

Boneyard Shawl

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This simple triangular shawl is a great project for traveling or while relaxing at home. Once you get started, it is easy to memorize the construction of this cozy garment.

I worked this shawl in a DK weight tweedy wool yarn, but it would look lovely in any weight or fiber (bulky, fingering, striped, variegated, cotton, silk, etc...) I like to knit with a larger than recommended needle size for the yarn on this shawl because I get the most out of a yarn's yardage. A looser fabric also allows for excellent drape.

Needles and yarn

Needle	US 8 / 5.0 mm, 32 in circular
Yarn	Rowan Rowanspun DK DK / 8 ply (11 wpi)
How much?	3 skeins (654 yards)

Notes: The shawl increases from the cast on stitches and ends at the outer edge with a garter stitch border. The first and last 2 stitches of every row are knit, and 4 increases are added every other row (one at each end and one on each side of the center or "spine" stitch). As the shawl grows, a ridge is added every 12 rows to create extra textural interest and a simple garter stitch border ties everything together. This pattern is written with Make1 Right and Make1 Left as the increases. Yarn Over's can be substituted giving a perforated edging.



INSTRUCTIONS

CO 5 sts

Set up Row 1 (WS): K2, P1 (mark this center stitch by placing a marker on each side of it), K2

Set up Row 2 (RS): K2, M1L, K1, M1R, K2

Set up Row 3 (WS): K2, P3, K2

Row 1 (RS): K2, M1L, knit to center stitch, M1R, K1, M1L, knit to last 2 sts, M1R, K2

****Row 2 (WS): K2, purl to last 2 sts, K2**

Repeat rows 1 and 2, creating a stockinette stitch fabric.

****On every 12th row (on the WS) knit the entire row instead of purling to form the ridges.**

Continue knitting until shawl reaches about 2 inches less than desired finished size.

Border Row 1 (RS): K2, M1L, knit to center stitch, M1R, K1, M1L, knit to last 2 sts, M1R, K2

Border Row 2 (WS): K all stitches

Remember to allow enough yarn for the garter stitch border because with the large number of stitches at the end, the long rows use a lot of yarn

FINISHING

After the border is the desired length, bind off all stitches and weave in the ends. (I used one of my favorite flexible bind offs, Elizabeth Zimmerman's sewn bind off, and I was very pleased with the finished edge.)

Block the finished shawl if you wish and enjoy!