

Dandelion Lace Shawl

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Classic Elite Yarns

The Yarn

Silky Alpaca Lace

70% Alpaca, 30% Silk

Silky Alpaca Lace is a beautiful blend of fibers, spun into a gossamer yarn that knits into amazing lightweight pieces.

The alpaca in this yarn provides warmth and a soft halo; The silk adds a subtle sheen to the knitted stitches. Worked in lace with larger needles, Silky Alpaca Lace makes lovely, light-as-air shawls, garments and accessories.

The Pattern

A striped triangular shawl worked from the center of the top outwards to the rounded lace border.

Skill Level: Intermediate

SIZES

S (M, L) Shown in S.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 34 (44, 54)" wide at top x 13 (17¼, 21½)" deep at center point, blocked

YARN

Silky Alpaca Lace by **Classic Elite**

(70% alpaca, 30% silk; 50 g = approx 440 yards)

1 ball each:

MC – 2416 French Vanilla

CC – 2420 Beach Glass

NEEDLES & HOOK

Circular knitting needle (24" or longer) in size US 6 (4 mm) **or size to obtain gauge.**

Crochet hook in size US D/3 (3.25 mm)

GAUGE

24 sts and 36 rows = 4" in St st. **Take time to save time, check your gauge.**





SHAWL

With CC, CO 3 sts. Knit 6 rows and do not turn work. Rotate pc 90° clockwise and pick up and knit 3 sts (1 st in each Gtr st ridge) along side; rotate pc 90° clockwise once more and pick up and knit 3 sts along CO edge – 9 sts.

Setup body patt:

Setup Row 1 (WS): K3 (edge sts, keep in Gtr st throughout), p3, k3 (edge sts, keep in Gtr st throughout) – 9 sts.

Setup Row 2 (RS): K3, yo, (k1, pm) twice, k1, yo, k3 – 11 sts.

Setup Row 3: K3, yo, purl to last 3 sts, yo, k3 – 13 sts.

Est stripe patt: Join MC.

Row 1 (RS): K3, yo, knit to marker, yo, sl m, k1, sl m, yo, knit to 3 sts before end, yo, k3 – 4 sts inc'd.

Row 2 (WS): K3, yo, purl to last 3 sts, yo, k3 – 2 sts inc'd.

Rep rows 1 and 2 until there are 217 (307, 397) sts – 34 (49, 64) reps of body patt worked.

Shape shawl with short rows:

Note: Short rows are not wrapped. Maintain stripe patt while working short rows.

First half:

Short Row 1 (RS): K3, yo, knit to 3 (6, 12) sts before first marker, turn.

Short Row 2 and all WS rows: Slip 1 st, work to end as est.

Short Rows 3, 5 and 7: K3, yo, knit to 6 (9, 15) sts before last turning point, turn.

Short Rows 9, 11 and 13: K3, yo, knit to 9 (12, 18) sts before last turning point, turn.

Short Rows 15 and 17: K3, yo, knit to 12 (15, 21) sts before last turning point, turn.

Short Rows 19 and 21: K3, yo, knit to 15 (24, 21) sts before last turning point, turn.

Short Row 22: Slip 1 st, work to end as est.

RS: Knit across all sts – 239 (329, 419) sts.

Second half:

Short Row 1 (WS): K3, yo, purl to 3 (6, 12) sts before first marker, turn.

Short Row 2 and all RS rows: Slip 1 st, work to end as est.

Short Rows 3, 5 and 7: K3, yo, purl to 6 (9, 15) sts before last turning point, turn.

Short Rows 9, 11 and 13: K3, yo, purl to 9 (12, 18) sts before last turning point, turn.

Short Rows 15 and 17: K3, yo, purl to 12 (15, 21) sts before last turning point, turn.

Short Rows 19 and 21: K3, yo, purl to 15 (24, 21) sts before last turning point, turn.

Short Row 22: Slip 1 st, work to end as est.

Row 23 (WS): With MC, k3, purl to last 3 sts, k3, removing all markers – 261 (351, 441) sts.

LACE EDGING

With MC, work rows 1 – 13 of Dandelion Lace Patt.

BO all sts as follows:

BO 3 sts, *slip st from RH needle to crochet hook, chain 5, drop CO st above the drop stitch column, slip st from crochet hook back to RH needle, BO 3 sts; rep from * across. Fasten off. Add button, if desired.