



# WINTER THAW

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**Yarn:** Kidsilk lace, 500m/50g by Hedgehog **Fibres:** 2 skeins, bit less than 70g/700 metres used.

**Needle:** 3.5mm, 24" or longer pair of circular needles

**Gauge:** is not too important, only if you worry about running out of yarn. My shawl is about 17stitches to 4" in pattern, after blocking

**Size:** my shawl is approx. 190cm wingspan and 90cm along the center spine, after blocking.

Each chart shows only the stitches between markers 1 and 2 and the centre "spine" stitches. The chart must then be repeated across the stitches between markers 3 and 4. So, there's only one half of the shawl charted, you must repeat the chart twice for each row - once for each half of the shawl.

The chart also only shows odd rows - the right side of your knitting. All even rows are to be purled across.

All first stitches are slipped, on wrong side (WS) purlwise on right side (RS) knitwise - this will result in nice chain-like edge. But the way you slip or don't slip is not vital, just try to be consistent with the method you choose.

## INSTRUCTIONS

Cast on 5 stitches

Preparation row, WS: Sl 1, place marker, p1, place marker, p1, place marker, p1, place marker, p1

Now you have 5 stitches, separated by markers. The first and last stitches will become the edge stitched and the center stitch will be the center 'spine' stitch. These three stitches are marked yellow in the chart.

Work rows 1-30 of the setup chart. Row 30 is a purl row, not charted.

Work rows 1-20 of chart 1, 5 times, repeating the green section as necessary.

Row 20 is a purl row, not charted.

Work rows 1-30 of the chart 2 once, repeating the green section as necessary. Row 30 is a purl row, not charted. There is a center sitich marked (C) - it only matters in row 29 - ther is no YO around the center stitch.

Remove center stitch markers.

Work rows 1-16 of the chart 3, all around the edge of the shawl, **disregarding the center stitch, just continue repeating the green section from one end to the other.**

Row 16 is a purl row, not charted.

Work rows 1-16 of the edging chart, repeating the green section all around the edge of the shawl, disregarding the center stitch again.

Note on YO5 - wrap the yarn 5 times around the needle and continue to knit according to the chart. When you come to this YO5 on the purl row, \*p1,k1\*7times,p1 while letting go of the wraps gradually. You'll have 15 stitches knitted onto a strand of yarn, forming a large hole. Note on YO3 - wrap the yarn 3 times around the needle and continue to knit according to the chart. When you come to this YO3 on the purl row, \*p1,k1\*4times while letting go of the wraps gradually. You'll have 8 stitches knitted onto a strand of yarn, forming a bit smaller hole.

Cast off loosely, using for example Jeny's surprisingly stretchy cast off - there's a video with instructions, if you google it.

Block severely, especially if using the recommended yarn, the Kidsilk lace loves to be blocked hard - it becomes light and cobweb-like.



# Hedgehog fibres

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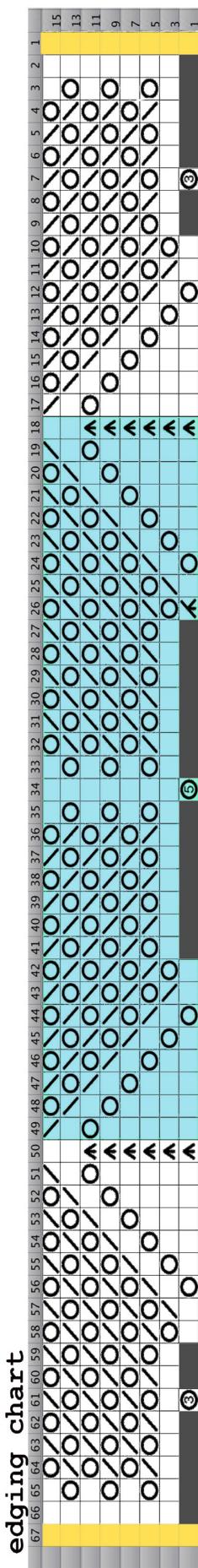


chart 3

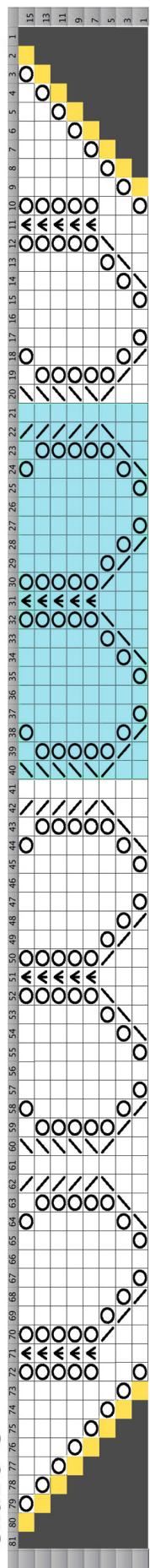


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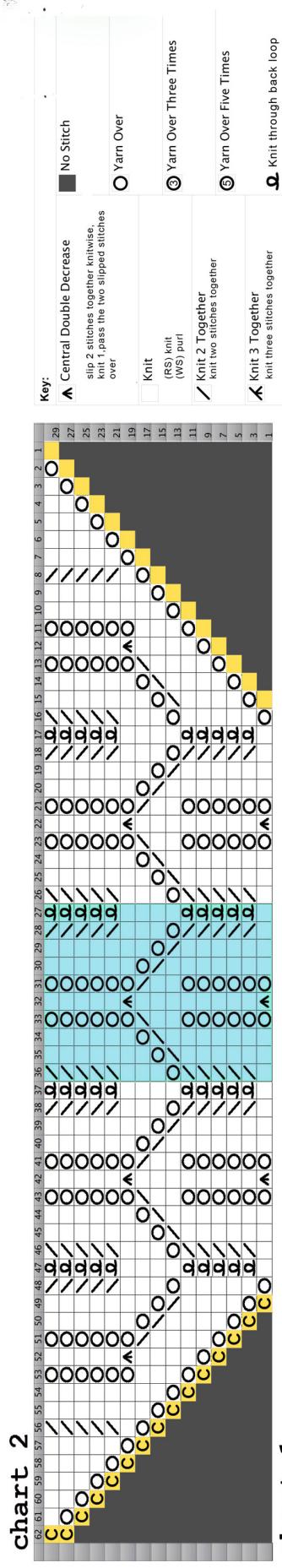


chart 1

