

Elegantly Simple Triangle Shawl

This shawl is knit in one of those lovely laces based on the Shetland feather and fan stitch. There is so much movement and interest in the pattern that it may look more difficult to do than it really is. Starting at the lower point of the shawl and increasing to as wide as you want, it becomes a lovely fan-shaped neck scarf or shoulder wrap with scalloped points at the upper edge.



Yarn and Needles

Lace-weight or very fine yarn in amount to give you the size you want. Here are some guidelines:

200 yards — for neck-scarf size of 32" measured across widest point
 600 yards — for a smaller shoulder wrap 54" (as pictured above)
 1000 yards — for a larger wrap 72"

Size 5 us (3.75 mm) needles

Gauge: 6 stitches per inch over pattern stitch

Instructions

Cast on 20 stitches for point of shawl.

Complete all rows of Chart A. Now work Chart B. On each row, repeat the center 15 stitches of the chart (between the darker lines) as necessary across the row, ending the row with the remainder of the charted row. Continue to repeat Chart B until length desired, and completing an even-numbered row (rows 10 or 20 are the best choices). Each time Chart B is completed, the shawl will be wider by 30 stitches.

Bind off very loosely. Weave in ends invisibly.

Fill container with lukewarm water and a small amount of mild detergent. Mix thoroughly. Submerge shawl into water gently and soak at least 30 minutes. Drain and gently press out majority of water. Refill container with water at same temperature and rinse gently. Again press out majority of water. Press scarf between two thirsty bath towels (do not rub). Block under tension by pinning the still-damp scarf on a flat surface while gently stretching into shape and opening up the lace pattern nicely. Let dry thoroughly before removing blocking pins.