

RED RUFFLES

I was glad that finally I figured out how to make a triangular shawl. After knitting couple of Annis'es it hit me that I could do one shawl of my own. Knitting from bottom-up suited me well and using short rows was the key.



The reason why I started that crazy knitting is that I got new fancy full set of needles as an early birthday gift from my husband (*or you can read it as: I bought myself an expensive set of KnitPro interchangeable needles and called them as my gift*) and felt that there's a lot of unused knitting power inside of me.. lol.

So I put together almost a „pattern“. I'll ask for softer punishment as it's my first pattern and some details may not be written in. You're welcome to use creative approach to it. ☺

Yarn used: Novita Virkkauslanka, 1,5 skeins
100% cotton 100g = 550m (suggestion - needles n 2,0 - 2,5)
Using rougher yarn can make this pattern more eatable :), but i can't promise that ruffles will fall as nicely.

Needles: co with n 3,5; knitting 3,0. (I mention here also that I tend to knit strongly)

I used KnitPro at least **80cm circulars**. It's a minimum, the sts-s will sit there very tightly; so longer needles will make the process less nervwracking.

Casting on will surely take some time, but no need to switch off phones etc. I kept track counting the stitches by adding a **scrap yarn** every 100 sts (or 50, if you like). So its not so painful. And I rather CO than BO, because while starting a project I have the power to knit (or even worse – purl back) those long rows – after these are done, about half of the project is done ☺.



Let's cast on!

I noticed that there is a messy thing going on with the number of CO sts-s. I have to apologise a lot, but there was definitely a mistake because the sts-s mismatched. As I started this red shawl without any pattern and didn't now exactly where does it carry me, i miscalculated and 3 sts

left over when making the cable-part. So I corrected the pattern with "+3". And yes, after first correction the sts-s still mismatched. I took the pattern out again (for making another, but with less sts-s) and made some math what showed that CO should be **any multiple of 18**. So in this case 1512 (or 1530) would be the correct number.

It took 2 hours (or a bit more) to CO. And about an hour for every row in ruffle-part. I put here link from youtube on how to make a **knitted cast on** as I used this kind of CO.

1-st row. Knitted 1-1 ribbing, to prevent scrolling.

Then continued with stockinette. Knitted these loo-oong rows until the sufficient width.

After ruffle width is suitable for you, it's time to start decreasing. Made S2KP, so after approx. 10th row 504 (510) sts left.

S2KP - insert needle into 2nd and 1st stitches at once as if to knit 2tog and slip both stitches from this position; knit next stitch, then pass the 2 slipped stitches together over the knit stitch.

Knitted again stockinette, 2 rows.

To be sure that the ruffles stay fluffy, I made entire row of 3-3 cables. It means 84 (or 85) cables. Purlled back.

Made short rows formula $(504+10):2=257$ or $(510+10):2=260$

You may have different number of sts-s on needles, but that's where the numbers come from:

504 (510) – as sts left on needles

10 – as sts-s in center part
2 – as two sides of the shawl
257 (260) – as sts-s need to knit on 1-st row on short rows.

Started short rows, recalled detailed instructions from Annis Shawlette.

In this project I used 1purl-1knit ribbing, making sure the knitted loops will appear right on the turning points.

The bind off row is made with crochet hook, raising stitches over each other starting from the edge without yarn.

Almost done! Now wash your beauty and leave it to dry. You can gently pat and adjust the ruffles.

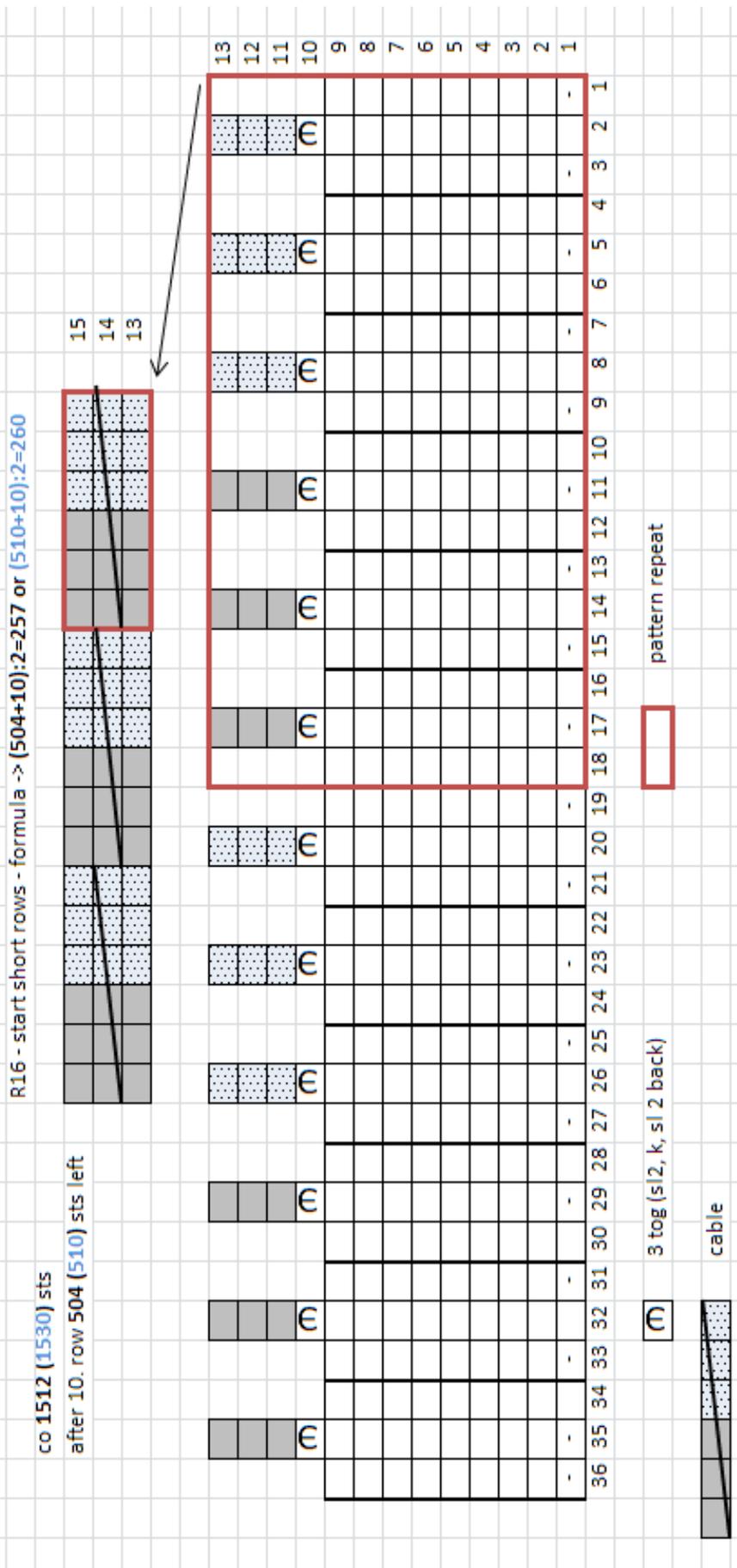
When dry, wrap yourself in and go in front of a mirror to admire yourself 😊 Great job!

I can't tell how much I started to love lacy cotton shawls! And this one sits very comfortably on shoulders, don't you agree?



As it's obvious that I can't knit in every colours and yarn types to see how they'll turn out. I'm very anxious to see your projects :)

Happy knitting!
And great thanks for ruffling with me!



Short rows detailed instructions from Annis Shawlette - <http://www.knitty.com/ISSUEss10/PATTannis.php>

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