

# *Arachne's Veil*

The myth of Arachne is well known to many a fiber artist: a mortal weaver, Arachne, boasts that her skill at the loom is greater than that of the goddess Minerva, who upon hearing this, challenges her to a contest. Arachne's tapestry was so great, and the subject matter so inflammatory to Minerva that the goddess destroys the tapestry, and turns proud Arachne into a spider.

Arachne's Veil with its pattern reminiscent of spiders on their web is a fitting homage to one of the world's best fiber artists, struck down by the jealous goddess.

Yarn = Knitpick's Gloss in black, or any comparable fingering weight yarn. 3 - 4 skeins (660 - 880 yards)

Needles = US size 5 (3.75mm), 40 inch circulars,

Gauge = not crucial, about 6 stitches to an inch in stockinet stitch.

Tools = 4 stitch markers, tapestry needle, crochet hook size D.

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Co 3

- 1) k f&b, k1, k f&b
- 2) (& all even) purl
- 3) k2, yo, k1, yo, k2
- 5) k2, (yo, k1) 3 times, yo, k2
- 7) k2, pm, yo, k3, yo, pm, k1, pm, yo, k3, yo, pm, k2
- 9) k2, sm, yo, k1, yo, sl2, k1, psso, yo, k1, yo, sm, k1, sm, yo, k1, yo, sl2, k1, psso, yo, k1, yo, sm, k2
- 11) k2, sm, yo, k1, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog, k1, yo, sm, k1, sm, yo, k1, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog, k1, yo, sm, k2
- 13) k2, sm, yo, k1, ssk, yo, k3, yo, k2tog, k1, yo, sm, k1, sm, yo, k1, ssk, yo, k3, yo, k2tog, k1, yo, sm, k2
- 15) k2, sm, yo, k2, (k2, yo, sl2, k1, psso, yo, k1) rep until 3 stitches from marker, k3, yo, sm, k1, sm, yo, k2, (k2, yo, sl2, k1, psso, yo, k1) rep until 3 stitches from marker, k3, yo, sm, k2
- 17) k2, sm, yo, k1, yo, k2tog, (k1, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog) rep until 4 stitches from marker, k1, ssk, yo, k1, yo, sm, k1, sm, yo, k1, yo, k2tog, (k1, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog) rep until 4 stitches from marker, k1, ssk, yo, k1, yo, sm, k2
- 19) k2, sm, yo, k3, yo, (sl2, k1, psso, yo, k3, yo) rep until 6 stitches from marker, sl2 k1, psso, yo, k3, yo, sm, k1, sm, yo, k3, yo, (sl2, k1, psso, yo, k3, yo) rep until 6 stitches from marker, sl2 k1, psso, yo, k3, yo, sm, k2
- 21) k2, sm, yo, k1, yo, sl2, k1, psso, yo, k1, (k2, yo, sl2, k1, psso, yo, k1) rep until 6 stitches from marker, k2, yo, sl2, k1, psso, yo, k1, yo, sm, k1, sm, yo, k1, yo, sl2, k1, psso, yo, k1, (k2, yo, sl2, k1, psso, yo, k1) rep until 6 stitches from marker, k2, yo, sl2, k1, psso, yo, k1, yo, sm, k2
- 23) k2, sm, yo, (k1, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog) rep until one stitch from marker, k1, yo, sm, k1, sm, yo, (k1, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog) rep until one stitch from marker, k1, yo, sm, k2
- 25) k2, sm, yo, k1, ssk, yo, (k3, yo, sl2, k1, psso, yo) rep until 6 stitches from marker, k3, yo, k2tog, k1, yo, sm, k1, sm, yo, k1, ssk, yo, (k3, yo, sl2, k1, psso, yo) rep until 6 stitches from marker, k3, yo, k2tog, k1, yo, sm, k2

Repeat rows 15 – 25 14 more times (or as many more times as you like for a bigger or smaller shawl), ending on a purl row, bind off using a crochet chain bind off over every three stitches with a 10 stitch chain, block your shawl and wear!

(For help with the crochet chain bind off go here: <http://baxterknits.blogspot.com/2007/06/how-to-work-crochet-chain-bind-off.html>)

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**pm** = place marker

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**yo** = yarn over

**sl2 k1 psso** = slip two stitches from the left hand needle to the right hand needle as if to k2 together, knit the next stitch, then pass the two slipped stitches over the knit stitch and off the right hand needle.

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- 9) k2, sm, yo, (chart), yo, sm, k1, sm, yo, (chart), yo, sm, k2\*\*

key	
λ	= sl2, k1, psso
∧	= K2 tog
λ	= ssk
○	= Yo
	= Knit
	= No stitch

									pattern repeat															
		∧	○				○	∧	○				○	∧	○				○	∧				17
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\* Only right side rows are charted

\*\*knit the chart through once, then knit 14 more repeats of rows 7-17 of the chart ending on a purl row, (or as may more repeats as you like for a bigger or smaller shawl.) Bind off using a crochet chain bind off over every three stitches, with a 10 stitch chain, block your shawl and wear!

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