



Florin Triangle

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A top-down, center-out triangular shawl featuring garter-ridged eyelets, framed by a gilt-edged border. Lateral braids lend updated detail to the classic Old Shale motif.

MATERIALS

Approximately 784 yards fingering weight wool yarn

Baah! Yarns La Jolla (100g/3.53 oz, 400 yds/366m); 2 skeins in *Masala*

GAUGE

Finished: 19 stitches and 27 rows = 4" (10 cm) in main body pattern, **relaxed after blocking**

Working: 22 stitches and 30 rows = 4" (10 cm) in stockinette stitch, **unblocked** (*this gauge is intended as a basic reference point only*)

NEEDLES

One 32" or longer circular needle in size needed to obtain gauge

Suggested Size: US 7 (4.5 mm)

FINISHED DIMENSIONS

68" across top edge, 27" center spine (*see Schematic for further details*)

ADDITIONAL TOOLS

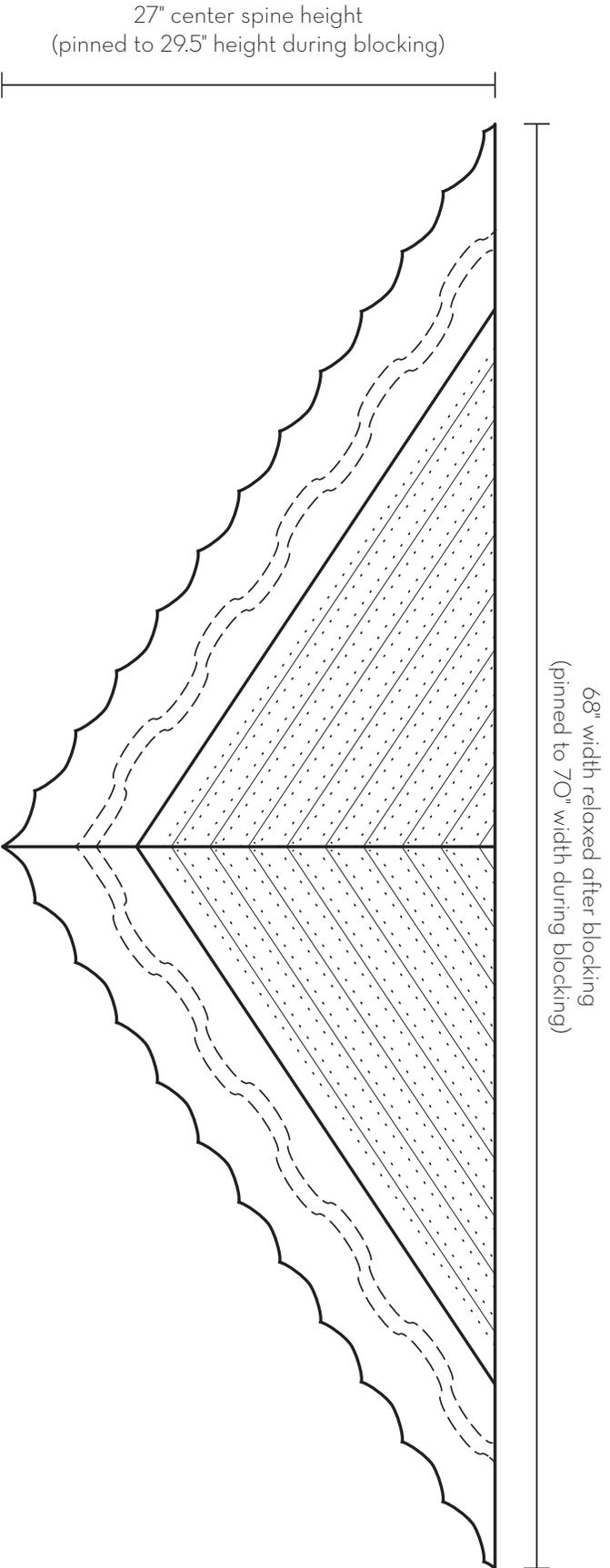
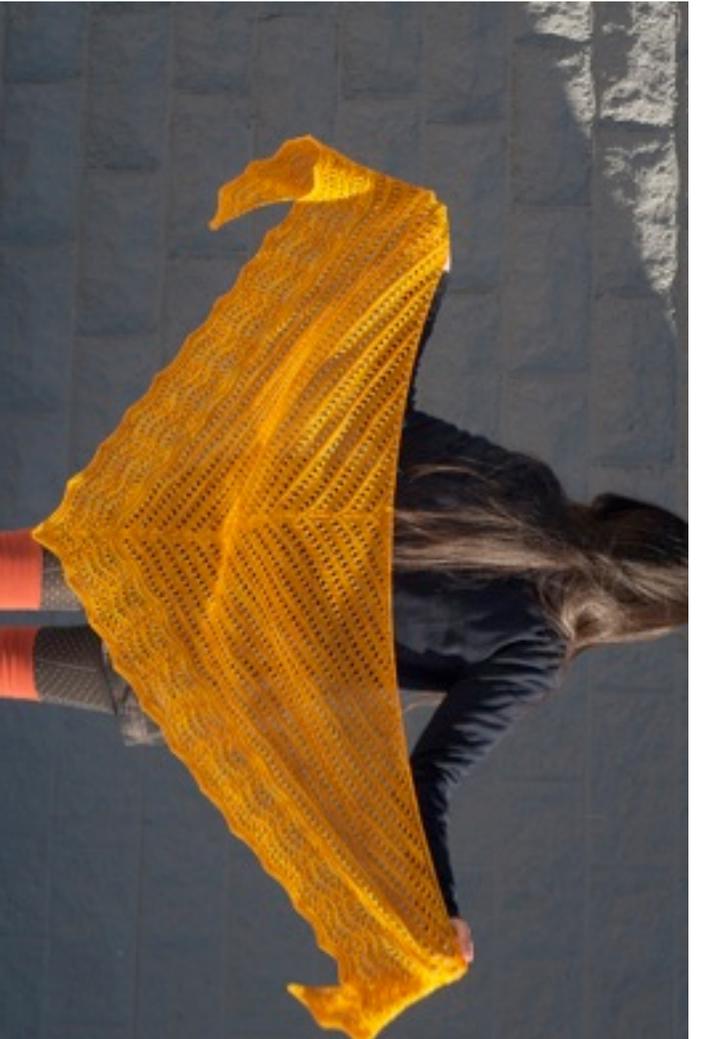
2 stitch markers, waste yarn and 4.5mm crochet hook (for provisional cast-on), blunt tapestry needle, T-pins, blocking wires (optional, but recommended for a neat top edge)

SKILL LEVEL

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Schematic | Florin

Note on finished vs. blocking measurements:
The finished dimensions of the sample shown contracted by approximately 3% (2") in width along top edge and 9% (2.5") in center spine height once dry, unpinned, and the fabric given time to relax. Results may vary depending upon blocking method, as well as the type of yarn used.



Construction Notes

- Shawl begins with a provisional cast-on and garter tab setup before proceeding to the charted Setup and Main Body sections.
- Shawl is worked back and forth from the center top out, increasing by 4 stitches every RS row, and 2 stitches every WS row.
- The first and last two stitches of every row are kept in garter stitch (knit on both RS and WS rows).
- Edge increases are worked as yarn-overs on both RS and WS rows—immediately after the first 2 stitches, and before the last 2 stitches of every row.
- Center increases are worked as directional make-1 stitches (MIR and MIL) on either side of the center spine stitch on RS rows only.
- After the garter tab is completed, stitch markers are placed on either side of the center spine stitch during the Setup Row to help keep track of each half of your shawl. Slip markers as you encounter them on each row. Stitch marker placement is noted on the Charts.
- Both halves of the shawl are shown in the charts.

ABBREVIATIONS

K - Knit

P - Purl

St(s) - Stitch(es)

MIR - Make 1 Right: With L needle tip, pick up running thread between st just worked and st on L needle from back to front and k through the front loop, twisting it. *1 st increased.*

MIL - Make 1 Left: With L needle tip, pick up running thread between st just worked and st on L needle from front to back and k through the back loop, twisting it. *1 st increased.*

YO - Yarn over: Bring working yarn between needles from back to front and over R needle. *1 st increased.*

KFB - Knit into the front and back of the same st. *1 st increased.*

K2tog - Knit 2 together. *1 st decreased.*

SSK - Slip, slip, knit. *1 st decreased.*

RS - Right side of work

WS - Wrong side of work

See Symbol Legend for abbreviations used in Charts.

PATTERN

Cast On

Note: If you do not wish to use a provisional cast-on, you may skip the cast-on below and use a Long Tail Cast-On, picking up and knitting 2 sts into your cast-on (CO) edge at the end of the Garter Tab Row instead.

Crochet Provisional Cast-On: With length of waste yarn and crochet hook, chain 4 stitches; fasten off. With knitting needle and your working yarn, pick up and knit 2 stitches in the bumps at the back of the 2 middle chains.

Garter tab: Knit 7 rows in garter stitch (knitting every row). After completing the 7th row, instead of turning, rotate work 90 degrees clockwise, pick up and knit 3 sts along the side edge of the rows just worked, then rotate work again, unpick provisional cast-on (or pick up if Long-Tail cast-on was used) and k 2 sts. *[7 sts on needles]*

Setup Row (RS): K2, yo, k1, MIR, place marker, k1 (center st), place marker, MIL, k1, yo, k2.

[4 sts increased; 11 sts on needles]

Next Row (WS): K2, yo, purl to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

[2 sts increased; 13 sts on needles]

Begin Setup Chart

Note: Written instructions for charts are provided at the end of the pattern.

Work Setup Chart Rows 1–4 one time.

After completing the Setup Chart you will have 25 sts on needles: 12 sts first half + 1 center st + 12 sts second half.

Begin Main Body

Chart Notes:

- Main Body Chart is worked over 12 rows each time, 96 rows total.
- The bracketed 2-st repeat in the Main Body Chart is repeated across every row as shown for each half of the shawl. As stitch count grows, the number of 2-st repeats worked will increase across each row.
- If you prefer to mirror your eyelet decreases, the second half of the shawl may be worked as ssk (slip, slip, knit) decreases instead of k2tog for the Main Body.

Work Rows 1-12 of Main Body Chart 8 times.

Work Rows 1-6 of Main Body Chart once more.

After completing the Main Body of your shawl, you will have 331 sts on needles: 165 sts first half + 1 center st + 165 sts second half.



Begin Border

For a video tutorial on the Lateral Braid technique, visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ja8DopjHNSg> (note that starting increase and ending decrease methods used in this tutorial differ from pattern instructions below).

Note: During a Lateral Braid Row, slip sts from R to L needle purlwise, so that right leg of the slipped st is facing front.

Before beginning the Border Chart, you will work 4 rows as outlined below.

Setup for Border Chart:

Lateral Braid Row (RS): K2, yo, kfb, *slip last st on R needle back to L needle, knit into the back of second st on L needle, then into the front of first (slipped) st on L needle, then drop both sts off L needle; repeat from * to 1 st before center st, slip last st on R needle back to L needle and k2tog, M1R, k1 (center st), M1L, kfb, repeat from * to last 3 sts, slip last st on R needle back to L needle and k2tog, yo, k2. [4 sts increased]

Next Row (WS): K2 edge sts, yo, purl to last 2 sts, yo, k2 edge sts. [2 sts increased]

Repeat the last 2 rows once more. [6 sts increased]

After completing these 4 rows, you will have 343 sts on needles: 171 sts first half + 1 center st + 171 sts second half.

Begin Border Chart:

Chart Notes:

- Border Chart is worked over 20 rows.
- The bracketed 13-st repeat is worked a total of 13 times on each half of the shawl.
- A Lateral Braid Row is worked on shaded Rows 7, 11, and 19 of the Border Chart; work these rows following the Lateral Braid Row instructions given in the “Setup for Border Chart” section (pg. 4). Note that the edge, center, and shawl increase stitches have been incorporated into the written instructions for Lateral Braid Rows.
- The row immediately following a Lateral Braid Row will have the appearance of elongated knit stitches on the RS; this is a normal result intended to lend additional detail to the border motif.

Work Rows 1-20 of Border Chart one time.

After completing the Border of your shawl you will have 403 sts on needles: 201 sts first half + 1 center st + 201 sts second half.

Final Row (RS): Work Lateral Braid Row one more time. *[4 sts increased; 407 sts on needles]*

Bind Off (WS): Keeping a relaxed but even tension, bind off all sts as if to knit. Break working yarn. Weave in all ends invisibly on the WS. Do not trim ends until after lace-blocking, once piece is fully dry.

Finishing: Lace Wet-Block

Submerge shawl in lukewarm water with a wool-wash or dishwashing detergent for at least 30 minutes. Once thoroughly soaked, drain and press water out of the shawl (do not wring or twist the fabric). Lay shawl between two bath towels, then roll up towels from one end to the other. Press or step on towel roll to squeeze remaining water out of the fabric, then unroll towels and remove shawl.

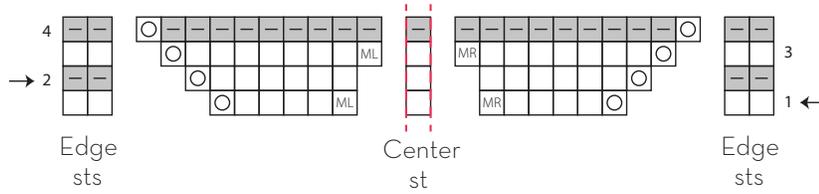
Lay shawl flat on a blocking surface, and thread blocking wires through the top edge of the shawl through the eyelet edge increases. Block shawl out to schematic dimensions. Use T-pins to pin out each scalloped point of the bind-off edge into place. If using wires, thread through the center stitches of the bottom of the scalloped edge and secure with pins on the blocking surface.

Allow to dry completely before releasing, at least 24 hours. Gently remove T-pins and wires once dry.

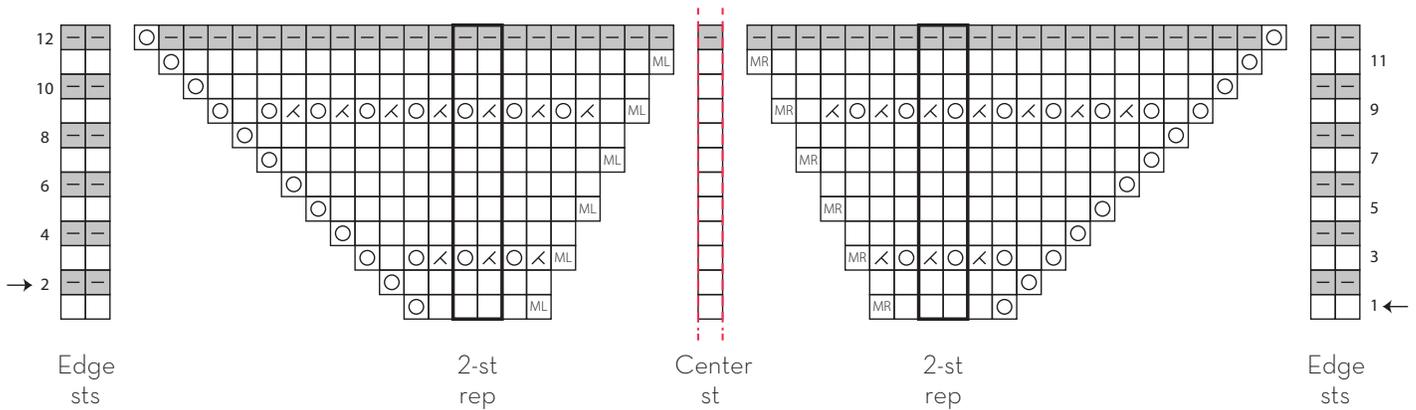


Note: All odd-numbered chart rows are RS rows and are read from right to left;
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SETUP CHART



MAIN BODY CHART

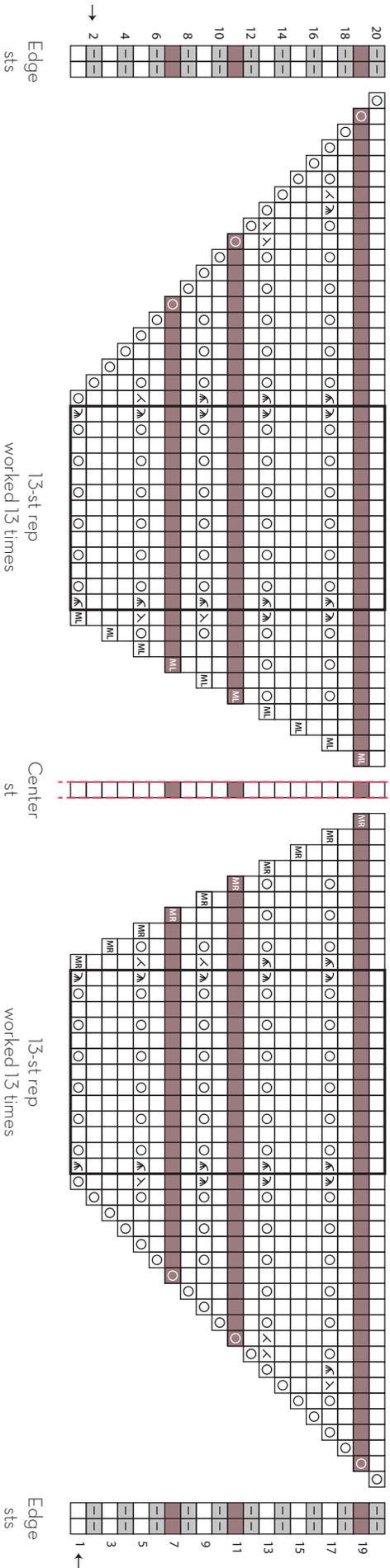


SYMBOL LEGEND

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| Knit on RS; purl on WS | K4tog - Knit 4 sts together (RS only) (3 sts decreased) |
| Knit (WS only) | SSSSK - Slip 4 sts one at a time from L to R needle as if to knit, then k 4 sts together through back loops (3 sts decreased) |
| YO - yarn over on RS and WS (1 st increased) | Lateral Braid Row - See written instructions (pg 4) for this row |
| MR - Make 1 Right (RS only) (1 st increased) | Stitch marker placement |
| ML - Make 1 Left (RS only) (1 st increased) | |
| K2tog - Knit 2 together (RS only) (1 st decreased) | |
| SSK - Slip 2 sts one at a time from L to R needle as if to knit, then k both sts together through the back loops (RS only) (1 st decreased) | |

BORDER CHART

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SETUP CHART:

Row 1 (RS): K2, yo, k4, M1R, k1 (center st), M1L, k4, yo, k2.

Row 2 (WS): K2, yo, purl to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 3: K2, yo, k7, M1R, k1 (center st), M1L, k7, yo, k2.

Row 4: K2, yo, knit to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

MAIN BODY CHART:

Rows 1, 5, 7, & 11 (RS): K2, yo, k1, *k2; repeat from * to 1 st before center st, k1, M1R, k1 (center st), M1L, k1, **k2; repeat from ** to last 3 sts, k1, yo, k2.

Rows 2, 4, 6, 8, & 10 (WS): K2, yo, purl to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 3 (RS): K2, yo, k1, *yo, k2tog; repeat from * to center st, M1R, k1 (center st), M1L, **k2tog, yo; repeat from ** to last 3 sts, k1, yo, k2.

Row 9 (RS): K2, yo, k1, *yo, k2tog; repeat from * to 1 st before center st, k1, M1R, k1 (center st), M1L, k1, **k2tog, yo; repeat from ** to last 3 sts, k1, yo, k2.

Row 12 (WS): K2, yo, knit to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

BORDER CHART:

Row 1 (RS): K2, yo, *k4tog, (yo, k1) 5 times, yo, ssssk; repeat from * to center st, M1R, k1 (center st), M1L, **k4tog, (yo, k1) 5 times, yo, ssssk; repeat from ** to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Rows 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, & 20 (WS): K2, yo, purl to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Rows 3 & 15 (RS): K2, yo, k to center st, M1R, k1 (center st), M1L, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 5 (RS): K2, yo, k2, yo, SSK, *k4tog, (yo, k1) 5 times, yo, ssssk; repeat from * to 2 sts before center st, k2tog, yo, M1R, k1 (center st), M1L, yo, ssk, **k4tog, (yo, k1) 5 times, yo, ssssk; repeat from ** to last 6 sts, k2tog, (yo, k2) twice.

Rows 7, 11, & 19 (RS) - Lateral Braid Row: K2, yo, kfb, *slip last st on R needle back to L needle, k into the back of second st on L needle, then into the front of first (slipped) stitch on L needle, then drop both sts off L needle; repeat from * to 1 st before center st, slip last st on R needle back to L needle and k2tog, M1R, k1 (center st), M1L, kfb, repeat from * to last 3 sts, slip last st on R needle back to L needle and k2tog, yo, k2.

Row 9 (RS): (K2, yo) twice, (k1, yo) twice, ssssk, *k4tog, (yo, k1) 5 times, yo, ssssk; repeat from * to 4 sts before center st, k2tog, yo, k2, M1R, k1 (center st), M1L, k2, yo, ssk, **k4tog, (yo, k1) 5 times, yo, ssssk; repeat from ** to last 10 sts, k4tog, (yo, k1) 3 times, k1, yo, k2.

Row 13 (RS): K2, yo, (k2tog) twice, (yo, k1) 4 times, yo, ssssk, *k4tog, (yo, k1) 5 times, yo, ssssk; repeat from * to 6 sts before center st, k4tog, (yo, k1) twice, yo, M1R, k1 (center st), M1L, (yo, k1) twice, yo, ssssk, **k4tog, (yo, k1) 5 times, yo, ssssk; repeat from ** to last 14 sts, k4tog, (yo, k1) 4 times, yo, (ssk) twice, yo, k2.

Row 17 (RS): K2, yo, k1, yo, ssk, *k4tog, (yo, k1) 5 times, yo, ssssk; repeat from * to 8 sts before center st, k4tog, (yo, k1) 3 times, k1, M1R, k1 (center st), M1L, k1, (k1, yo) 3 times, ssssk, **k4tog, (yo, k1) 5 times, yo, ssssk; repeat from ** to last 5 sts, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, k2.

