

Insanity Shawl



THE IDEA -

A triangular shawl worked in a 12 row alternating garter and stockinette stitch pattern throughout, with a bit of simple shaping to keep it from slipping off the shoulders.

YARN -

1 Skein Kauni Effektgarn 8/2 - Fingering/4 ply Wool - W-ET Purple Grey Black Colorway

YARDAGE -

438.0 yards (400.5m)

NEEDLES -

US 8 / 5.0 mm

PATTERN -

Setting up -

CO 5 stitches using knitted cast on. This will allow you to use the M1 increases from Row 1.

Row 1: K2, M1R, PM, K1, PM, M1L, K2

Row 2: K all sts.

Neck Section - 24 rows

Knit 12 rows of *garter* stitch, increasing only on odd rows [RS] as follows:

Odd Rows [RS]: K2, M1R, K to marker, M1R, SM, K1, SM, M1L, K to last 2 sts, M1L, K2.

Even Rows [WS]: K all sts.

Switch to 12 rows of *stockinette* stitch as follows:

Odd Rows [RS]: K2, M1R, K to marker, M1R, SM, K1, SM, M1L, K to last 2 sts M1L, K2

Even Rows [WS]: K2, P to the last 2 sts, K2

Shoulder Section - 48 rows

Knit 12 rows of *garter* stitch, increasing on both odd [RS] and even [WS] rows as follows:

Odd Rows [RS]: K2, M1R, K to marker, M1R, SM, K1, SM, M1L, K to last 2 sts M1L, K2

Even Rows [WS]: K2, M1R, K to the last 2 sts, M1L, K2

Switch to 12 rows of *stockinette* stitch, increasing on both odd [RS] and even [WS] rows as follows:

Odd Rows [RS]: K2, M1R, K to marker, M1R, SM, K1, SM, M1L, K to last 2 sts M1L, K2

Even Rows [WS]: K2, M1R, P to the last 2 sts, M1L, K2

Repeat the Shoulder Section twice to have 48 rows total in this section.

Remaining Section -

Repeat the Neck Section until you reach desired size, ending with 12 rows of garter stitch.

Alternatives -

* to create a subtle ruffle effect after blocking, finish with a 24 row garter stitch.

* to create a more obvious ruffle, increase 1 stitch every 6 to 8 stitches on the first row of the 24 row garter section, then continue as established.

BO loosely, weave in ends, wash and block.

And if you are insane like me - knitting a wool shawl with a rough danish wool in the middle of a heat wave - wear it around the house anyway and grin hysterically at having figured out how to keep the shawl around your shoulders without pinning it with sharp objects or clasping it with your hands!

