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Ephemera is a feminine shawl composed of flouncy ruffles and lighter-than-air fabric. It's soft and warm, making it the perfect item for a wintery outing that requires some elegance.

The triangle shape of this shawl is easy to create and the simple fabric makes it a soothing project. The first ruffle is a continuation of the body of the shawl and the second shorter flounce is picked up and knit afterwards.

This shawl is knit from the tip to the ruffles with a lace weight yarn in four colours. This shawl has one size (easily adjustable).

The Technical Stuff

Skill Level:
Rookie-**Apprentice**-Virtuoso-Genius

Skills: knit, purl, picking up sts

Sizes: one size (adjustable)

Finished Measurements:
approx 152 cm long measured along the straight edge and 101 cm wide at the bottom lying flat after blocking

Gauge: not crucial

approx 25 sts and 34 rows = 10 cm in St st on 4 mm after blocking

Yarn: lace weight wool

Suggested Brands:
4 x 50 g skeins of soft, lace weight yarn in 4 colours

for specifics, please see notes on next page

Needles:
4 mm 80 cm circs
or size needed to obtain gauge

Other Materials: tapestry needle or teeny crochet hook

Skill Level:
Rookie-**Apprentice**-Virtuoso-Genius

Skills: knit, purl, picking up sts

Sizes: one size (adjustable)

Finished Measurements:
approx 60" long measured along the straight edge and 40" wide at the bottom lying flat after blocking

Gauge: not crucial

approx 25 sts and 34 rows = 4" in St st on US 6 after blocking

Yarn: lace weight wool

Suggested Brands:
4 x 1.7 oz skeins of soft, lace weight yarn in 4 colors

for specifics, please see notes on next page

Needles:
US 6 32" circs
or size needed to obtain gauge

Other Materials: tapestry needle or teeny crochet hook

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Notes on Yarns Used:

Colour A = 1 skein Malabrigo *Lace* merino wool (56 Olive, dark green); 470 yds / 430 m

Colour B = 1 skein Habu Textiles A-1 2/17 *Tsugumi Silk* (color 40, light green); 450 yds / 411 m (per 48 g)

Colour C = 1 skein Helen Hamann *Deliverance* alpaca (pottery red); 437 yds / 400 m

Colour D = 1 cone Habu Textiles *Super Fine Merino* merino wool (pink); 747 yds / 68 m (per 28 g)

Instructions:

Beginning at tip CO 3 sts with colour A.

Work back and forth. 1 st increased every other row.

Set-Up: Knit 2 rows.

Row 1: Kfb, knit to end. 1 st increased.
Row 2: Knit.
Rep Rows 1 and 2 twice more. 6 sts.

Attach Colour B (do not cut A).

Row 3 (RS)**:** K2, Kfb, knit to end. 1 st increased.
Row 4 (WS)**:** K3, purl to last 3 sts, K3.

Change to Colour A and rep Rows 3 and 4.

Continue working Rows 3 and 4, alternating Colour A and B every 2 rows until you run out of yarn ending with a WS row.

Cut A and B. Attach Colour C.

With RS facing, Kfb in every st across. The number of sts doubles.

Work in St st (knit all sts on the RS and purl all sts on the WS) for 11 cm / 4.5" (or to desired length of ruffle) ending with a WS row (no increases at edges).

With RS facing, BO loosely kwise.

Double ruffle (optional)**:**

With RS facing, in the third row above where your first ruffle begins insert needle into every other leg of each st across (picking up 1 st / 1 st).

With WS facing, attach Colour D.

Row 1: Ptbl in each st.
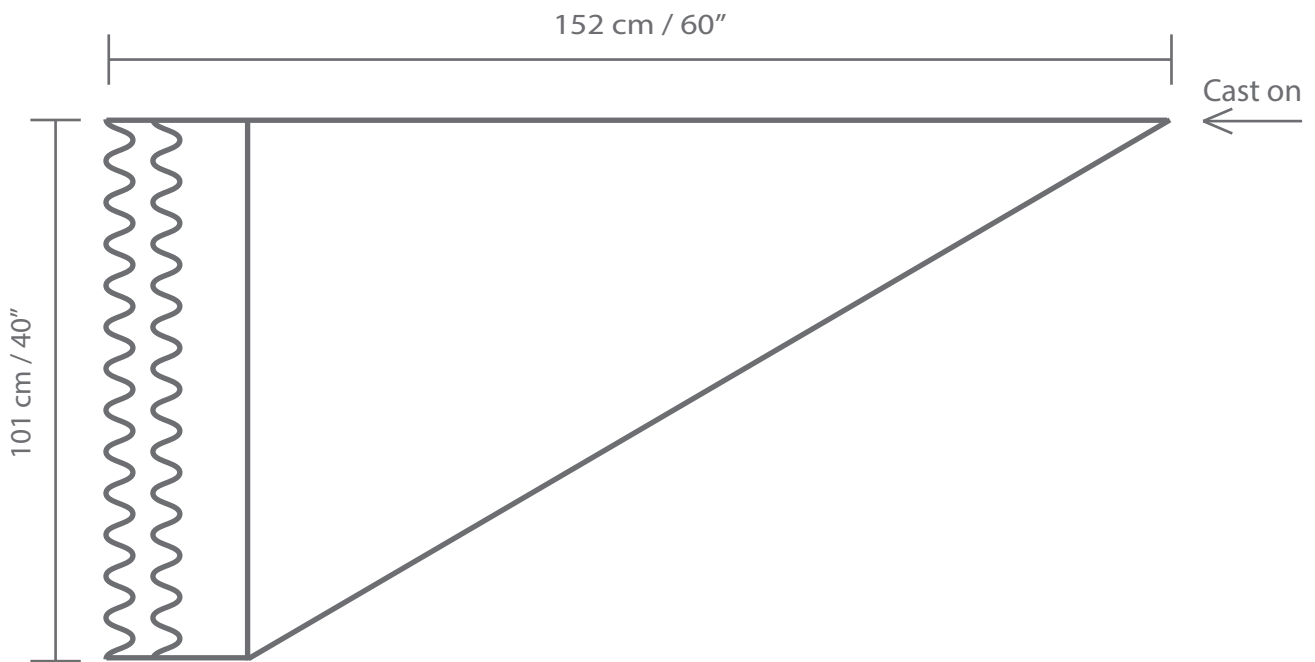**Row 2:** Kfb in each st. The number of sts doubles.

Work in St st (as for first ruffle) for 10 cm / 4" ending with a WS row. With RS facing, BO loosely kwise.

Cut yarn and weave in ends. Block this shawl by soaking it in warm water for a few hours and laying it flat to dry.

152 cm / 60"

Cast on

101 cm / 40"

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approx = approximately

beg = beginning

BO = bind off

BOR = beginning of round

CC = contrasting colour

ch = chain

circ(s) = circular needle(s)

cn = cable needle

CO = cast on

cont = continue

dc = double crochet

dpn(s) = double pointed needle(s)

dec(s) = decrease(s)

foll = follow(ing)

hdc = half-double crochet

hk = hook

inc = increase

incl = including

K = knit

K2tog = knit two stitches together (decrease)

Kfb = knit into front and back of stitch (increase)

Ktbl = knit through back loop

kwise = knitwise

lp(s) = loop(s)

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

prev = previous

psso = passover

pu = pick up

pwise = purlwise

rem = remaining

rep = repeat

rev St st = reverse stockinette stitch

rnd(s) = round(s)

RS = right side

sc = single crochet

sk = skip

skp = slip one stitch, knit one stich, pass slipped stitch over knitted stitch (decrease)

sl = slip

sl1k = slip one stitch knitwise

sl1p = slip one stitch purlwise

sl m = slip marker

sp(s) = space(s)

ssk = slip, slip, knit two slipped stitches together (decrease)

sssk = slip, slip, slip, knit all slipped stitches together (double decrease)

st(s) = stitche(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

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