



MJ Profusion of Peas Shawl

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MJ Yarns: 2 or 3 Skeins of Sophistisock

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Notes

This triangular shawl was designed to highlight the *Weird Sisters* color line from MJ Yarns, and the regularly increasing stitch count causes the intentional pooling, dispersal, and re-pooling of the color splashes. The lace stitch used in this triangular shawl is called *Peas* in the Orenburg lace knitting tradition.

Gauge is not terribly important when knitting lace shawls, but be generous with your needle size so that the lace will open up after blocking. Only the loosest of knitters will want to drop down a needle size, and tight knitters may well be advised to go up a size or two.

The shawl is started with a tab construction method, and two triangles of *Peas* patterns are formed on either side of a center panel of garter stitch. Please note, there is **no** purling in this pattern.

When the instructions say work (K2,YO,K2tog) to the marker, the *Peas* stitch pattern within parentheses is worked until you reach the marker. When instructions are enclosed in square brackets, all instructions within the brackets are repeated the number of times indicated after the closing bracket.

The model was knit using just less than three skeins (2.75 to be precise), and instructions are provided to knit a slightly smaller shawl using only two skeins. Those instructions call for 55 (and 45) pattern repeats, respectively. One could probably work an extra pattern repeat in the smaller version (or an extra one or two repeats in the larger version) and still have enough yarn for the border with 2 (or 3) skeins, respectively. I'm the type of knitter who prefers *not* to rip back because I ran out of yarn, so the instructions as written give a relatively safe margin.

Gauge: 26 sts = 4" in Stockinette

3 Skein Size: 72" by 36"

2 Skein Size: 56" by 28"

Needles: US #5 (3.75mm), 40" circular

Notions: 4 Stitch Markers

Abbreviations

K = Knit

K2tog = Knit 2 STS together

KFB = Knit in the front and back of the same ST to increase

PM = Place Marker

SL = SLip ST (purlwise)

SM = Slip Marker

ST(S) = Stitch(es)

YO = Yarn-Over

Instructions

Set Up

Cast on 5 STS and work (SL1, K4) for 9 rows to form 5 garter ridges. Work the following four rows just once to establish the base of 4 STS in each triangle.

- Row 1 SL1, K4, YO, pick-up and knit 5 STS in the side edge of the garter tab, YO, pick-up and knit 5 STS in the cast-on row.
- Row 2 SL1, K4, PM, KFB, PM, K5, PM, KFB, PM, K5.
- Row 3 SL1, K4, SM, YO, K2, YO, SM, K5, SM, YO, K2, YO, SM, K5.
- Row 4 SL1, K4, SM, K4, SM, K5, SM, K4, SM, K5.

Pattern Repeats

Work the following four rows to the desired size has been achieved.

For the full three-skein version, work 55 repeats and then work the border below.

To work the smaller, two-skein version, work only 45 repeats and then work the border below.

- Row 1 SL1, K4, [SM, YO, work (K2, YO, K2tog) to the marker, YO, SM, K5] twice.
- Row 2 SL1, K4, [SM, K1, work (K2, YO, K2tog) to 1 ST before the marker, K1, SM, K5] twice.
- Row 3 SL1, K4, [SM, YO, K to marker, YO, SM, K5] twice.
- Row 4 SL1, K4, [SM, K to marker, SM, K5] twice.

Border

Work the following two rows four times:

- Row 1 SL1, K4, [SM, YO, K to marker, YO, SM, K5] twice.
- Row 2 SL1, K4, [SM, K to marker, SM, K5] twice.

Bind off, being careful not to bind-off tightly. Normally, I block my lace shawls to within an inch of their lives, but the tencel in the yarn, combined with the incredible drape of the pattern and needle size, don't require forceful blocking. The sample garment was soaked with wool wash and laid flat over night to dry, with minimal encouragement needed to get straight, clean edges.

