

Beginner's Lace Shawl



This shawl is designed for someone who has never knit a triangular lace shawl before and wants a simple pattern to help them understand the basics. For a full version of the pattern with lengthy explanations download [here](#).

It is also a useful pattern if you have some precious yarn that you want to use every last metre of. The shawl can be finished when you are down to your last few grams.

Tools and materials

- 50 or more grams of yarn. The shawl is shown, right, in 100g of [Isager Tvinni](#) in 57S Light Blue with Grey
- Circular knitting needles, one or two sizes larger than listed on the ball band. Ideally a range of needle sizes is best in order to sample. Circular needles are preferred

over straight needles because they can hold a large number of stitches.

- T-pins (20+) and a large piece of cardboard or foam for blocking. Blocking wires make blocking shawls easier, but are not essential.

Tab Beginning

Begin by casting-on 2sts. It is best to use a temporary method for this, but any cast-on can work. Knit 6 more rows so that you have a total of 7rws in garter stitch, including the cast-on. You are now going to be picking up stitches from three sides of this rectangle of garter knitting. You have 2 sts on your needle already, which will be the first side. Now you need to pick up 3sts from the edge of the garter rectangle. Finally pick up the 2sts from the cast-on edge. If you did a temporary cast-on, you can pick up the open stitches and remove the waste yarn. You now have 7sts on your needle. Knit back and place makers (pm)

Figure 1 This is the Beginner's Lace Shawl made with exactly 100g of Isager Tvinni in 57S Light Blue with Grey



as follows;

Marker set-up row: K2, pm, k2, pm, k1, pm, k2. Begin Chart A.

There are no Wrong-side rows on the chart. These will always be; k2, p25, k2.

Chart A Written Instructions

The centre stitch and its increases are written in blue to help you keep track of where you are in the pattern.

Row 1 (right-side): k2, m, yo, k1, yo, sm, k1, yo, k1, yo, sm, k2. (11sts)

Row 2 and all wrong-side Rows: k2, p to last 2 sts, k2, slipping all markers as you come to them.

Row 3: k2, sm, yo, k3, yo, sm, k1, yo, k3, yo, sm, k2. (15sts)

Row 5: k2, sm, yo, k5, yo, sm, k1, yo, k5, yo, sm, k2. (19sts)

Row 7: k2, sm, yo, k8, yo, sm, k1, yo, k7, yo, sm, k2. (23sts)

Row 9 begins the lace pattern. The segments *to* form the repeat of the lace pattern. In subsequent rows you will be repeating these stitches.

Row 9: k2, sm, yo, k1, *yo, k2, cdd, k2, yo, k1.* Repeat *to* until centre stitch marker, yo, sm, k1, yo, k1, *yo, k2, cdd, k2, yo, k1.* Repeat *to* until last stitch marker, yo, sm, k2. (27sts)

Row 11: k2, sm, yo, k2, *yo, k2, cdd, k2, yo, k1.* Repeat *to* until one stitch from the centre stitch marker, k1, yo, sm, k1, yo, k2, *yo, k2, cdd, k2, yo, k1.* Repeat *to* until one stitch from last marker,

k1, yo, sm, k2. (31sts)

Row 13: k2, sm, yo, k3, *yo, k2, cdd, k2, yo, k1.* Repeat *to* until two stitches from the centre stitch marker, k2, yo, sm, k1, yo, k3, *yo, k2, cdd, k2, yo, k1.* Repeat *to* until two stitches from the last stitch marker, k2, yo, sm, k2. (35sts)

Row 15: k2, sm, yo, k4, *yo, k2, cdd, k2, yo, k1.* Repeat *to* until three stitches from the centre stitch marker, k3, yo, sm, k1, yo, k4, *yo, k2, cdd, k2, yo, k1.* Repeat *to* until three stitches from the last stitch marker, k3, yo, sm, k2. (39sts)

Row 17: k2, sm, yo, k1, *yo, k2, cdd, k2, yo, k1.* Repeat *to* until the centre stitch marker, yo, sm, k1, yo, k1, repeat *to* until the last stitch maker, yo, sm, k2. (43sts)

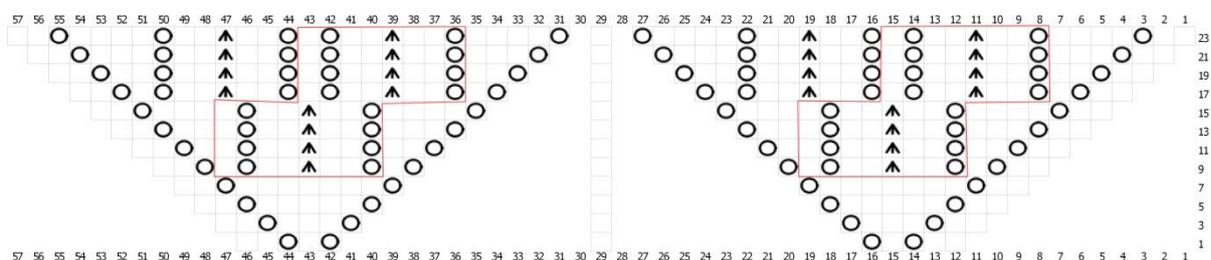
Row 19: k2, sm, yo, k2, *yo, k2, cdd, k2, yo, k1.* Repeat *to* until one stitch from the centre stitch marker, k1, yo, sm, k1, yo, k2, Repeat *to* until one stitch from the last stitch marker, k1, yo, sm, k2. (47sts)

Row 21: k2, sm, yo, k3, *yo, k2, cdd, k2, yo, k1.* Repeat *to* until two stitches from the centre stitch marker, k2, yo, sm, k1, yo, k3, repeat *to* until two stitches from the last stitch marker, k2, yo, sm, k2. (51sts)

Row 23: k2, sm, yo, k4, *yo, k2, cdd, k2, yo, k1.* Repeat *to* until three stitches from the centre stitch marker, k3, yo, sm, k1, yo, k4, repeat *to* until three stitches from the last stitch marker, k3, yo, sm, k2. (55sts)

Rows 9-24 form the repeat pattern rows of the lace shawl. The pattern repeat is marked in a red box on Chart A. As the shawl grows,

Chart A



you will repeat the pattern in this box an extra time each repeat. Thus, when you have finished row 24, repeat row 9 for the second time, this time the repeat of *to* will be twice. When you come to Row 17 for the second time you will be repeating the *to* pattern three times and so on. The row counts listed above only go to Row 23 but each right side row will add 4sts to the pattern.

Ending the Shawl

There are two ways of deciding when to end your shawl. The first is applicable to a 100g shawl in lace or fingering weight:

1. Carry on working the shawl until you have 8g of yarn left. When you have eight grams of yarn left, complete the pattern cycle that you are working (up to row 24) on and then begin [Chart B](#).
2. Only the last wrong-side row of [Chart B](#) is different, therefore you can decide to end the shawl when you feel you might only have enough for one more row and a cast-off. How much yarn is that? It is approximately eight times the length of the shawl hem. Thus if your hem measures 3m long (stretch it, as you measure), you want 24m to complete the last row and cast-off.

[Chart B](#) shows the last 14 rows before bind off. The wrong side rows *have* been included in the chart. Both sides are charted because you work a wrong side row with extra yarn

over stitches in the last row to give the shawl extra stretch at the bind off, allowing it to fall into a scalloped border.

Written Instructions for Chart B

Row 1 (right-side): k2, sm, yo, k1, *yo, k2, cdd, k2, yo, k1.* Repeat *to* until centre stitch marker, yo, sm, k1, yo, k1, *yo, k2, cdd, k2, yo, k1.* Repeat *to* until last stitch marker, yo, sm, k2.

Row 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 & 12 (wrong-sides): k2, p to last 2 sts, k2, slipping all markers as you come to them.

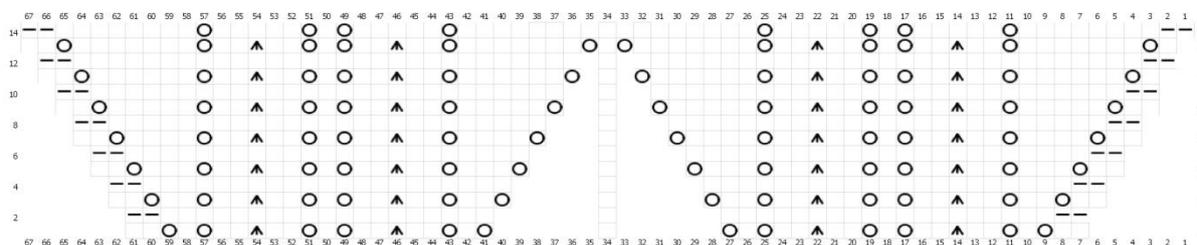
Row 3: k2, sm, yo, k2, *yo, k2, cdd, k2, yo, k1.* Repeat *to* until one stitch from the centre stitch marker, k1, yo, sm, k1, yo, k2, * Repeat *to* until one stitch from last marker, k1, yo, sm, k2.

Row 5: k2, sm, yo, k3, *yo, k2, cdd, k2, yo, k1.* Repeat *to* until two stitches from the centre stitch marker, k2, yo, sm, k1, yo, k3, *yo, k2, cdd, k2, yo, k1.* Repeat *to* until two stitches from the last stitch marker, k2, yo, sm, k2.

Row 7: k2, sm, yo, k4, *yo, k2, cdd, k2, yo, k1.* Repeat *to* until three stitches from the centre stitch marker, k3, yo, sm, k1, yo, k4, *yo, k2, cdd, k2, yo, k1.* Repeat *to* until three stitches from the last stitch marker, k3, yo, sm, k2.

Row 9: k2, sm, yo, k5, *yo, k2, cdd, k2, yo, k1.* Repeat *to* until four stitches from the centre stitch marker, k4, yo, sm, k1, yo, k5, *yo, k2, cdd, k2, yo, k1.* Repeat *to* until four stitches from the last stitch marker, k4, yo,

Chart B



sm, k2.

Row 11: k2, sm, yo, k6, * yo, k2, cdd, k2, yo, k1.* Repeat *to* until five stitches from the centre stitch marker, k5, yo, sm, k1, yo, k6, * yo, k2, cdd, k2, yo, k1.* Repeat *to* until five stitches from the last stitch marker, k5, yo, sm, k2.

Row 13: k2, sm, yo, k7, * yo, k2, cdd, k2, yo, k1.* Repeat *to* until six stitches from the centre stitch marker, k6, yo, sm, k1, yo, k7, * yo, k2, cdd, k2, yo, k1.* Repeat *to* until six stitches from the last stitch marker, k6, yo, sm, k2.

Row 14: k2, sm, p8, *yo, p1, yo, p5 * Repeat *to* until eight stitches from the centre stitch (the marker will be on the other side of the centre stitch, 9 stitches away). Purl the centre stitch and sm, p8. Repeat *to* until eight stitches from the last marker, p8, sm, k2.

Binding Off

The bind-off (bo) needs to be loose in order for the shawl edge to stretch into the scalloped shape. There are a number of bind-offs that will achieve this. The Beginner's Lace Shawl uses the knit 2 together (k2tog) bind-off (bo):

k2, k2tog, *k1, k2tog.* Repeat *to* until the last stitch. Cut yarn with a 15cm tail and thread through the final loop.

Weave in all yarn ends and block shawl



This Beginner's Lace shawl uses exactly one skein of [Tilli Thomas Lace mohair with beads and glitter in Golden Rod](#).

Symbols Key

	Knit: k
	Central Double Decrease: cdd: slip 2sts, k1, pass slipped sts over knit st
	Yarn Over: yo
	Slip, Slip, Knit: ssk: slip1, slip1, knit slipped sts together
	Knit 2 Together: k2tog: Knit 2 stitches together