

Gorse Shawl

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A large, warm shawl knit in DK weight lambswool yarn. The body of the shawl is completed first, starting with 3 sts and increasing to 309 sts. Next the lace edging is knit on from side-to-side, no need for sewing!

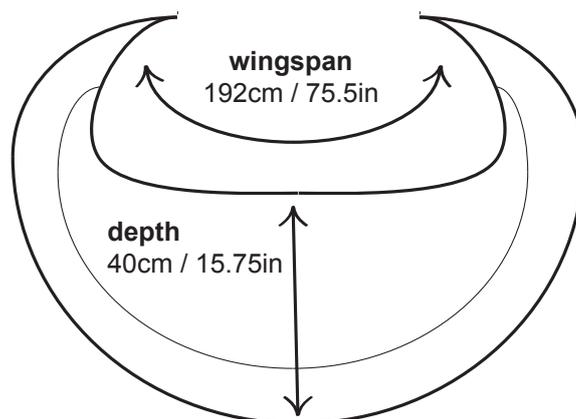
Materials

Yarn: 3 x 100g skeins of Maniototo Wool Luxury Lambswool; 100% merino cross wool; DK/8ply; approx 250m per 100g; colour: Gorse.

Needles: 5mm / US8, long circular needle for knitting a large amount of sts, flat.

2 x 5mm / US8 dpns

Other tools: 2 x stitch markers



Abbreviations

BO: bind off

CO: cast on

dpns: double pointed needles

inc'd: increased

k: knit

k1S: knit one stitch from the shawl body

k2tog: knit 2 stitches together

LH: left hand

m: marker

p: purl

pm: place marker

pssso: pass slipped stitch over previously worked st/s and off the needle

p2tog: purl two stitches together

p2togtbl: purl two stitches together through the back of the loops.

rep: repeat

RH: right hand

RS: right side

sL1: slip one stitch purlwise

sl1k2togpssso: slip one, k2tog, pass slipped stitch over the stitch just worked.

sL2: slip 2 stitches.

sm: slip marker

ssk: (slip, slip, knit), slip next 2 sts one at a time, knitwise, to the RH needle, knit them together through the front of the sts

sts: stitches

WS: wrong side

wyb: with yarn at back

wyf: with yarn in front

yo: (yarn over), bring the yarn forward between the needles, therefore creating a new yarn over stitch when the next stitch is knit.

yrn: (yarn round needle), when the next stitch is a purl stitch, create a yo by bringing the yarn right round the needle from front to front again.

Gauge: 17sts x 32 rows = 10 x 10cm, in garter stitch, on 5mm / US8 needles, after gentle blocking.

Gauge is not an important factor in this pattern, but affects finished size of shawl and yarn consumption.

The body of the shawl is knit flat on circular needles.

Shawl Body

With circular needles, cast on 3 sts.

Row 1 (WS): K3.

Row 2 (RS): (K1, yo) x2, k1. 5 sts

Row 3 and every WS row: Knit to end.

Row 4: (K1, yo) x4, k1. 9 sts

Row 6: (K1, yo) x3, k3, (yo, k1) x3. 15 sts

Row 8 and every RS row: (K1, yo) x3, k to last 3 sts, (yo, k1) x3. 6 sts inc'd

Continue to increase by 6 sts every RS row until there are 195 sts on the needle.

Work a WS row.

From this point on, the Garland Pattern is worked (see chart or written instructions), at the same time 6 sts are increased on every RS row (as before).

Stitch markers are used to denote the beginning and end of the Garland Pattern, whilst all newly increased sts are worked as knit sts.

The Garland Pattern is worked 3 times and the stitch markers are moved twice to accommodate new pattern repeats.

Starting with a Row 6, work Garland Pattern as follows:

Next Row (RS): (K1, yo) x3, pm, rep Garland Pattern across the row to last 3 sts, pm, (yo, k1) x3. 201 sts

Next Row (WS): K to m, sm, work next row of Garland Pattern to m, sm, k to end.

Next Row: (K1, yo) x3, k to m, sm, work next row of Garland Pattern to m, sm, k to last 3 sts, (yo, k1) x3. 6 sts inc'd.

Rep last 2 rows four more times, (Rows 9 to 16 of Garland Pattern);

then twice more (Rows 1 to 4 of Garland Pattern); followed by 1 more WS row (Row 5 of Garland Pattern). Remove markers on the last row.

243 sts

Replace markers on the next row (Row 6 of Garland Pattern) as follows:

Next Row (RS): (K1, yo) x3, k3, pm, work Row 6 of Garland Pattern to last 6 sts, pm, k3, (yo, k1) x3. 6 sts

inc'd

Next Row (WS): K to m, sm, work next Row of Garland Pattern to m, sm, k to end.

Next Row: (K1, yo) x3, k to m, sm, work next row of Garland Pattern to m, sm, k to last 3 sts, (yo, k1) x3. 6 sts inc'd.

Work Rows 9 to 16 of Garland Pattern continuing to increase by 3 sts at either end of every RS row and knitting all other sts before the first marker and after the last.

Next: Work Rows 1 to 5 of Garland Pattern, in the same manner, removing markers as you pass them on last row.

291 sts

Replace markers on the next row (Row 6 of Garland Pattern) as follows:

Next Row (RS): (K1, yo) x3, k6, pm, rep Row 6 of Garland Pattern across row to last 9 sts, pm, k6, (yo, k1) x3. 297 sts

Next Row (WS): K to m, sm, work next row of Garland Pattern across row to m, sm, k to end.

Next Row: (K1, yo) x3, k to m, sm, work next Row of Garland Pattern across row to m, sm, k to last 3 sts, (yo, k1) x3. 6 sts inc'd

Work Rows 9, 10 and 11 of Garland Pattern increasing by 3 sts at either end of RS row, and knitting all other sts before the first marker and after the last, as before.

309 sts

Break yarn leaving a tail to weave in later, but leave sts live on the needle.

Garland Pattern

Row 1: Purl to end.

Rows 2 to 5: Knit to end.

Row 6 (RS): K1, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, k1.

Row 7 (WS): P2togtbl, yrn, p3, yrn, p2tog.

Row 8: K1, yo, k2tog, yo, sl1k2togpssso, yo, k1.

Row 9: P1, yrn, p2tog, p1, p2togtbl, yrn, p1.

Row 10: K2, yo, sl1k2togpssso, yo, k2.

Rows 11 to 14: Knit to end.

Row 15: Purl to end.

Row 16: Knit to end.

Lace Edging

With 2 dpns, cast on 10 sts.

The first stitch on Row 1 of the Edging Pattern is usually slipped, but this time only knit the first stitch, then work the remainder of Row 1.

Next Row (RS): Work Row 2 of Edging Pattern to last st, then, as shown, slip 1, k the first st of the shawl, pass the slipped st over the shawl st, turn work.

In this way the edging is worked at the same time as being joined to the shawl.

Discard the 2nd dpn and just work with one and the shawl needle.

Next: work Rows 3 and 4 of Edging Pattern, remembering that the abbreviation k1S means k1 from the shawl.

Continue to work Edging Pattern until all shawl body sts have been consumed.

BO Edging sts.

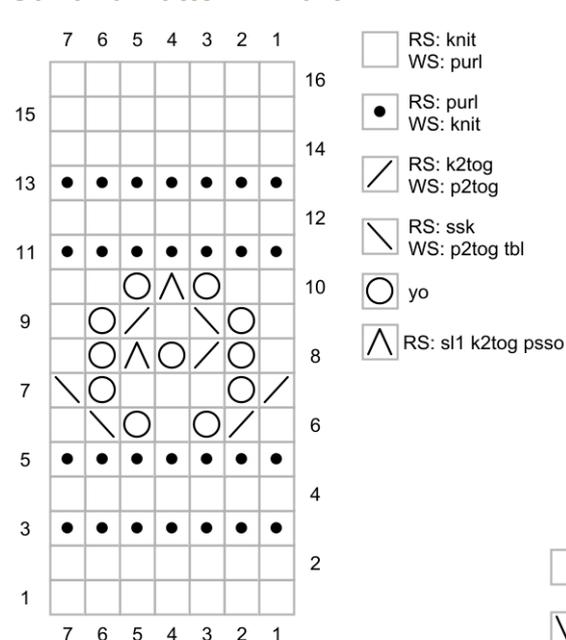
Finishing

This shawl doesn't require hard blocking.

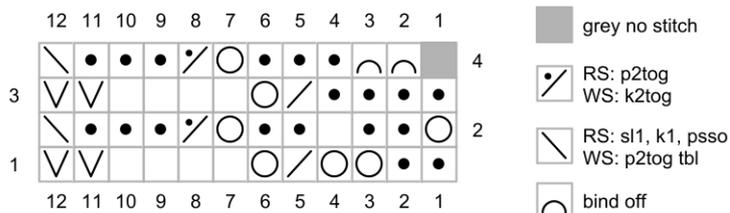
Soak in wool wash, roll in a towel and gently press out excess water, then lay out flat to an elongated crescent shape.

If desired - pin out along the plain edge and along the line where the shawl body was attached to the edging, but as the edging is wider than the shawl body, creating a slight frill effect, leave the edging unpinned.

Garland Pattern Chart



Edging Pattern Chart



Edging Pattern

Note: on row 1 you are making a double yo by working a yrn, followed by a k1 with the yarn held at the front of the work. This is treated as a single stitch on the following row, with the extra loop being dropped off the needle.

Note: at the beginning of Row 2 you are making a yo by holding the yarn at the back of the work whilst working the first purl st.

Row 1 (WS): SL2 wyf, p4, yrn, p2tog, yrn, wyf k1, k1.

Row 2 (RS): wyb p1, p1, k1 slipping extra loop off needle, p2, yrn, p2tog, p3, SL1wyb, k1S, pss0, turn.

Row 3: sL2 wyf, p4, yrn, p2tog, k4.

Row 4: BO2, p3, yrn, p2tog, p3, sL1 wyb, k1S, pss0, turn.



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