

SHOULDER BLADE



Shoulder Blade is a small shawl designed to sit around the shoulders. The lace will gently curve over the shoulder and around the back when tied or pinned closed. The shawl is also narrow enough that it can be used as a scarf wrapped around the neck. The shape is simple with the shawl starting from a provisional cast-on at center back and each side knit out from there.

The technique of working the shawl in two halves was dictated by working with a double strand sock blank that was dyed to have each half the same.



Materials: 4.0mm US #6 needles, straight or circular (2.75mm US#2 needle for pick-up from provisional cast-on is recommended but not essential), 425m (465 yds) fingering weight yarn (sample was knit with Chester Wool Co Platinum Double Sock Blank, 75% merino, 25% nylon); 3.5mm crochet hook, smooth waste yarn for the provisional cast-on, markers and reg notions

Note – yardage is tight, if you know that you are a loose knitter try 3.75mm US #5 needles. If you have extra yardage add more repeats of the lace pattern.

Gauge: - before blocking – 24 sts in 4 inches in garter st – after blocking – 20 sts in 4 inches in garter st

Dimensions – before blocking – 51-inch wingspan and 13 inches deep at the back, lace panel is 16 inches wide – after blocking – 60 inch wingspan and 17 inches deep at the back, lace panel is 22 inches wide

Abbreviations: **sl1** – slip 1 st. **pm** – place marker. **slm** – slip marker. **YO** – yarn over. **K2tog** – Knit 2 sts together. **K3tog** – Knit 3 sts together. **SSK** – slip the next 2 sts knitwise (one at a time), then insert the left needle across the front of your 2 slipped sts and knit them together. **SSSK** – as SSK with 3 sts instead of 2 sts. **SK2P** – Slip 1 st, K2tog, Pass the slipped st over the st made by the K2tog. **WS** – wrong side. **RS** – right side. **Backwards-loop cast-on** – a simple loop cast-on, may also be referred to as the half hitch, or “e” loop cast on.

Pattern

Provisional Cast-on

Working with crochet hook and waste yarn, chain approx. 130 sts.
(depends on whether you can pick up from every bump, I usually pick up from 2 bumps and then skip a bump so the bumps don't tighten up too much)

Working with needle and main yarn pick-up and knit 83 sts from the bumps on the back of the waste yarn chain.

Set-up

Set-up row – WS– S1, K4, pm, P73, pm, K5 – 83 sts.

Body of Shawl

Work next 71 rows from Chart or written pattern.

Repeat rows 1 to 12, 5 times.

Work rows 1 to 11 of 6th repeat of chart. **Do not work row 12.** Move to Garter Stitch Wing 1.

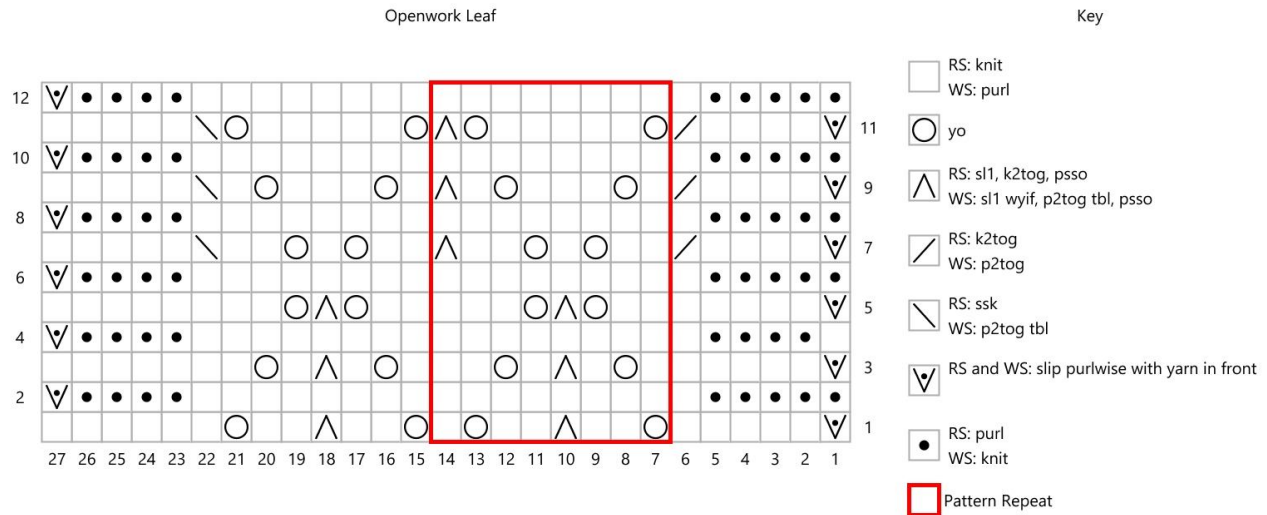
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Written Openwork Leaf

Row 1 (RS): Sl wyif, k5 (yo, k2, sl1, k2tog, pssso, k2, yo, k1) 8 times, yo, k2, sl1, k2tog, pssso, k2, yo, k6 – 83 sts

Row 2 and all WS rows: Sl, k4, p73, k5

Row 3: Sl wyif, k5 (k1, yo, k1, sl1, k2tog, pssso, k1, yo, k2) 8 times, k1, yo, k1, sl1, k2tog, pssso, k1, yo, k7

Row 5: Sl wyif, k5 (k2, yo, sl1, k2tog, pssso, yo, k3) 8 times, k2, yo, sl1, k2tog, pssso, yo, k8

Row 7: Sl wyif, k4, k2tog (k2, yo, k1, yo, k2, sl1, k2tog, pssso) 8 times, k2, yo, k1, yo, k2, ssk, k5

Row 9: Sl wyif, k4, k2tog (k1, yo, k3, yo, k1, sl1, k2tog, pssso) 8 times, k1, yo, k3, yo, k1, ssk, k5

Row 11: Sl wyif, k4, k2tog (yo, k5, yo, sl1, k2tog, pssso) 8 times, yo, k5, yo, ssk, k5

Garter Stitch Wing 1

Set-up row – WS – S1, K4, slm, **knit** to next marker, remove marker, K5.

Row 1 – knit to 2 sts before maker, K2tog, slm, K5 – 82 sts.

Row 2 – s1, knit to end of row.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until there are 6 sts on the needle. Finish wing as follows:

Row 1 – RS – S1, remove marker, slip stitch back to left hand needle, SSK, K4 – 5 sts.

Row 2 – S1, K4.

Row 3 – SSK, K3 – 4 sts.

Row 4 – S1, K3.

Row 5 – SSK, K2 – 3 sts.

Finish side by cutting yarn and leaving an 8-inch tail. Pull the tail yarn through the last stitch.

Make Second Half

Working with the smaller needle (if you have), pick-up the stitches from the provisional cast-on. This can be done by picking up the bumps of the sts that show on the back of the provisional cast-on and the then removing the cast-on or by slowing the removing the provisional cast-on and picking up each st as it is released.



You will be one stitch short. Make a stitch on the edge of the knitting with a backwards loop.



Work Row 1 of the Open Leaf Pattern

Please note that the lace pattern will be off by 1 st. This is a function of the provisional cast-on and will not affect the finish of the shawl.

Continue working from the Open Leaf Pattern. Repeat rows 1 to 12, 5 times. Work rows 1 to 11 of 6th repeat of chart. Do not work row 12. Move to Garter Stitch Wing 2.

Garter Stitch Wing 2

Set-up row – WS – S1, K4, remove marker, knit to end of row.

Row 1 – S1, K4, slm, SSK, knit to end of row – 82 sts.

Row 2 – s1, knit to end of row.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until there are 6 sts on the needle. Finish wing as follows:

Row 1 – RS – S1, K3, S1, remove marker, slip stitch back to left hand needle, K2tog – 5 sts.

Row 2 – K5.

Row 3 – S1, K2, K2tog – 4 sts.

Row 4 – K4.

Row 5 – S1, K1, K2tog – 3 sts.

Row 6 – K3.

Row 7 – K3tog – 1 st.

Finish side by cutting yarn and leaving an 8-inch tail. Pull the tail yarn through the last stitch.

Finishing

Weave in all ends and block to desired dimensions.