

Ice Leaves Shawl

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Knit this simple and elegant shawl with large needles, big yarn and a minimal amount of time. Then use the finished product as an excuse to get a new shawl pin. The lace pattern is easily memorized for fast knitting and (almost) instant gratification.



Materials:

1 Skein Crazy Sexy Wool (100% Peruvian Wool) by Wool and the Gang, color: Stonewash Blue

1 set of US size 19 Addi Turbo circular needles. (I bought the 24" in case I ever want to knit a super-bulky hat in the round).

1 tapestry needle

1 yoga mat (haha!) for blocking

Pattern Notes:

Gauge: 7.5 stitches and 8 rows = 4"

Scarf measures 46" long and 9" wide (middle of leaf measurement).

Please be comfortable knitting on bulky circular needles, knitting lace patterns, etc. Also, don't be surprised if you run out of yarn. I used $86\frac{3}{4}$ yards and just had enough to weave in. Luck of the Irish, I guess... You can knit a longer shawl or scarf. Just buy more yarn and repeat the "Main Body" part of the shawl until you are almost to desired length.

Abbreviations:

yo: yarn over

SSK: slip two stitches knitwise, one at a time, then knit them together through back of loop

K2tog: Knit 2 stitches together

P2tog: Purl 2 stitches together

P2togTBL: purl 2 stitches together through the back of the loop. This causes the stitch to lean in the proper direction.

Additional notes:

The shawl pattern is written, not charted, but it's easily memorizable for fast knitting. The pattern is in 3 parts which are distinguishable by the different font and different text color; I did this so you can make sure you're on the right part.

Knit the shawl:

Cast on 7 stitches using "long tail" cast on, but make sure you only have enough yarn left on the tail to weave in. You'll need every last inch of this yarn to finish the shawl.

Beginning 12 Rows: (forms first half of beginning leaf)

Row 1: SSK, yo, K1, yo, P2, yo, K2tog

Row 2: P2, K2, P4 (8 stitches)

Row 3: K2, yo, K1, yo, K1, P2, yo, k2tog

Row 4: P2, K2, P6 (10 stitches)

Row 5: K3, yo, K1, yo, K2, P2, yo, K2tog

Row 6: P2, K2, P8 (12 stitches)

Row 7: K4, yo, K1, yo, K3, P2, yo, K2tog

Row 8: P2, K2, P10 (14 stitches)

Row 9: K5, yo, K1, yo, K4, P2, yo, K2tog

Row 10: P2, K2, P12 (16 stitches total)

Row 11: K6, yo, K1, yo, K5, P2, yo, K2tog

Row 12: P2, K2, P14 (18 stitches on needle)

Main Body: NOW, knit these next 12 rows a total of 4 times (as in, for the next 48 rows):

Row 1: K11, SSK, yo, K1, yo, P2, yo, K2tog

Row 2: P2, K2, P3, P2togTBL, P10

Row 3: K9, SSK, K1, yo, K1, yo, K1, P2, yo, K2tog

Row 4: P2, K2, P5, P2togTBL, P8

Row 5: K7, SSK, K2, yo, K1, yo, K2, P2, yo, K2tog

Row 6: P2, K2, P7, P2togTBL, P6

Row 7: K5, SSK, K3, yo, K1, yo, K3, P2, yo, K2tog

Row 8: P2, K2, P9, P2togTBL, P4

Row 9: K3, SSK, K4, yo, K1, yo, K4, P2, yo, K2tog

Row 10: P2, K2, P11, P2togTBL, P2

Row 11: K1, SSK, K5, yo, K1, yo, K5, P2, yo, K2tog

Row 12: P2, K2, P13, P2togTBL

Final 12 Rows: (forms last half of the ending leaf)

Row 1: SSK, K12, P2, yo, K2tog

Row 2: P2, K2, P11 P2togTBL (16 stitches remain)

Row 3: SSK, K10, P2, yo, K2tog

Row 4: P2, K2, P9, P2togTBL (14 stitches remain)

Row 5: SSK, K8, p2, yo, K2tog

Row 6: P2, K2, P7, P2togTBL

Row 7: SSK, K6, P2, yo, K2tog

Row 8: P2, K2, P5, P2togTBL

Row 9: SSK, K4, P2, yo, K2tog

Row 10: P2, K2, P3, P2togTBL

Row 11: SSK, K2, P2, yo, K2tog

Row 12: P2, K2, P1, P2togTBL

Bind off: SSK, bind off rest of stitches in pattern.

Use a large-eyed tapestry needle to weave in your ends, and head to your LYS to buy a new shawl pin!

