Spotlight

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Generous and versatile, Spotlight is an everyday essential with a luxurious feel. A beautiful lace pattern with picot edging is the focal point of this stunning accessory.

Starting with just two stitches, Spotlight is knitted sideways for a slightly asymmetric triangle silhouette. A perfect combination of garter stitch, eyelets, stripes and beautiful lace create visual interest and keep you entertained the entire project. Choose two gorgeous colours of your favourite yarn and indulge in this enjoyable and meditative knit.

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PATTERN NOTES

Spotlight is knitted sideways from one corner to the opposite side of the triangle with increases on one side only. The pattern is easily adjusted to different yardages by modifying the amount of stripes (stitch count information provided in the pattern) and lace section repeats. If you do decide to modify the pattern. make sure you leave plenty of C2 yarn for the picot bind off.

CAST ON

205 CM / 81 IN

86 CM / 34 IN

132 CM / 52 IN

BIND OFF EDGE
135 CM / 53 IN
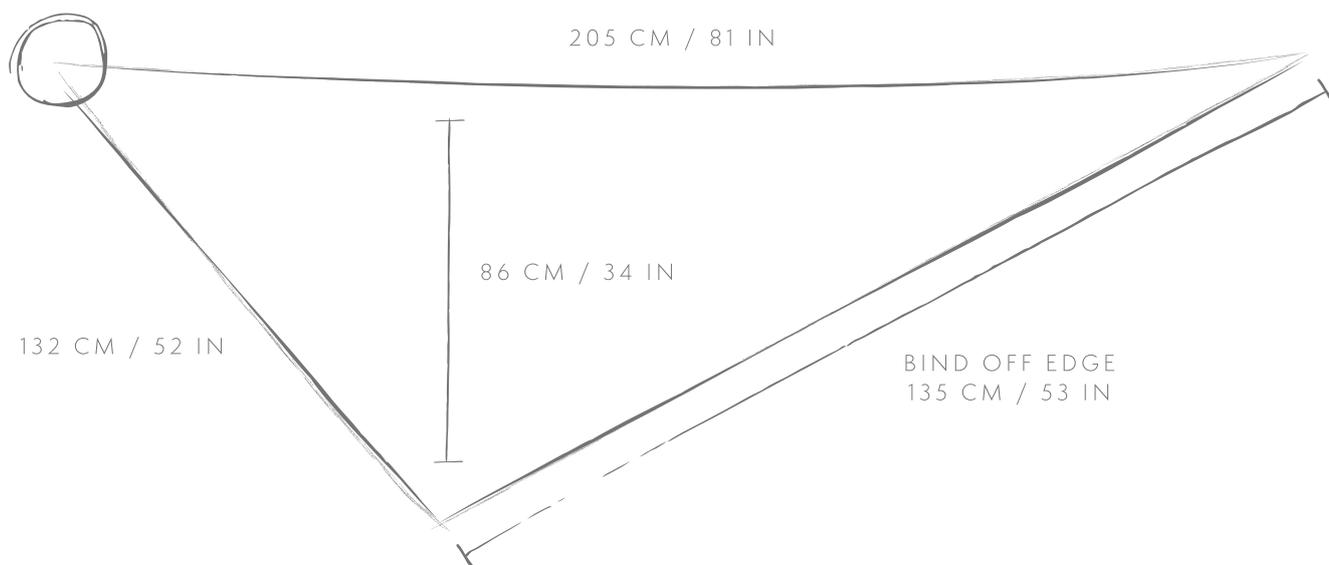
YARN

Two colours of Madelinetosh Tosh Sock (100% Merino; 361 m / 395 yards per skein), one skein of both colours. Shown in colourways Oak and Silver Fox.

Or similar fingering weight yarn.

YARDAGE

Colour 1: 336 m / 368 yds
Colour 2: 242 m / 265 yds

NEEDLES

Size 4 mm / US 6 circular needle.

Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain pattern gauge.

Shawl is worked flat but circular needle with 100 cm / 40 inch length is recommended to accommodate the growing number of stitches.

GAUGE

20 stitches and 40 rows = 10 cm / 4 inches in unblocked garter stitch.

Gauge affects finished size and yardage.

ABBREVIATIONS

k: knit
kfb: knit to front and back loop of the same stitch (one stitch increase)
yo: yarn over
k2tog: knit 2 stitches together
ssk: slip, slip, knit (slip 1 stitch knitwise, slip another stitch knitwise, knit the 2 slipped stitches together through back loop), (1 stitch decrease)
sl2k1psso: slip 2 stitches knitwise, k1, pass the slipped stitches over the knit stitch (2 stitch decrease)
slkpsso: slip 1 stitch knitwise, k1, pass the slipped stitch over the knit stitch (1 stitch decrease)
RS: right side
WS: wrong side
C1: colour 1
C2: colour 2

Instructions

SET UP // COLOUR 1

Cast on 2 stitches with C1.

Row 01: kfb, k1

You have now 3 stitches.

GARTER STITCH // COLOUR 1

Row 1 (RS): knit to last stitch, kfb

Row 2 (WS): knit all stitches

Repeat rows 1 and 2 total of 15 times.

Row 3 (RS): k1, (yo, k2tog) to last stitch, kfb

Row 4 (WS): knit all stitches

Keep repeating this entire garter stitch section (rows 1-4)
as written for total of 7 times, until you have 115 stitches.
Then begin stripes, starting with C2.

STRIPES // COLOUR 2 & COLOUR 1

Row 5 (RS, C2): knit to last stitch, kfb

Row 6 (WS, C2): knit all stitches

Row 7 (RS, C1): knit to last stitch, kfb

Row 8 (WS, C1): knit all stitches

Repeat stripes (rows 5-8) until you have 152 stitches, ending with C2 stripe.
You will have 19 C2 stripes and 18 C1 stripes.
Then cut C1 yarn and continue to lace section with C2 only.

Note: If you want to work more or fewer stripes (to use up all your C1 yarn or you
run out of C1 yarn), make sure your stitch count is multiple by 10 + 2 when you begin
the lace section.

LACE // COLOUR 2

Row 9 (RS): k1, * (yo, ssk) twice, k1, (k2tog, yo) twice, k1, repeat from * to last stitch, kfb

Row 10 (and all WS rows): purl all stitches

Row 11 (RS): k2, * yo, ssk, yo, sl2k1psso, yo, k2tog, yo, k3, repeat from * to last stitch, kfb

Row 13 (RS): k1, * (yo, ssk) twice, k1, (k2tog, yo) twice, k1, repeat from * to last 3 stitches, yo, ssk, kfb

Row 15 (RS): k2, * yo, ssk, yo, sl2k1psso, yo, k2tog, yo, k3, repeat from * to last 3 stitches, yo, ssk, kfb

Row 17 (RS): k1, * (yo, ssk) twice, k1, (k2tog, yo) twice, k1, repeat from * to last 5 stitches, (yo, ssk) twice, kfb

Row 19 (RS): k2, * yo, ssk, yo, sl2k1psso, yo, k2tog, yo, k3, repeat from * to last 5 stitches, yo, ssk, yo, slkpsso, kfb

Row 21 (RS): k1, * (yo, ssk) twice, k1, (k2tog, yo) twice, k1, repeat from * to last 7 stitches, (yo, ssk) twice, k2, kfb

Row 23 (RS): k2, * yo, ssk, yo, sl2k1psso, yo, k2tog, yo, k3, repeat from * to last 7 stitches, yo, ssk, yo, sl2k1psso, yo, k1, kfb

Row 25 (RS): k1, * (yo, ssk) twice, k1, (k2tog, yo) twice, k1, repeat from * to last 9 stitches, (yo, ssk) twice, k1, k2tog, yo, k1, kfb

Row 27 (RS): k2, * yo, ssk, yo, sl2k1psso, yo, k2tog, yo, k3, repeat from * to last 9 stitches, yo, ssk, yo, sl2k1psso, yo, k2tog, yo, k1, kfb

Repeat lace section total of 2 times, until you have 172 stitches.

PICOT BIND OFF // COLOUR 2

* cast on 2 new stitches, bind off 4 stitches (the same way you normally would), place the stitch from right hand needle back to left hand needle, repeat from * until only one stitch remains, bind off last stitch.

FINISHING

Soak finished shawl in cold water for 20 minutes. Squeeze excess water out gently being careful not to twist. Lay shawl on blocking boards and block to schematic measurements (on page 2) using blocking wires and pins. Let dry completely (usually overnight) before unpinning.
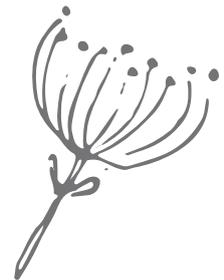
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