

Esme Shawl

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SIZE

Approx. 62" wide x 21" down center spine

MATERIALS

Manos del Uruguay FINO (70% extrafine merino, 30% silk; approx. 100g / 490 yds), I sk MC + I Mini-Skein kit (CCI-5) Shown in 438 Poison (MC) with #27 Esme [CCI - 433 Folly (teal), CC2 - 462 Parasol (turquoise), CC3 - 424 Gilt (gold), CC4 - 461 Pocket Square (scarlet), CC5 - 457 Brocade (magenta)]

US 5 / 3.75mm needle, 24" circular or longer, or size to obtain gauge
Removable stitch marker
Tapestry needle

GAUGE

21 sts and 52 rows = 4" in slip-stitch pattern, blocked

ABBREVIATIONS

CC: contrast color inc('d): increase(d)

k: knit

MC: main color

rep: repeat(s), repeating

RS: right side

sl: slip

st(s): stitch(es)

wyib: with yarn in back wyif: with yarn in front

yo: yarnover (I stitch increased)

NOTE

Because of its silk content, Fino stretches very easily in blocking. Be sure to block your swatch before choosing a needle size; if your gauge is too large, you may run out of yarn.

Carry MC up side of work when not in use.

Move marker up the work every inch or so and replace it in the center stitch closer to the needle, where it can be seen more easily.



SHAWL

With MC, cast on 7 sts. Knit one row, placing a removable marker on the 4th st, then work in stripe pattern as follows:

Row I (RS): With CCI, k2, yo, k to marked center st, yo, k1, yo, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2. 4 sts inc'd

Row 2: With CCI, knit. Do not cut yarn at end of row.
Row 3: With MC, k2, yo, k1, (sl | wyib, k1) to marked center st; k1; k1, (sl | wyib, k1) to last 2 sts, yo, k2. 2 sts inc'd.
Row 4: With MC, k4, (sl | wyif, k1) to marked center st; k1; k1, (sl | wyif, k1) to last 3 sts, k3.

Rows 5-6: With CCI, rep rows 1-2; cut yarn at end of Row 2. (4 sts inc'd)

Row 7: With MC, k2, yo, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2. 2 sts inc'd. Row 8: With MC, knit.

Rows 9-16: Rep rows 1-8, using CC2 in place of CC1. 12 sts inc'd

Rows 17-24: Rep rows 1-8, using CC3 in place of CC1. 12 sts inc'd

Rows 25-32: Rep rows 1-8, using CC4 in place of CC1. 12 sts inc'd

Rows 33-40: Rep rows 1-8, using CC5 in place of CC1. 12 sts inc'd

Rep rows 1-40 five times more; there are now 367 sts on the needle.

Concluding rows: With MC, work rows 5-8 once. 373 sts. Bind off knitwise on RS.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. Steam-block to finished measurements.

