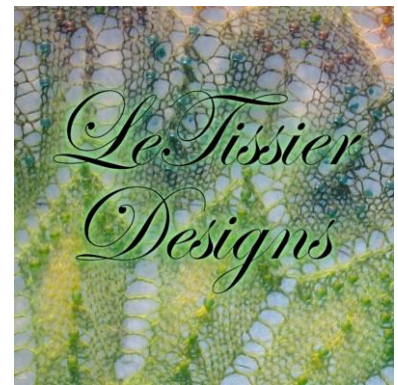


# October Fancy - Grand Shell Juliette Cap



The Grand Shell stitch is the base for this pattern. It creates a wonderful curved edge and is a pattern with a lot of shape and texture. I used it for the August Fancy, the Grand Shell Collar. I was so pleased with the results that I decided to make a set. It is such a beautiful stitch.

The Fancy line of projects grew out of the [Threads of Colour – A Year in Squares](#) and these little projects have become quite my favourite part. Creating these small, interesting little things has made this year long exploration of pattern and technique project so much more than my original idea.

This is a pattern for an experienced knitter, or a very adventurous one. The beads add an extra layer. But as always, beads are optional. Check this post - [Crafting Exquisite Beaded Knits – Tips and Inspiration](#), for more information on working with beads.

The lace knitting is for the most part, standard but rows 8 and 9 offer a couple of challenges which are outlined in the special instructions.

## Materials:

- 3.5mm US #4 40cm 16inch circs and dpn's
- approx. 100m light fingering weight yarn, sample was knit with a stash yarn, a local Cotswold (the Cascade 220 fingering would be a good alternative)
- 0.6mm crochet hook – for bead placement
- markers
- tape measure
- blunt needle

If beading 113 (131, 151) beads were used in the cast-on and 126 (147, 168) beads in the body.

**Gauge: Pattern** – after blocking, 1 pattern repeat at widest is 3.25 inches 8.5 cm

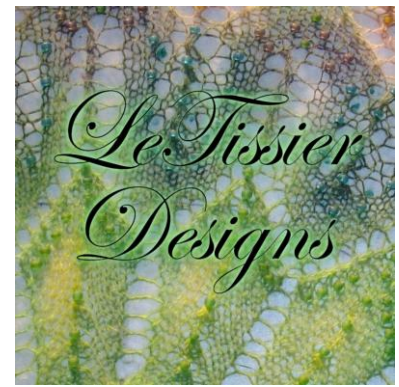


**Gauge: Stockinette** – after blocking, approx. 12 sts and 17 rows in 2 inches 5cm

**Size:** Three sizes – relaxed, after blocking – child/small adult approx. 18 inches around – medium adult approx. 21 inches around – large adult approx. 24 inches around.

**Abbreviations:**

- **pm** – place marker
- **K2tog** – knit 2 stitches 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.
- **YO** – bring the yarn forward between your needles and then knit your next stitch as normal, allowing the yarn to loop over your RH needle to form a new stitch.
- **YO twice** – bring the yarn forward between your needles and then once more. work your next stitch as indicated, allowing the yarn loops to sit over your RH needle form a new stitch.
- **S2KP2** – slip the next 2 sts together knitwise as if to K2tog, K1, pass both slipped sts together over the knitted st
- **M1 - (Make 1)** lift the running yarn between the stitch just knit and the next stitch onto the left-hand needle and then knit into the back of the yarn to close the loop and make a new st



**Techniques:**

**Beaded long-tail cast-on** – beads are pre-strung and there should be the same number of beads as cast-on sts, less 1. These beads are on the tail (the length of yarn over your thumb). Start with your slip knot and immediately pull up 1 bead to rest close to the slip knot. \*Cast on a stitch and then pull-up another bead,\*. Repeat from \* to \* until you have run out of beads, after your pull up the last bead, cast-on 1 more stitch – this should give you the right number of stitches for your cast-on. **Note** – always check your bead and cast-on count.

**Special Instructions A** – (YO twice, K1) 14 times

**Special Instructions B** –

- 1.) Hold yarn to the front and slip next 15 sts to the RH needle dropping the extra yo loops to make 15 long sts.
- 2.) Insert LH needle into the backs of the 15 long sts and purl them altogether to make 1 st. Note – be careful not to lose the first double yo that is worked immediately before the sequence. Make sure to bring the yarn to the front before you start slipping your stitches.

## Pattern

Working with 3.5mm needle, cast-on 114 (133, 152) sts. Keep your cast-on loose. The sample was cast-on using a long-tail beaded cast-on. Being careful not to twist your cast-on, pm and join into a round.

Knit 1 row.

Commence working from chart or written instructions. If working with beads use the chart for bead placements and place after the indicated stitch is worked.

**Written Grand Shell Cap**

Round 1: (K1, yo twice, ssk, k13, k2tog, yo twice, k1) 6(7,8) times. (126(147,168) sts)

Round 2: (P1, k1, p16, k1, p2) 6(7,8) times. (126(147,168) sts)

Round 3: Knit. (126(147,168) sts)

Round 4: Purl. (126(147,168) sts)

Round 5: (K1, (yo twice, ssk) × 2, k11, (k2tog, yo twice) × 2, k1) 6(7,8) times.  
(150(175,200) sts)

Round 6: (P1, k1, p2, k1, p14, (k1, p2) × 2) 6(7,8) times. (150(175,200) sts)

Round 7: Knit. (150(175,200) sts)

Round 8: (P5, work special instructions A, p6) 6(7,8) times. (150(175,200) sts)

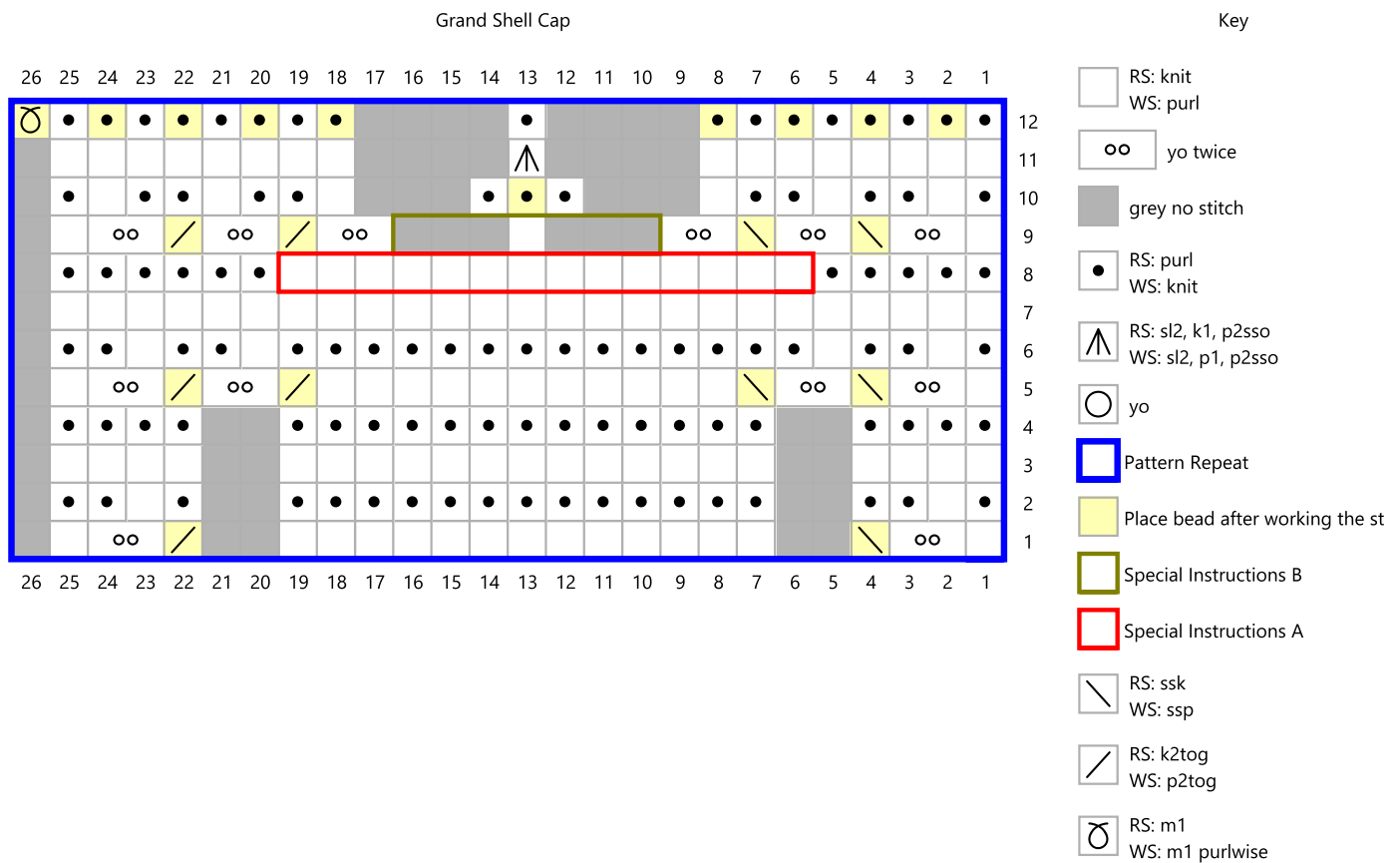
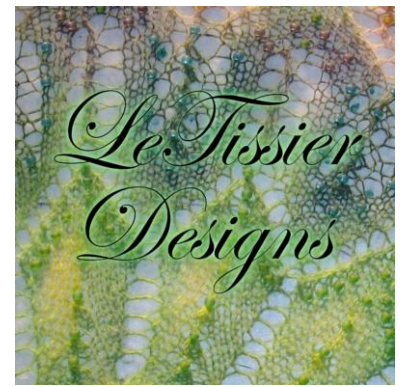
**Note** - extra YO loops created in Round 8 are **not included in the working stitch count because they are dropped in Round 9**

Round 9: (K1, (yo twice, ssk) × 2, yo twice, work special instructions B, (yo twice, k2tog) × 2, yo twice, k1) 6(7,8) times.  
(114(133,152) sts)

Round 10: (P1, (k1, p2) × 2, k1, p3, (k1, p2) × 2, k1, p1) 6(7,8) times. (114(133,152) sts)

Round 11: (K8, S2KP2, k8) 6(7,8) times. (102(119,136) sts)

Round 12: (P17, m1) 6(7,8) times. (108(126,144) sts)



Work the next 12 (22, 32) rounds in stockinette.

Last round:

Small – K13, (K2tog, K26) 3 times, K2tog, knit to the end of the round – 104 sts.

Medium – K10, (K2tog, K19) 5 times, K2tog, knit to the end of the round – 120 sts.

Large – knit 1 round – 144 sts.

## Crown Shaping

### **Start Large shaping here –**

Round 1 – (K16, K2tog) 8 times – 136 sts

Round 2 – knit.

Round 3 – (K15, K2tog) 8 times – 128 sts.

Round 4 – knit.

Round 5 – (K14, K2tog), 8 times – 120 sts.

Round 6 – knit.

### **Start Medium shaping here –**

Round 7 – (K13, K2tog) 8 times – 112 sts.

Round 8 – knit.

Round 9 – (K12, K2tog) 8 times – 104 sts.

Round 10 – knit.

### **Start Small shaping here –**

Round 11 – (K11, K2tog) 8 times – 96 sts.

Round 12 and all remaining even rounds – Knit.

Round 13 – (K10, K2tog) 8 times – 88 sts.

Round 15 – (K9, K2tog) 8 times – 80 sts.

Round 17 – (K8, K2tog) 8 times – 72 sts.

Round 19 – (K7, K2tog) 8 times – 64 sts.

Round 21 – (K6, K2tog) 8 times – 56 sts.

Round 23 – (K5, K2tog) 8 times – 48 sts.

Round 25 – (K4, K2tog) 8 times – 40 sts.

Round 27 – (K3, K2tog) 8 times – 32 sts.

Round 29 – (K2, K2tog) 8 times – 24 sts.

Round 31 – (K1, K2tog) 8 times – 16 sts.

Round 33 – (K2tog) 8 times – 8 sts.

Cut yarn and thread back through the 8 sts remaining. Cinch yarn tightly and push through to the center. Weave in the ends and block the cap.

