

Short row Shawl, knit



Materials

size 15 circular needles (large number of stitches, not worked in the round)
6 stitch markers

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for Mystery version

Mystery bag of scrap yarn

6-7 ounces (approximately 2 or 3 3-ounce skeins) worsted weight yarn in neutral color

Suggestions for neutral color: black, white, gray, tan, blue. Sample uses sage green

For Solid Version:

12-15 ounces worsted weight yarn, held double

Note on Mystery version: Yarn is held double throughout, one strand of the neutral, one strand of the scrap yarn. You could change colors at the end of every section, then repeat the color later. Or just work with the scrap ball until it runs out, then join the new color. Either way, the neutral yarn is used throughout.

The shawl is worked sideways in garter stitch, with short rows, much like the 28 stitch hat. Each wedge starts by knitting just the first 5 stitches and turning, then knitting 5 more each subsequent row until the entire row is knitted. This forms wedge-shaped sections, with a finished piece very wide at the lower edge, narrow at the top. The final row in each section is purled so top 5 stitches, being in stocking knit, form a rolled collar.

I find that the small holes formed when the short row is turned fade into the garter stitch, but if you prefer to wrap and turn, that's fine. See below for how to do this.

Cast on 35 stitches (*see note below for a longer shawl)

Knit 4 rows. Place marker every 5 stitches

Start short wedge:

*knit 5 stitches (to first marker) turn, knit back to beginning

knit 10 stitches (to second marker) turn, knit back to beginning

knit 15 stitches (to third marker) turn, knit back to beginning

knit 20 stitches (to 4th marker) turn, knit back to beginning

knit 25 stitches (to 5th marker) turn, knit back to beginning

knit 30 stitches (to 6th marker) turn, knit back to beginning

knit 35 stitches (complete row) PURL back to beginning. (change color here, if you are changing at the end of each section)*

Repeat short row wedges until you have 19 wedges total. If you have extra scrap yarn, or want a larger size, knit 1-2 more wedges.

*If you would like a longer shawl (sample is about elbow length) add stitches in increments of 5, adding stitch markers after each 5th stitch.

Knit 4 rows, bind off.

Wrap and turn: If you don't like the small holes formed when the work is turned mid-row, "wrap and turn" eliminates this. After the last stitch for the short row is knitted, pull the working yarn forward, as if to purl. Slip the next stitch, bring the working yarn back to its original position, slip the wrapped stitch back, turn, work back to the beginning (bottom) edge. The wrap will fade into the background of the garter stitch body.

This gets a little tricky with the stitch markers, so I don't really bother with it. I felt having the markers makes keeping track of where to turn a LOT easier. The small holes are in a regular pattern, and this is a shawl after all.

pattern by Nancy Wright, adapted from a cape pattern