over knitted stitch (decrease)
sl = slip
sl m = slip marker
ssk = slip, slip, knit two slipped stitches together (decrease)
sssk = slip, slip, slip, knit all slipped stitches together (double decrease)
st(s) = sticche(s)
St st = stockinette stitch / stocking stitch
tbl = through back loops
tog = together
WS = wrong side
wyib = with yarn in back
wyif = with yarn in front
YO = yarn over

