



Sheri

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Sheri, a mini-shawl or neck-kerchief, is perfect as a touch of warmth on fall or spring days, a comforting scarf for blustery winter days, or even a decorative layer for cool summer offices. Worked side to side, the scalloped lace border is challenging but fun. Not recommended for beginning lace knitters.

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Yarn: String Theory Hand dyed, 100% Superwash Merino DK, Carnation colorway. Any dk weight yarn in natural (blockable) fibers will work. 160 yd required.

Needles: US Size 8 (5.00 mm) straight or circular.

Notions: Tapestry needle, stitch marker.

Gauge: 18.5 st x 23 rows = 4" blocked. Gauge is fairly unimportant for this project.

Finished Measurements: 13"L x 36"W blocked.

Notes:

- Stitch count in lace border varies by row. The stitch count on rows 2 and 22 will be 5 stitches for lace portion before marker. On row 10, it will be 10.
- For the first half of the shawl, the stockinette portion will increase by 11 stitches per chart repeat. For the second half, it will decrease by 11 stitches per repeat.
- Shawl may be increased in size by working additional repeats of the chart while continuing to increase on the stockinette portion. When shawl reaches half the desired width, begin decreasing stockinette portion on row 11 of the chart. This will form the point in the middle. If additional increases are worked on the first half of the shawl, there should be a corresponding number of decreases worked on the second half.
- The lace pattern in the border is worked on the purl (wrong) side. Increases and decreases are worked on the knit (right) side. A knowledge of p2tog (purl 2 together) and p2tog tbl (through the back loop) is necessary to work this shawl. These challenging but fun stitches may be learned by visiting <http://techknitting.blogspot.com/2009/10/purl-decreases-p2tog-p2tbl-ssp.html>.
- Chart shows only the lace border. Chart is read right to left on knit (right, odd) side, and left to right on purl (wrong, even) side.
- To work the M1 increase (m1), lift the bar between stitches and place it on the left needle, then knit it through the back loop.

Pattern:

CO 8 stitches, using long-tail cast on.

P 1 row.

Set-Up Row 1: K2, m1, k1, place marker (pm), work chart row 1.

Set-Up Row 2: Work chart row 2 to marker, slip marker (sm), p to last 2 stitches, k2.

Row 1 (RS): K2, knit to 1 stitch before marker, m1, k1, sm, work next consecutive chart row.

Row 2 (WS): Work next consecutive chart row to marker, sm, p to last 2 stitches, k2.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2, following chart. Fifteen (15) stitches in stockinette portion before marker at end of first chart repeat.

Work chart in established pattern (3) times more or until half the desired width of the shawl.

Work rows 1-10, continuing to increase the stockinette portion.

Begin decreases, continuing with rows 11-22 of chart. Work stockinette portion thus:

Row 1 (RS): Knit 2, knit to 3 sts before marker, ssk, k1, sm, work row 11 (next consecutive row) of chart.

Row 2 (WS): Work row 12 (next consecutive row) of chart, sm, p to to last two stitches, k2.

Repeat these two rows, following chart in established pattern, decreasing every RS row. Work chart three (3) more times.

Work chart rows 1-20 one more time. You will have nine (9) scallops on lace border.

Bind off loosely in knit. Block lightly.

