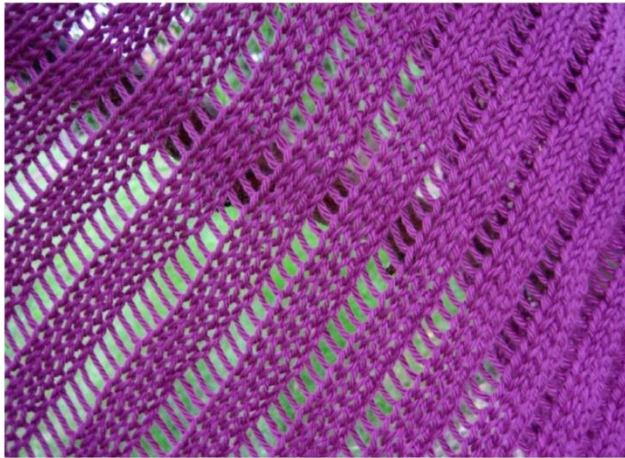


the dummy Clap Shawl

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ABOUT THE PATTERN

This pattern was originally inspired by the infamous “Clapoltis” shawl that has diagonal laddering of dropped stitches. It’s a fabulous pattern, but is a little instructionally-intimidating, so in 2008 I came up with a mock-up pattern with a similar effect. The laddering doesn’t slant on a diagonal, but this pattern has minimal instructions with a close-to-same look with instructions so easy you can practically knit it hanging from a tree upside-down while munching on pizza in the dark. If that’s your thing.

Skill Level: beginner knitter

Yarn: any worsted weight, approx. 500 yds

(The pattern is shown in “Caron Simply Soft” yarn, but a silky woolen yarn would work best for blocking purposes.)

Needles: Size US 10 straight or circular needles

Gauge: 5 sts=1" (stockinette) 6 rows=1"

Dimensions: 26"x 55" lightly blocked



Pattern Abbreviations:

St(s)=stitch(es) **B03**=bind off 3 sts **CO1**=cast on 1 st **PSSO**=pass 2nd st over **RS**=right side of work

Stockinette stitch: Knit across on the right side, purl across the wrong side of work.

The "Dummy Clap Shawl" Directions: choose your laddering version

Pattern notes: feel free to add or decrease the amount of casted on stitches to suit your needs, as the multiples of each version is provided below. For example, for the "two dropped stitch laddering," use a multiple of 5 sts to get as close to your preferred width, then add 4 sts to your total. Let's say you wanted less width, cast on 59 sts, 64 sts, 69 sts or 74 sts.

Hint: we all know that doing stockinette stitch for 50 inches gets boring! If you can get your hands on a knitting machine from a craft store or friend...this shawl can be done in a flash!

I'm beating a dead horse, but I still always get asked about this: the construction of the shawl is set up so that you knit in stockinette stitch for the *entire length of the shawl BEFORE you drop any sts*. You drop stitches and do your bind-off row *simultaneously*. Please refer to my video tutorial on Youtube if you are unsure of any part or technique used in this pattern. See footer for address. Repeats within instructions are marked *to*.



One Dropped Stitch Laddering: original pattern A multiple of 4 sts.

Cast on 80 sts. Knit for 50 inches in stockinette stitch, ending on the *wrong side* of the row.

To work the laddering *while* binding off:

(RS): BO3, *drop 1 st, (CO1 using a "twisted loop cast-on," PSSO)-3 times, BO3* across the row.

Pull yarn through last st on needle to secure a knot and weave in all threads. Soak and block the shawl out to your desired width & length.



Two Dropped Stitches Laddering:

A multiple of 5 sts, plus 4 sts.

Cast on 79 sts. Knit for 50 inches in stockinette stitch, ending on the *wrong side* of the row.

To work the laddering *while* binding off:

(RS): BO3, *drop 2 sts, (CO1 using a "twisted loop cast-on," PSSO)-5 times, BO3* across the row.

Pull yarn through last st on needle to secure a knot and weave in all threads. Soak and block the shawl out to your desired width & length.

Garner Stitch Version:

Would you rather try a garner stitch version? The instructions are the same, except you knit the length of the shawl in garner stitch first. It has a funkier look, with the ladders almost forming a tube. *The photo is a sample of the "two-dropped stitches laddering" in garner stitch.*

