Demalangeni

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Demalangeni is a triangular, crescent shaped shawl. It is worked from the bottom edge up. The lace border is worked along the full width of the shawl, and then short rows are used to fill in the body with a simple textured stitch that resembles mock cables.

Gauge: 10 sts/14 rows = 2 inches in charted border pattern. Gauge is not essential for this project.

Needle: 29" US 5/3.75mm circular needle; 29" US 7/4.5mm circular needle for cast on.

Yarn: 450 yds/411m Yarn Love Elizabeth Bennet (65% superwash merino/20% bamboo rayon/15% silk, 195yds/50g), shown in Shiny Penny.

Notions: Tapestry needle, stitch markers

Finished Size: 60"/152.5 cm wide, 15.5"/40cm long

Abbreviations

CO: Cast on
st(s): stitch(es)
k2tog: knit 2 sts together
yo: yarn over

p2tog: purl 2 sts together
tbl: through the back loop
k3tog: knit 3 sts together
R/WS: Right/Wrong side

ssk: slip 1 knitwise, slip 1 knitwise, knit these 2 sts together through the back loop
CL: Estonian cluster stitch. k3tog, but do not slip stitches from the left needle; Yo, and knit the same 3 sts together again, then slip sts off of left needle.
PT: Purl 2 stitches together, but do not slip sts from left needle; purl the first st once more, then slip both sts off left needle.

With larger needle, CO 378, using a stretchy cast on. A long tail cast on is recommended, using markers every 50 sts to keep track of stitch count.

Border (chart on page 2)
Row 1 (RS): K2, *k2tog, yo, k1, yo, k6, k2tog; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.
Row 2 and even rows thru Row 18: K2, purl to last 2 sts, k2.
Row 3: K2, *k2tog, (k1, yo) twice, k5, k2tog; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.
Row 5: K2, *k2tog, k2, yo, k1, yo, k4, k2tog; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.
Row 7: K2, *k2tog, k3, yo, k1, yo, k3, k2tog; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.
Row 9: K2, *k2tog, k4, yo, k1, yo, k2, k2tog; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 11: K2, *k2tog, k5, (yo, k1) twice, k2tog; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.
Row 13: K2, *k2tog, k6, yo, k1, yo, k2tog; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.
Row 15: K2, purl to last 2 sts, k2.
Row 17: K1, ssk, *CL; rep from * to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. (376 sts)
Row 19: K2, purl to last 2 sts, k2.

Body

Row 20 (WS): Purl 185, p2tog tbl, p2, p2tog, p2, turn.
Row 21: PT, k2, PT, k1, k2tog, PT, turn.
Row 22: P9, p2tog, p2, turn.
Row 23 (RS): *PT, k2; rep from * to 4 sts before last turn, PT, k1, k2tog, PT, turn.
Row 24 (WS): Purl to 1 st before last turn, p2tog, p2, turn.
Repeat rows 23 and 24 until 6 unworked sts remain on each side.
Work row 23 once more.

Top Edge

(WS) Knit to last 7 sts, k2tog, k2, turn.
(RS) Knit to last 4, k2tog twice.
Repeat previous row one more time.
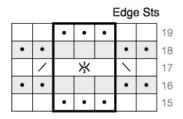Bind off (RS): K1, (k1, pass previous stitch over) to end.
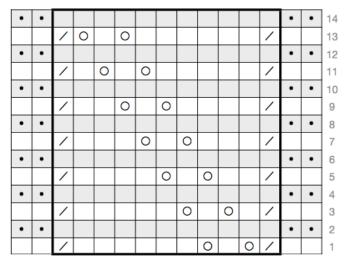
Finishing

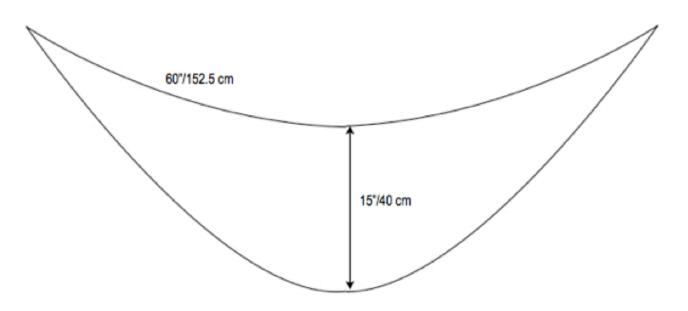Weave in ends. Soak, and block, using blocking pins to accentuate border points

Charts

Right side rows are read right to left. Wrong side rows are read left to right. All are read bottom to top.

☐ knit on RS, purl on WS	◯ yo
• purl on RS, knit on WS	☐ stitch repeat
╱ k2tog	⚒ CL
╲ ssk	

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