



# Black Sheep Betwixtmas Shawl 2020

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# Betwixtmas Shawl - Scandi Snowfall

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Exclusively for Black Sheep Wools



“This cosy shawl is designed with simplicity in mind. You will be able to easily memorise the stitches and pick it up at any time, settle down with a nice cuppa and a few festive treats, watch your favourite movie or listen to your favourite songs. Before you know it you’ll be lost in the flow of the stitches as you create your very own statement accessory that is really snug and warm and peppered with light covering of snow.” - Lynne Rowe

## - Materials -

100g/250m each of two colours of DK yarn (Yarn A and Yarn B); 200g/500m in total  
Yarn shown in photos - Rowan Island Blend  
A - Jet 902, B - Ash 901

4mm (US 7) circular needle (80 or 100cm (32 or 39in) length) (to knit in rows)  
4.5mm (US 8) circular needle (80 or 100cm (32 or 39in) length) (to knit in rows)

Stitch markers  
Pins and a towel or foam mat for blocking out  
Yarn needle

## - Finished Size -

Before blocking the length measured along the central spine of the shawl is approximately 45cm (18 in).

After blocking the wingspan measures 135cm and depth along centre is 48cm (53½ x 19in).

## - Tension -

Approximately 22 sts and 30 rows measure 10 x 10cm (4 x 4in) in stocking stitch, using 4mm needles (before blocking)

Note that if your tension doesn’t match, then you may run out of yarn before the end. This isn’t critical though, as you can simply miss off a row or two of the edging rib if needed.

## - Notes -

- Shawl is worked from the top down, starting with a small garter stitch tab.
- Every row starts with [k1, kfb] and every row ends with [kfb, k1].

- On every right side row, you also increase at the centre (1 st on each side of centre stitch).
- Overall, 4 sts are increased on a right side row; 2 sts are increased on a wrong side row.
- When working the dot stitch colourwork rows you are using two colours across row to create the dots. At the centre stitch of these rows, you will need to work the centre stitches with both strands of yarn held together (this is stated in the pattern). Otherwise there will be a long strand of yarn that is visible from the right side of work. When you reach the centre, simply pick up both strands of yarn and work as directed. Then drop the strand not in use and continue with your single strand.
- For most of the shawl rows, you can carry yarn not in use up the side of the shawl. To avoid any messy loops along the edge, twist yarns every 2 rows, before the final [kfb, k1].
- Sometimes, you may need to cut yarns to rejoin at opposite edge.

## - Abbreviations -

K	knit
P	purl
kfb	knit into the front then into the back of the same st (to increase 1 st)
yrn	yarn around needle
yfwd	yarn forward between needles and take it over right-hand needle to the back ready to knit the next stitch (to increase 1 st)
yon	yarn over right-hand needle to back, ready to knit next st (to increase 1 st)
[ ... ]	repeat instructions in square brackets as stated



## - To Make -

Using Yarn A and 4mm needles, cast on 3 sts. Knit 8 rows in garter stitch (every row knit) and do not turn after 8th row.

You will see 4 ridges created by the 8 garter stitch rows and you will pick up stitches in between these ridges as follows:

Pick up and knit 4 sts along the length of the tab (pick up 3 of these sts in between the garter stitch ridges and 1 at the end) then pick up and knit 2 sts along opposite short end. (9 sts)

**TIP: To pick up these stitches, insert your right-hand needle into the gap between the garter stitch ridges (and under two strands of the yarn at the end), yrn and pull loop through.**

**Next row (wrong side):** K2, p5 and mark centre stitch on right side when you come to it (it's the third of these 5 sts), k last 2 sts.

### STOCKING STITCH SECTION

**Row 1:** K1, kfb, k up to the centre st, [yfwd, k1, yfwd] in centre st, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. (13 sts)

**Row 2:** K1, kfb, p to the last 2 sts, kfb, k1. (15 sts)

Rows 1 and 2 set the stocking stitch pattern with garter stitch edge (these 2 rows are repeated often throughout the pattern).

Rows 3-16: Repeat Rows 1 & 2 another 7 times. (57 sts)

### SPOT STITCH COLOURWORK SECTION

Change to Yarn B.

**Rows 17-18:** Works Rows 1 and 2 of Stocking Stitch section. (63 sts)

**Row 19 (colourwork):** In Yarn B k1, kfb, k1, k1A, [k3B, k1A] until 3 sts before centre stitch, k3B, [yfwd, k1, yfwd] into centre stitch using both strands (see notes), k3B, [k1A, k3B] to last 4 sts, k1A, in Yarn B k1, kfb, k1. (67 sts)

**Rows 20-21:** Beginning with Row 2, work 2 rows of Stocking Stitch section. (73 sts)

**Row 22 (colourwork):** In Yarn B k1, kfb, p2, p1A, [p3B, p1A] until 3 sts before centre stitch, p2B, p next 3 sts with both strands, p2B, [p1A, p3B] to last 5 sts, p1A, in B, p2, kfb, k1. (75 sts)

**Rows 23-24:** Beginning with Row 1, work 2 rows of Stocking Stitch section. (81 sts)

**Row 25 (colourwork):** In Yarn B k1, kfb, k3, k1A, [k3B, k1A] until 2 sts before centre stitch, k2B, [yfwd, k1, yfwd] into centre stitch using both

strands (see notes), k2B, [k1A, k3B] to last 6 sts, k1A, in Yarn B k3, kfb, k1. (85 sts)

**Rows 26-27:** Beginning with Row 2, work 2 rows of Stocking Stitch section. (91 sts)

**Rows 28-42:** Continue with 15 rows in Stocking Stitch section in the following colour sequence: 4 rows A; 6 rows B; 2 rows A; 3 rows B. (135 sts)

### DOT STITCH SECTION

Continue in Yarn B, cut off Yarn A.

**Row 43:** K1, kfb, k1, p1, [k3, p1] until 3 sts before centre stitch, k3, [yfwd, k1, yfwd] into centre stitch, k3, [p1, k3] to last 4 sts, p1, k1, kfb, k1. (139 sts)

**Rows 44-45:** Beginning with Row 2, work 2 rows of Stocking Stitch section. (145 sts)

**Row 46:** K1, kfb, p2, k1, [p3, k1] until 3 sts before centre stitch, p across next 7 sts, [k1, p3] to last 5 sts, k1, p2, kfb, k1. (147 sts)

**Rows 47-48:** Beginning with Row 1, work 2 rows of Stocking Stitch section. (153 sts)

**Row 49:** K1, kfb, k3, p1, [k3, p1] until 2 sts before centre stitch, k2, [yfwd, k1, yfwd] into centre stitch, k2, [p1, k3] to last 6 sts, p1, k3, kfb, k1. (157 sts)

**Rows 50-51:** Beginning with Row 2, work 2 rows of Stocking Stitch section. (163 sts)

### SPOTTED STRIPES

Change to Yarn A.

**Row 52-54:** Beginning with Row 2, work 3 rows of Stocking Stitch section. (171 sts)

**Row 55 (colourwork):** In A k1, kfb, k1, k1B, [k3A, k1B] until 1 st before centre stitch, k1A, [yfwd, k1, yfwd] into centre stitch using both strands (see notes), k1A, [k1B, k3A] to last 4 sts, k1B, in A k1, kfb, k1. (175 sts)

**Rows 56-58:** Beginning with Row 2, work 3 rows of Stocking Stitch section. (183 sts)

Change to Yarn B.

**Rows 59-62:** Beginning with Row 1, work 4 rows of Stocking Stitch section. (195 sts)

**Row 63:** In B k1, kfb, k1, k1A, [k3B, k1A] until 1 st before centre stitch, k1B, [yfwd, k1, yfwd] into centre stitch using both strands (see notes), k1B, [k1A, k3B] to last 4 sts, k1A, in B k1, kfb, k1. (199 sts)

**Rows 64-67:** Beginning with Row 2, work 4 rows of Stocking Stitch section. (211 sts)



## DOT STITCH SECTION

Change to Yarn A.

**Rows 68-69:** Beginning with Row 2, work 2 rows of Stocking Stitch section. (217 sts)

**Row 70:** K1, kfb, p4, k1, [p3, k1] until 5 sts before centre stitch, p next 11 sts, [k1, p3] to last 7 sts, k1, p4, kfb, k1. (219 sts)

**Rows 71-72:** Beginning with Row 1, work 2 rows of Stocking Stitch section. (225 sts)

**Row 73:** K1, kfb, k1, p1, [k3, p1] until 4 sts before centre stitch, k4, [yfwd, k1, yfwd] into centre stitch, k4, [p1, k3] to last 4 sts, p1, k1, kfb, k1. (229 sts)

**Row 74-75:** Beginning with Row 2, work 2 rows of Stocking Stitch section. (235 sts)

**Row 76:** K1, kfb, p2, k1, [p3, k1] until 4 sts before centre stitch, p next 9 sts, [k1, p3] to last 5 sts, k1, p2, kfb, k1. (237 sts)

**Row 77:** Work Row 1 of Stocking Stitch section. (241 sts)

**Rows 78-88:** Continue with 11 rows in Stocking Stitch section in the following colour sequence: 4 rows B; 2 rows A; 2 rows B; 3 rows A. (273 sts)

Change to Yarn B and repeat from Rows 17-27 once more. (307 sts)

Continue with 13 rows in Stocking Stitch section in the following colour sequence:

4 Rows A; 4 rows B; 2 rows A; 2 rows B; 1 row A. (345 sts)

## RIB EDGING

First rib row (Set up row on right side): K1, kfb, [k3, p3] to 2 sts before centre, k2, [yfwd, k1, yfwd] in centre st, k2, [p3, k3] to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. (349 sts)

Last row sets up the [k3, p3] rib pattern (which looks the same on both sides).

Maintain this pattern throughout, by always knitting the knit stitches (as you look at them) and purling the purl stitches (as you look at them).

Bring new stitches into the pattern so that the [k3, p3] sequence is maintained on each side of the shawl

Remember that you will continue to start each row with [k1, kfb] and end with [kfb, k1].

ALSO you will continue to increase at the centre on right side rows, and always purl the centre stitch as before on a wrong side row.

**TIP:** start by working your [k1, kfb], then look at

where the [k3, p3] or [p3, k3] pattern begins and work the stitch or stitches before it in the opposite stitch start to introduce them into the pattern.

Rib 3 more rows maintaining pattern.

Change to 4.5mm circular needle.

Rib 2 more rows maintaining pattern.

Change to Yarn B. Work 1 row maintaining pattern.

## CASTING OFF

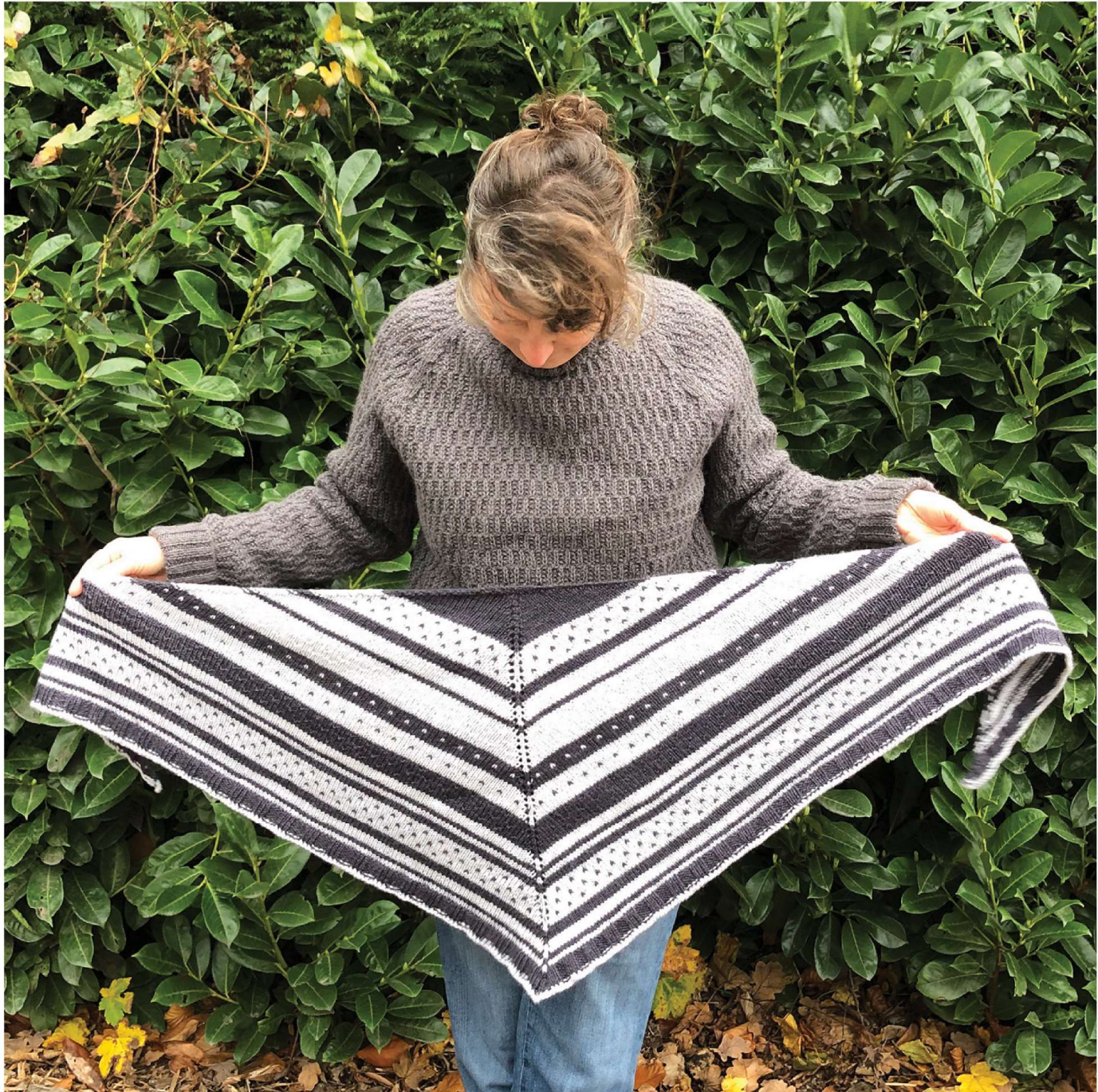
Purl first st, \*yarn, purl next stitch (3 sts on right-hand needle), lift the bottom 2 sts over the top st to cast off, leaving 1 st on right-hand needle\*; repeat from \* to end for a super stretchy cast off. Cut yarn and pull through last st. Weave in all ends.

## - To Finish -

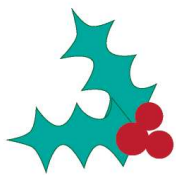
Wet block (see techniques) and pin out to measurements given above. Take care not to over stretch the fabric, especially the rib. Leave to dry completely.







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# A Friend's Greeting

By Edgar Guest

I'd like to be the sort of friend that you have been to me;  
I'd like to be the help that you've been always glad to be;  
I'd like to mean as much to you each minute of the day  
As you have meant, old friend of mine, to me along the way.

I'd like to do the big things and the splendid things for you,  
To brush the gray from out your skies and leave them only blue;  
I'd like to say the kindly things that I so oft have heard,  
And feel that I could rouse your soul the way that mine you've stirred.

I'd like to give you back the joy that you have given me,  
Yet that were wishing you a need I hope will never be;  
I'd like to make you feel as rich as I, who travel on  
Undaunted in the darkest hours with you to lean upon.

I'm wishing at this Christmas time that I could but repay  
A portion of the gladness that you've strewn along my way;  
And could I have one wish this year, this only would it be:  
I'd like to be the sort of friend that you have been to me.

