

Birds' nest shawl

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Level: Advanced - adventurous and curious intermediate

Yarn used: Posh Yarn Miranda Lace

Lace / 2 ply Silk, Cashmere, Alpaca

800 meters / 100 grams

For the sample I used 0.94 skein = 752.1 meters (822.5 yards), 94 grams

Needles used: 2.75mm (US 2)

The shape of the shawl is a deep triangle that will stay nicely on your shoulders.

Measurements: 100 cm width, 60 cm along the spine, long after after blocking.

BUT: You can actually knit it with any yarn: cobweb, lace, fingering, needles according to your feeling for airy lace and gauge is of no importance.

There are 3 garter stitches in the beginning and 3 in the end of each row. These are always knitted (both on the right and the wrong sides of the shawl).

The 1st stitch of both the right and the wrong sides of the shawl is always slipped purlwise with yarn held in the front.

The charts do not show the garter stitches.

There is one central stitch, which is: a. knitted inserting the right hand needle into the stitch one row below on the right side and purled on the wrong side or b. knitted on the right side, purled on the wrong side.

Charts A and B show half shawl, they do not show the central st.

Chart C1 shows the right side of the shawl, it shows (includes) the central st in light pink.

Chart C2 shows the left side of the shawl, it does not show the central st.

Charts show only the right side rows and are read from right to left.

On the wrong side rows you purl all the stitches (except for the 3 garter stitches of the beginning and the end of the row, which are always knit as mentioned above).

The charts show the yo after the 3 garter stitches of the beginning of the row, before and after the central stitch and before the 3 garter stitches of the end of the row.

After each chart there are also written instructions.

There is a stitch glossary after the written instructions of the last chart.

A) Start with garter tab as follows:

Using Crochet Cast On, CO 3 sts. Knit 13 rows, slipping first st of each row. At end of the last row, turn work 90 degrees and pick up and knit 5 sts along one long edge of work – (1 st in each slipped st along edge, skipping first st). Remove waste yarn from CO edge, place the resulting 3 live sts on left needle and knit these sts. You have now 11 sts.

Or (if you don't like garter tab) cast on 11 stitches and Purl 1 row (wrong side).

B) Continue with Chart A as follows:

3 garter sts, Chart A, central st, Chart A, 3 garter sts.

Continue repeating rows 21-30 of Chart A as many times as you wish.

You can go to Chart B after having completed row 30 of Chart A.

C) Continue with Chart B as follows:

3 garter sts, Chart B, central st, Chart B, 3 garter sts.

Continue knitting rows 1-10 of Chart B once and repeating rows 11-20 as many times as you wish.

You can go to Charts C1-C2 after having completed row 20 of Chart B.

D) Continue with Charts C1 and C2 as follows:

3 garter sts, Chart C1, central st (marked in light pink), Chart C2, 3 garter sts.

The reason why the central st is marked light pink on the chart C1 is that on Charts C1 and C2 the central st becomes part of the pattern.

Bind off after having completed row 24 of Charts C1-C2 (on the right side) using 2 strands of yarn held together as follows: p2, *sl both sts back to left needle and purl 2tog, p1* till you have 1 st. Break yarn and draw through last st.

The shawl on the photo has 11 nests formed by chart A and 2 nests formed by chart B along the spine.

This means I have knitted:

Chart A rows 1-30 once,

Chart A rows 21-30 X 8 times,

Chart B rows 1-20 once,

Chart B rows 11-20 once,

Charts C1-C2 once.

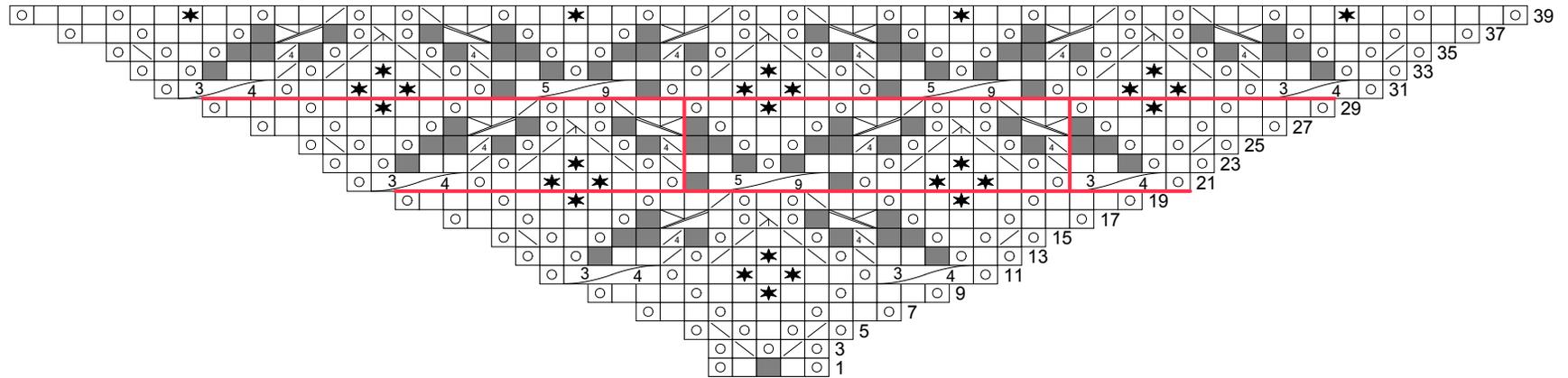
Hand wash, block your shawl, dance happily around it!!

How to make the "Make 5 sts from 9 sts" possible:

On the wrong side row, before you have to perform it, include at least 4 yarn overs evenly spread among these 9 sts, like this:

(p,yo,p, p,yo,p, p, p,yo,p, p,yo,p), then on the row with the "5 sts from 9 sts", before you perform it, slip these 9 sts from the left hand needle to the right hand needle, dropping the 4 yarn overs of the previous row, slip these 9 stitches back to the left hand needle, and now this extra yarn of the dropped yarn overs has made the loops of the 9 stitches wider and easier to insert the right hand needle through. Remember to always count these 9 sts, as it is not easy to repair later a mistake there!!

Chart A



| Yarn | Stitches |
|-----------------|--|
| □ Stitch | ■ No stitch |
| □ k | □ k |
| ○ yo | ○ yo |
| ▧ k2tog | ▧ k2tog |
| ▨ ssk | ▨ ssk |
| ▩ s1-k2tog-pss0 | ▩ s1-k2tog-pss0 |
| ▪ k4tog | ▪ k4tog |
| ▫ s4k | ▫ s4k |
| 5/9 | Make 5 stitches from 9 stitches |
| ▧ | Make 3 stitches from 2 stitches, slanting to the left |
| ▨ | Make 3 stitches from 2 stitches, slanting to the right |
| 3/4 | Make 3 stitches from 4 stitches |
| ★ | nupp-7 |

Work all even rows in established pattern..

Row 1: Yo, k2, yo.

Row 3: Yo, k2tog, yo, ssk, yo.

Row 5: Yo, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, yo.

Row 7: Yo, [k2, yo, k1] twice, k1, yo.

Row 9: Yo, k3, yo, k2, nupp-7, k2, yo, k3, yo.

Row 11: Yo, Make 3 stitches from 4 stitches, yo, k2, [nupp-7, k1] twice, k1, yo, Make 3 stitches from 4 stitches, yo.

Row 13: [Yo, k1] twice, k1, ssk, yo, ssk, k1, nupp-7, k1, k2tog, yo, k2tog, k1, [k1, yo] twice.

Row 15: Yo, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, s4k, yo, ssk, k1, k2tog, yo, k4tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, yo.

Row 17: [Yo, k2] twice, k1, yo, Make 3 stitches from 2 stitches, slanting to the left, yo, s1-k2tog-ssso, yo, k1, Make 3 stitches from 2 stitches, slanting to the right, yo, k1, [k2, yo] twice.

Row 19: Yo, k3, yo, k2, nupp-7, k2, yo, k2, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog, k2, yo, k2, nupp-7, k2, yo, k3, yo.

Row 21: Yo, Make 3 stitches from 4 stitches, yo, k2, [nupp-7, k1] twice, k1, yo, Make 5 stitches from 9 stitches, yo, k2, [nupp-7, k1] twice, k1, yo, Make 3 stitches from 4 stitches, yo.

Row 23: [Yo, k1] twice, k1, ssk, yo, ssk, k1, nupp-7, k1, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, k2, ssk, yo, ssk, k1, nupp-7, k1, k2tog, yo, k2tog, k1, [k1, yo] twice.

Row 25: Yo, k2tog, yo, k1, [yo, s4k, yo, ssk, k1, k2tog, yo, k4tog, yo, k1] twice, yo, ssk, yo.

Row 27: Yo, k2, yo, k1, [k2, yo, Make 3 stitches from 2 stitches, slanting to the left, yo, s1-k2tog-ssso, yo, Make 3 stitches from 2 stitches, slanting to the right, yo, k1] twice, [k2, yo] twice.

Row 29: Yo, k3, yo, k2, nupp-7, k2, yo, [k2, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog, k2, yo, k2, nupp-7, k2, yo] twice, k3, yo.

Row 31: Yo, Make 3 stitches from 4 stitches, yo, k1, [[k1, nupp-7] twice, k2, yo, Make 5 stitches from 9 stitches, yo, k1] twice, [k1, nupp-7] twice, k2, yo, Make 3 stitches from 4 stitches, yo.

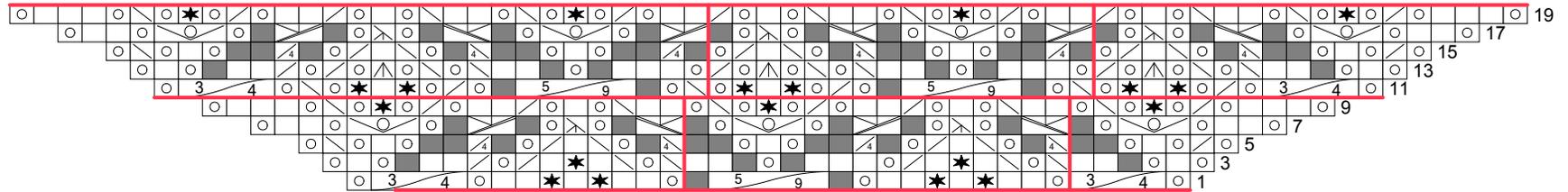
Row 33: Yo, k1, yo, [k2, ssk, yo, ssk, k1, nupp-7, k1, k2tog, yo, k3, yo] twice, k2, ssk, yo, ssk, k1, nupp-7, k1, k2tog, yo, k2tog, k1, [k1, yo] twice.

Row 35: Yo, k2tog, yo, k1, [yo, s4k, yo, ssk, k1, k2tog, yo, k4tog, yo, k1] 3 times, yo, ssk, yo.

Row 37: [Yo, k2] twice, [k1, yo, Make 3 stitches from 2 stitches, slanting to the left, yo, s1-k2tog-ssso, yo, k1, Make 3 stitches from 2 stitches, slanting to the right, yo, k2] twice, k1, yo, Make 3 stitches from 2 stitches, slanting to the left, yo, s1-k2tog-ssso, yo, Make 3 stitches from 2 stitches, slanting to the right, yo, k1, [k2, yo] twice.

Row 39: Yo, k3, yo, k2, nupp-7, k2, yo, [k2, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog, k2, yo, k2, nupp-7, k2, yo] 3 times, k3, yo.

Chart B



| Yarn | Stitches |
|--------|--|
| Stitch | No stitch |
| | k |
| | yo |
| | k2tog |
| | ssk |
| | s2tog-k1-p2sso |
| | s1-k2tog-ssso |
| | k4tog |
| | s4k |
| | Make 5 stitches from 9 stitches |
| | Make 3 stitches from 2 stitches, slanting to the left |
| | Make 3 stitches from 2 stitches, slanting to the right |
| | Make 3 stitches from 4 stitches |
| | k2tog,yo,ssk on 3 stitches |
| | nupp-7 |

Work all even rows in established pattern..

Row 1: Yo, Make 3 stitches from 4 stitches, yo, k2, [nupp-7, k1] twice, k1, yo, Make 5 stitches from 9 stitches, yo, k2, [nupp-7, k1] twice, k1, yo, Make 3 stitches from 4 stitches, yo.

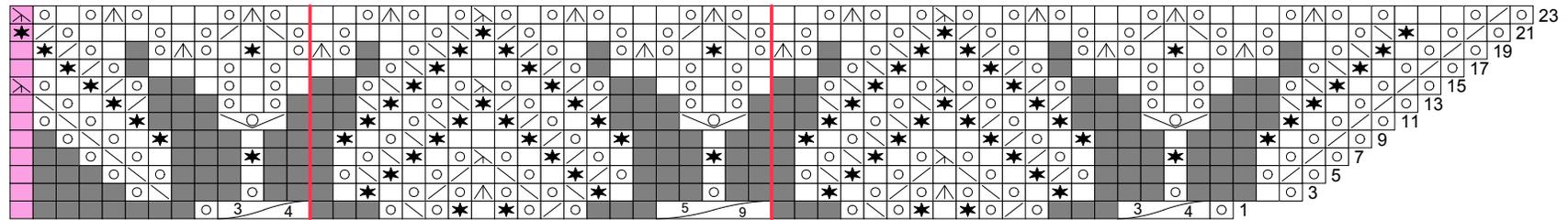
Row 3: [Yo, k1] twice, k1, ssk, yo, ssk, k1, nupp-7, k1, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, k2, ssk, yo, ssk, k1, nupp-7, k1, k2tog, yo, k2tog, k1, [k1, yo] twice.

Row 5: Yo, k2tog, yo, k1, [yo, s4k, yo, ssk, k1, k2tog, yo, k4tog, yo, k1] twice, yo, ssk, yo.

Row 7: Yo, k2, yo, k2tog,yo,ssk on 3 stitches, [yo, Make 3 stitches from 2 stitches, slanting to the left, yo, s1-k2tog-ssso, yo, Make 3 stitches from 2 stitches, slanting to the right, yo, k2tog,yo,ssk on 3 stitches] twice, yo, k2, yo.

Row 9: Yo, k1, [k2, yo, k2tog, yo, nupp-7, yo, ssk, yo, k2, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog] twice, k2, yo, k2tog, yo, nupp-7, yo, ssk, yo, k3, yo.
Row 11: Yo, Make 3 stitches from 4 stitches, yo, k2tog, yo, nupp-7, k1, nupp-7, [yo, ssk, yo, Make 5 stitches from 9 stitches, yo, k2tog, yo, nupp-7, k1, nupp-7] twice, yo, ssk, yo, Make 3 stitches from 4 stitches, yo.
Row 13: [Yo, k1] twice, k1, [[ssk, yo] twice, s2tog-k1-p2sso, yo, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, k2] twice, [ssk, yo] twice, s2tog-k1-p2sso, [yo, k2tog] twice, k1, [k1, yo] twice.
Row 15: Yo, k2tog, yo, k1, [yo, s4k, yo, ssk, k1, k2tog, yo, k4tog, yo, k1] 3 times, yo, ssk, yo.
Row 17: Yo, k2, yo, k2tog,yo,ssk on 3 stitches, [yo, Make 3 stitches from 2 stitches, slanting to the left, yo, s1-k2tog-pssso, yo, Make 3 stitches from 2 stitches, slanting to the right, yo, k2tog,yo,ssk on 3 stitches] 3 times, yo, k2, yo.
Row 19: Yo, k1, [k2, yo, k2tog, yo, nupp-7, yo, ssk, yo, k2, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog] 3 times, k2, yo, k2tog, yo, nupp-7, yo, ssk, yo, k3, yo.

Chart C1



| Yarn | | Stitches | |
|------|----------------|----------|---------------------------------|
| | Stitch | | No stitch |
| | Central Stitch | | k |
| | | | yo |
| | | | k2tog |
| | | | ssk |
| | | | s2tog-k1-p2sso |
| | | | s1-k2tog-pssso |
| | | | Make 5 stitches from 9 stitches |
| | | | Make 3 stitches from 4 stitches |
| | | | k2tog,yo,ssk on 3 stitches |
| | | | nupp-7 |

Work all even rows in established pattern..

Row 1: Yo, Make 3 stitches from 4 stitches, yo, k2tog, yo, nupp-7, k1, nupp-7, yo, ssk, yo, Make 5 stitches from 9 stitches, yo, k2tog, yo, nupp-7, k1, nupp-7, yo, ssk, yo, Make 3 stitches from 4 stitches, yo, k1.

Row 3: [Yo, k1] twice, nupp-7, k1, yo, ssk, yo, s2tog-k1-p2sso, yo, k2tog, yo, k1, nupp-7, k1, yo, k1, nupp-7, [ssk, yo] twice, s2tog-k1-p2sso, yo, k2tog, yo, k1, nupp-7, k1, yo, ssk, yo, k1.

Row 5: Yo, k2tog, yo, k1, [yo, k2tog, nupp-7, k1, yo, ssk, k1, k2tog, yo, k1, nupp-7, ssk, yo, k1] twice, yo, ssk, yo, k1.

Row 7: Yo, k2tog, yo, k1, nupp-7, [k1, yo, k2tog, nupp-7, k1, yo, s1-k2tog-pssso, yo, k1, nupp-7, ssk, yo, k1, nupp-7] twice, k1, yo, ssk, yo, k1.

Row 9: Yo, k2tog, yo, [k1, [nupp-7, k1] twice, yo, k2tog, nupp-7, k3, nupp-7, ssk, yo] twice, [k1, nupp-7] twice, yo, ssk, yo, k1.

Row 11: Yo, k2tog, yo, k1, nupp-7, [k2tog,yo,ssk on 3 stitches, nupp-7, k1, yo, k2tog, nupp-7, k1, nupp-7, ssk, yo, k1, nupp-7] twice,

k2tog,yo,ssk on 3 stitches, nupp-7, yo, ssk, yo, k1.

Row 13: Yo, k2tog, yo, k1, nupp-7, ssk, yo, [[k1, yo, k2tog, nupp-7] twice, ssk, yo, k1, nupp-7, ssk, yo] twice, k1, yo, k2tog, nupp-7, yo, ssk, k1.

Row 15: Yo, k2tog, [yo, k1, nupp-7, ssk, yo, [k1, yo] 3 times, k2tog, nupp-7, k1, yo, s1-k2tog-pss0] 3 times.

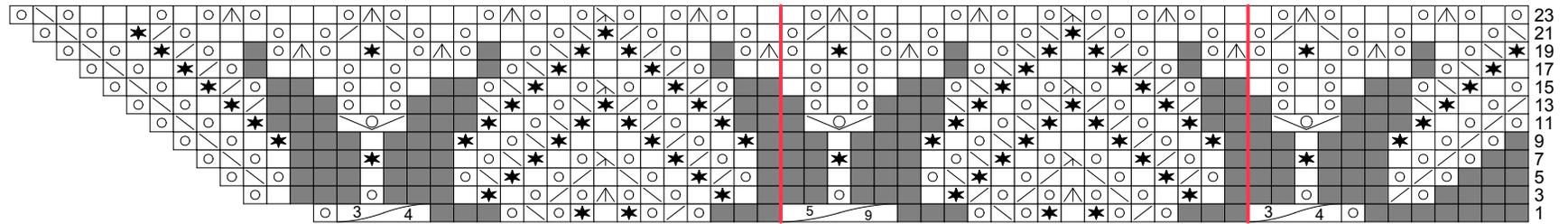
Row 17: Yo, k2tog, yo, [k1, nupp-7, ssk, yo, k3, [yo, k1] twice, k2, yo, k2tog, nupp-7, k2] 3 times.

Row 19: Yo, k2tog, yo, k1, [nupp-7, ssk, yo, k1, yo, s2tog-k1-p2sso, yo, k1, nupp-7, k1, yo, s2tog-k1-p2sso, yo, k1, yo, k2tog, nupp-7, k1] 3 times.

Row 21: Yo, k2tog, yo, k1, [nupp-7, ssk, yo, k2, [k1, yo] twice, ssk, k1, k2tog, [yo, k1] twice, k2, yo, k2tog] 3 times, nupp-7.

Row 23: Yo, k2tog, yo, k3, [yo, k1, yo, s2tog-k1-p2sso, yo, [k3, yo, s2tog-k1-p2sso, yo] twice, k1, yo, s1-k2tog-pss0] 3 times.

Chart C2



| Yarn | Stitches |
|--------|---------------------------------|
| Stitch | No stitch |
| | k |
| | yo |
| | k2tog |
| | ssk |
| | s2tog-k1-p2sso |
| | s1-k2tog-pssso |
| | Make 5 stitches from 9 stitches |
| | Make 3 stitches from 4 stitches |
| | k2tog,yo,ssk on 3 stitches |
| | nupp-7 |

Work all even rows in established pattern..

Row 1: Yo, Make 3 stitches from 4 stitches, yo, k2tog, yo, nupp-7, k1, nupp-7, yo, ssk, yo, Make 5 stitches from 9 stitches, yo, k2tog, yo, nupp-7, k1, nupp-7, yo, ssk, yo, Make 3 stitches from 4 stitches, yo.

Row 3: Yo, k2tog, yo, k1, nupp-7, k1, yo, ssk, yo, s2tog-k1-p2sso, [yo, k2tog] twice, nupp-7, k1, yo, k1, nupp-7, k1, yo, ssk, yo, s2tog-k1-p2sso, yo, k2tog, yo, k1, nupp-7, [k1, yo] twice.

Row 5: Yo, k2tog, yo, k1, [yo, k2tog, nupp-7, k1, yo, ssk, k1, k2tog, yo, k1, nupp-7, ssk, yo, k1] twice, yo, ssk, yo.

Row 7: Yo, k2tog, yo, k1, nupp-7, [k1, yo, k2tog, nupp-7, k1, yo, s1-k2tog-pssso, yo, k1, nupp-7, ssk, yo, k1, nupp-7] twice, k1, yo, ssk, yo.

Row 9: Yo, k2tog, yo, [[nupp-7, k1] twice, yo, k2tog, nupp-7, k3, nupp-7, ssk, yo, k1] twice, [nupp-7, k1] twice, yo, ssk, yo.

Row 11: Yo, k2tog, yo, nupp-7, k2tog,yo,ssk on 3 stitches, nupp-7, [k1, yo, k2tog, nupp-7, k1, nupp-7, ssk, yo, k1, nupp-7,

k2tog,yo,ssk on 3 stitches, nupp-7] twice, k1, yo, ssk, yo.

Row 13: K2tog, yo, nupp-7, ssk, yo, [[k1, yo, k2tog, nupp-7] twice, ssk, yo, k1, nupp-7, ssk, yo] twice, k1, yo, k2tog, nupp-7, k1, yo, ssk, yo.

Row 15: Yo, k1, nupp-7, ssk, [yo, [k1, yo] 3 times, k2tog, nupp-7, k1, yo, s1-k2tog-p2sso, yo, k1, nupp-7, ssk] twice, yo, [k1, yo] 3 times, k2tog, nupp-7, k1, yo, ssk, yo.

Row 17: K1, nupp-7, ssk, yo, k2, [k1, yo] twice, [k3, yo, k2tog, nupp-7, k3, nupp-7, ssk, yo, k2, [k1, yo] twice] twice, k3, yo, k2tog, nupp-7, k1, yo, ssk, yo.

Row 19: [Nupp-7, ssk, yo, k1, yo, s2tog-k1-p2sso, yo, k1, nupp-7, k1, yo, s2tog-k1-p2sso, yo, k1, yo, k2tog, nupp-7, k1] 3 times, yo, ssk, yo.

Row 21: [Ssk, yo, k2, [k1, yo] twice, ssk, k1, k2tog, [yo, k1] twice, k2, yo, k2tog, nupp-7] 3 times, k1, yo, ssk, yo.

Row 23: Yo, [k1, yo, s2tog-k1-p2sso, yo, [k3, yo, s2tog-k1-p2sso, yo] twice, k1, yo, s1-k2tog-p2sso, yo] twice, [k1, yo, s2tog-k1-p2sso, yo, k2] twice, k1, yo, s2tog-k1-p2sso, [yo, k1] twice, k2, yo, ssk, yo.

Stitch Glossary

k

Knit.

k2tog

Knit 2 stitches together.

k2tog,yo,ssk on 3 stitches

Knit 2 together, drop the first stitch off the left needle, do not drop the second stitch off the left needle, yarn over, slip the stitch you kept on the left needle to the right needle, knit 1 stitch, pass slipped stitch over.

k4tog

Knit 4 stitches together.

Make 3 stitches from 2 stitches, slanting to the left

Make 3 stitches from 2 stitches, slanting to the left: ssk without dropping the stitches from the left needle, yo, knit the same 2 stitches again and now drop the stitches from the left needle.

Make 3 stitches from 2 stitches, slanting to the right

Make 3 stitches from 2 stitches, slanting to the right: K2tog without dropping the stitches from the left needle, yo, knit the same 2 stitches again and now drop the stitches from the left needle.

Make 3 stitches from 4 stitches

Make 3 stitches from 4 stitches: K4tog without dropping the stitches from the left needle, yo, knit the same 4 stitches again and now drop the stitches from the left needle.

Make 5 stitches from 9 stitches

Make 5 stitches from 9 stitches: *K9tog without dropping the stitches from the left needle, yo* repeat once again (still knitting the same 9 stitches), knit the same 9 stitches again and now drop the stitches from left needle.

No stitch

This stitch is ignored.

nupp-7

Knit, leaving the stitch on the needle, then yarn over, knit, yarn over, knit, yarn over, and then knit (7 stitches total) into the same stitch. On next row, work all 7 stitches together as one.

ssk

Slip 2 stitches knitwise, then knit slipped stitches together.

s1-k2tog-pssso

Slip one stitch knitwise, then knit 2 stitches together and pass the slipped stitch over.

s2tog-k1-p2sso

Slip 2 stitches together knitwise, knit 1, then pass slipped stitches over.

s4k

Slip 4 stitches knitwise, then knit slipped stitches together.

yo

Wrap the working yarn over the right needle, from front to back (counter-clockwise).

