

# Ashford Merino/Silk Shawl

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WHEELS & LOOMS



## Materials

- 100gms Ashford Merino/Silk Fibre

## SPINNING

Use 20 gms of each colour and spin as a singles yarn 3-4 ply weight (approx. 354 metres), twist angle 21°. Place skeins in warm water for 20 minutes to set yarn 6 mm needles or 6 mm circular needle. 9 mm needle for cast off.

5 mm crochet hook for alternative crochet edging

Gauge: 15 sts/10 cm over garter stitch when blocked. It gives a loose fabric with drape.

Blocked size: Approximately 176 cm wide, 45 cm deep

## Abbreviations:

k: Knit; sts: Stitches; yo: Yarn Over; yrn: yarn round needle; pm: Place marker; sm: Slip marker; k2tog: Knit 2 together; RS: Right Side; WS: Wrong Side

## SHAWL

Beginning at centre top

With 6 mm Needles, cast on 2 sts. Knit 24 rows Garter Stitch – every row knit (12 ridges)

Turn work 90°. Pick up 12 stitches along long edge, and 2 stitches at cast on edge. (16 stitches)

(Wrong Side) Row 1: k2, yo, k1, pm, k10, pm, k1, yo, k2

(Right Side) Row 2: k2, yo, k2, sm, yo, k10, yo, sm, k2, yo, k2

Row 3: k2, yo, k3, sm, k12, sm, k3, yo, k2 (24 sts)

Repeat rows 2 & 3, increasing 1 st at each edge on every row with yo; and one stitch at each end of middle section between markers on every 2nd row with a yo, and knitting the extra stitches in each section.

After knitting 46 rows, there will be 48 sts in first section, 54 sts in centre section, 48 sts in 3rd section (150 sts)



Lace insert – 2 rows:

Row 47: K2, yo, k1, (yo, k2tog) 22 times, k1, sm, yo, k1 (yo, k2tog) 26 times, k1, yo, sm, k1 (yo, k2tog) 22 times, k1, yo, k2

Row 48: k2, yo, k2, (yo, k2tog) 22 times, k1, sm, k2, (yo, k2tog) 26 times, k2, sm, k1 (yo, k2tog) 22 times, k2, yo, k2

Row 49: K2, yo, k48 sts, sm, yo, k56 sts, yo, sm, k48 sts, yo, k2

Row 50: k2, yo, knit to marker, sm, knit to marker, sm, knit to last 2 sts, yo, k2

Repeat last 2 rows 5 more times, knitting in extra stitches in each section.

Stitches 62 in first section, 68 sts middle section, 62 sts last section (192 sts)

Row 61 (RS): k2, yo, k1 (yo, k2tog) 29 times, k1, sm, yo, k1, (yo, k2tog) 33 times, k1, yo, sm, k1, (yo, k2tog) 29 times k1, yo, k2

Row 62: k2, yo, k2, (yo, K2 tog) 29 times, k1, sm, yo, k1 (yo, k2tog) 33 times, yo, k2, sm, k1 (yo, k2tog) 29 times, k1, yo, k2

Row 63: k2, yo, knit to marker, sm, yo, knit to marker, yo, sm, knit to last 2 stitches, yo, k2

Row 64: k2, yo, knit to marker, sm, knit to marker, sm, knit to last 2 sts, yo, k2

Repeat rows 63 and 64 another 7 times - 78 rows from beginning of body of shawl. No of stitches – 80 in first section, 86 in middle section, 80 in 3rd section = 246 sts

Next row: K2, yo, knit across row, (removing markers as you come to them) to last 2 sts, yo, k2

Repeat last row once

Next row: k2, yo, k1\* (yo, k2tog) \* Repeat from \* to \*

to last 4 sts, k2, yo, k2

Repeat this row 5 more times

Next row: k2, yo, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2

Repeat this row 2 more times, keeping edge yo increases as before (272 sts)

Begin Feather and Fan border:

Row 1: (RS) k2, yo, knit to last 2 sts, yo, k2

Row 2: k2, yo, \*pm, k2tog 3 times, (yrm, p1) 6 times, (k2tog) 3 times\* Repeat from \* to \* to last 2 sts, pm, yo, k2

Row 3: k2, yo, knit to last 2 sts, slipping markers as you come to them, yo, k2

Row 4: k2, yo, k2 \*(k2tog) 3 times, (yrm, p1) 6 times, (k2tog) 3 times\* Repeat from \* to \* until last 4 sts, k2, yo, k2

Row 5: As row 3

Row 6: k2, yo, k4, \*sm, (k2 tog) 3 times, (yrm, p1) 6 times, (k2tog) 3 times\*. Repeat from \* to \* to last marker, k4, yo, k2

Row 7: As row 3 (removing markers as you come to them)

Row 8 – 10: Repeat row 3, 3 more times

Cast off loosely with size 9 mm needle

Alternately use 5 mm crochet hook and make edging as follows:

In first stitch, \*crochet 5 chain, pick up next 4 stitches on hook all at once, yarn round hook and pull yarn through all 4 stitches to make a double crochet.

Repeat from \* to end

Soak in warm water then block to size

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