

CITRUS SQUARED SHAWL

Designed and woven by Constance Hall

Difficulty rating: Easy

Size:

Yarn: Sundara Sock Yarn 350 yds/100 grams, 2 skeins or 410 yards. This exact yarn might not be available, but other self-stripping sock yarns will work. Even variegated sock yarns will give a plaid effect, some more than others. Koigu KPPPM comes in many colorways and makes lovely plaid like squares. Make a test square!

You will also need a coordinating solid yarn to sew the squares together and to make the edging - yardage will depend on what stitch you use and how many rows of edging you do.

Other notions, equipment or tools: Tapestry needle, blocking wires or pins, crochet hook

Weaving: Weave 45 squares.

Assembly: Each square will have a pattern due to the self-stripping yarn used. Lay out all the squares and arrange the plaids however you like, or just pick them up at random and sew them together. The shape is a large triangle. Starting at the tip of the triangle sew the square to its neighbor. I sewed the squares into strips and then sewed the strips together. The mattress stitch can be used for a tighter seam or the fagoting stitch for a more lacy effect. Using a coordinating solid yarn and a tapestry needle, sew the squares together using either stitch.

Edging: A coordinating yarn is used for the crochet edging. To firm up the edge of the squares make a crochet slip stitch in each loop of the squares and in the join area. If you used the fagoting stitch there will be a bigger gap in the join area. Crochet a chain stitch or two anywhere there is a gap. If there is any puckering, use a bigger crochet hook and/or add a chain stitch wherever needed.

This edging needs to be smooth and flat around the border of the triangle. When you reach the starting point, begin the chain stitch edging. It is your choice how many rows of chain stitch you do. Loosely chain 8 stitches and attach to slip stitch edge of shawl so that the chain stitches make a loose loop. Chain 8 more and attach to edge of shawl again further along. Loop after loop all the way around the shawl. When you reach the starting point you may have to fudge the number of chain to fit in and start the next row. This shawl has three rows of chain edging and a final row of picot stitches to form the edging.

Finishing: Soak in lukewarm water. Wrap in a towel and gently squeeze the water out. Blocking wires or pins can go in each picot to make more pointy edging or stretch it out gently by hand for a softer edge. Let dry flat.

