

# Colossus



If a wrap can't be too big for you, if you're looking to create an heirloom blanket, if you like nearly mindless hours of knitting, then Colossus might be right for you. The one pictured here weighs 980g. That's a total of 9.8 skeins of glorious, magnificent, deliriously-handed fingering weight yarn.

This is a guide more than a pattern. I've included the sources of the two lace stitches I used. Feel free to ad-lib. If you want to do this in Frost Flower and Acorn with an Oak Leaf border, then you should. The second part of the guide is intended to help you decide how much yarn you'll need, and how many different colors you'll need to make a wrap or shawl or table runner or wall piece or whatever you want to make. So, let's start there.

The dimensions I'm going to be using are the lightly blocked dimensions. I blocked by washing my piece, and laying it out fairly wet and heavy on the carpet. I stretched it and the weight helped keep it in place, but didn't stretch too hard and used no pins or wires. If you want to pin yours out, the sizes will likely be larger.

For the main body of my piece, I used just under 8 skeins of yarn. The border was 2 additional, and there was almost nothing left. Without the border, the size is 29" x 12'7". That works out to about 30-1/3 square feet, or roughly 3 square feet per skein using Vine Lace.



I worked by weight using a gram scale. I used 55g of the first color, then alternated rows of that color with the second color for another 25g, then 50g of that second color alone, then 25 alternated with the 3<sup>rd</sup> color, and so on. Of the last color, I ended with another 55g. So, of the first and last color, unless you compensate, you'll use 80g. Of each of the rest, you'll use the full skein.



# Yarn Calculator

You can use this as a sort of manual spreadsheet to calculate how much yarn you'll need. In the blanks, fill in the correct values.

Total Length \_\_\_\_\_ inches (a)

Total Width \_\_\_\_\_ inches (b)

(a) x (b) / 144 = \_\_\_\_\_ square feet (c)

(c) - 1.5 / 3 + 2 = \_\_\_\_\_ skeins (d) This is how many skeins you'll need to complete the main body of your piece. First and last colors in your gradient only require 80 grams if you have partial skeins you want to use..

(a) + (b) / 180 = \_\_\_\_\_ skeins (e) This is how many skeins you'll need to complete the border. A fraction counts as a whole skein, so if you calculate 1.7, you'll need 2.

If you decide to use some yarns you have already on hand, you can let this be a more organic process. Using these directions will give you relatively evenly sized bands of color, but there's no reason they'd need to be other than as a way to use up the entire skein. If you like the idea of a more organic than pre-planned approach, you might want to think at least about the colors you want to start with, end with, and the sorts of colors you'll need to create the transition, then decide as you're working what's next. If you need to buy colors you don't have, you can purchase them as you knit, and your favorite LYS can help you with the beautiful yarns in their shops. Be sure to check out our Meadowcroft Dyeworks yarns while there. Our colors are saturated and fast, our yarns have the loveliest hand, and we have a tremendous variety of colorways to help make your gradient gorgeous.

## Lace Motif Charts

The main body of the wrap I made uses Vine Lace.

Please see [here](#).





The border of the wrap I made uses Oak Leaf Lace border

Please see [here](#).



## Needles

I tend to like smaller holes in my lace work so I also tend to use smaller needles. This was knit using 2.5 mm / US 1.5 needles. You could easily do this with something much larger. Use whatever needles you'd use to make the sort of lace you prefer.

## Cast On

I haven't talked about gauge because it isn't all that important to this piece. With my 2.5 mm needles, I'm getting 23 stitches and 32 rows in 4" / 10mm. My piece is 184 sts wide and when blocked, is about 32" without the border. When calculating how many stitches to cast on, remember to subtract 4.5" (total additional width of border) from the width you want your piece to finish. The pattern is a 9st repeat, so your total number of stitches is a multiple of 9 + 4.

## Border

To start the border, co 14 sts and then knit across. Pick up a st at the edge of your piece (15 sts total now). Knit the first 2 together in pattern. Every other row will begin this way.

## Ravelry Group

For encouragement, support, help, and comradery, please feel free to visit and post to the Colossus Thread(s) in the [Meadowcroft Dyeworks](#) group on Ravelry.