

Crystalline Lattice



This Cowl, Wimple or Scarf pattern is the perfect project to mop-up of all of the left-over bits of laceweight silk mohair that we all seem to be collecting. This is a tube scarf, that can be something different at different lengths. Right now it is only Cowl size, but as it becomes longer it will grown to be a Wimple (a tube that covers both neck and head) and then a scarf. I am aiming for a scarf myself. So, until it is a scarf the pattern will be free.

The very basic atomic shape of a natural crystal as it grows is a lattice. So here we are growing our own crystal. Mine shows as shades of purple. What will your Crystalline Lattice show?

It is a super simple pattern, 7 rows, slipped stitches, stockinette and little garter stitch. The slipped stitches are twisted as we slip them, to give them a very linear, ropey appearance.

Materials: approx. 400 m fingering weight yarn for the basic lattice structure, I recommend a hand-dye with some interesting colour changes if you are working with a more limited palette. If you are using up lots of different colours of mohair, pick a solid or semi-solid for the lattice. I am working with some Koigu KPPPM from my stash, plus approx. 800m mixed laceweight mohair/silk, I am working with Drops Kid Silk, in 4 close shades. Needles, 3.5mm, US #4, 60cm 24in circ, 1 marker for BORM (beginning of round), scissors and the basic notions.

Gauge: unblocked – 20 sts in 10 cm, 4 inches – based from a garter row.

Size: 70 cm, 28 inches around.
Length, Cowl 20 to 30cm, 10 to 12 inches, Wimple 60 to 75cm, 24 to 30 inches, and Scarf, at least 150 cm, 60 inches.

Pattern

Set-up

Working with wool, cast-on 160 sts. Being careful not to twist the stitches, place BORM, and join into a round.

Purl 1 round. Knit 1 round.
Purl 1 round. Knit 1 round.

Body

With wool, purl the next round.

Do not cut the wool, carry it up to the next use. Do cut the mohair as you change the colours.

Working with 1st shade of mohair/silk;



Rounds, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 – *K4, slip next st knitwise (this stitch must be slipped knitwise to twist it and work in the rope like look); repeat from * to end of round.



Round 6 – with wool – knit every stitch.

Round 7 – with wool – purl every stitch.

Repeat rounds 1 thru 7 until tube is desired length, changing the mohair/silk colours as desired. It could be all the same shade.

As you work through the repeating pattern, change up the colours of the mohair/silks. I am working with 4 close shades, and rotating them from lightest to darkest. But I am thinking of making a second scarf, and picking up all sorts of bits to make a really wild colourway with no stripe the same and/or no pattern to the colour stripe sequence. Or maybe I should get some earthy tones and make something a little more organic. This pattern could go so many places.



Finish

With wool and after a round 5 of pattern repeat;

Purl 1 round.

Knit 1 round. Purl 1 round.

Knit 1 round. Purl 1 round.

Last round – Bind-off in knit.

Weave in all ends and block lightly if desired. I am not planning on blocking. I am loving how the slipped stitch starts to pull the garter sts tighter and brings the mohair up through the stitches.

