mirka shawl.

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The ultimate warm weather accessory, this crescent shawl nods to preppie sportswear, like tennis skirts, deck shoes and rugby jerseys. I love the idea of pairing this with white tees, worn out denim and sneakers – and if available, a sailboat.

It works up fast in a worsted weight cotton-linen blend with a bouncy chain construction and includes a cool technique to create provisional stitches while it's worked, so adding the striped i-cord does not require picking up any stitches - and that's a big summer mood!

Visit our YouTube channel for a tutorial covering the **kfsb increase** and the provisional stitch technique used in this design. https://youtu.be/On36161uDqs

YARN

Coastline by Jody Long (33% cotton; 28% viscose, 27% nylon, 12% linen); 200 m / 218 y per 100 g

MC: 3 balls, shown in Chalk 025 or approx. 515 y (471 m) worsted weight yarn
CC: 1 ball, shown in Deep Ocean 05 or approx 55 y (50 m) worsted weight yarn

NEEDLES & NOTIONS

4.5 mm (US 7) 32" circular needles for working flat - or size needed to obtain gauge
Cable needle, if desired
Tapestry needle, to weave ends
2 stitch markers
Long silicone knitting cord, at least 64"

GAUGE

18 sts & 26 rows over 4"/ 10 cm in 2 x 2 rib, after blocking

DIMENSIONS

61" (155 cm) length x 15" (38 cm) depth

ABBREVIATIONS

* – *: repeat sts between the asterisk
2 x 2 RC: Slip 2 sts to cable needle, hold to back, k2, then k2 from cable needle.
CO: cast on
CC: Contrast colour
inc('d): increase(d)
k: knit
kfsb: (knit front slip back) Knit, leaving stitch on left needle, then insert right needle into back leg of remaining st, and slip to right-hand needle (inc)
m1p: (make 1 purl) With left needle, pick up horizontal strand between last stitch worked and next st, bringing needle from back to front, purl through front loop.
MC: Main colour
M: marker
PM: place marker
p: purl
rep: repeat
RS: right side
st(s): stitch(es)
SM: Slip marker
tbl: through the back loop
WS: wrong side
yo: yarn over (inc)

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PATTERN

Note: To make knitting the i-cord edge easy, you will create provisional stitches along the top edge of the shawl by wrapping your working yarn around a silicone knitting tube or waste yarn.

Cast On: Using the long tail method and at least 12" long tail, holding your needles parallel, create a slip knot on your front needle. Yarn over back needle with tail, then with both working yarn and tail, *CO 2 sts to front needle, YO back needle with tail*, rep *-* twice more, CO 1 st to front needle.

8 sts on front needle, 4 sts on back needle.

Transfer 4 sts from back needle to silicone knitting tube and pull through to centre the cord.

Set Up Row: K2, p4, k2.

Note: 4 sts are increased on every RS row and 2 sts are increased every WS row.

At the beginning of every row, wrap working yarn around silicone tube from front to back before making your first stitch.

Row 1 (RS): Kfsb, PM, yo, p1, k4, p1, yo, PM, kfsb.
Row 2 (WS): Kfsb, k1, SM, k2, p4, k2, SM, k1, kfsb.
Row 3: Kfsb, p2, SM, yo, p2, k4, p2, yo, SM p2, kfsb.
Row 4: Kfsb, p1, k2, SM, p1, k2, p4, k2, p1, SM, k2, p1, kfsb.
Row 5: Kfsb, k2, p2, SM, yo, k1, p2, k4, p2, k1, yo, SM, p2, k2, kfsb.
Row 6: Kfsb, k1, p2, k2, SM, p2, k2, p4, k2, p2, SM, k2, p2, k1, kfsb.
Row 7: Kfsb, p2, k2, p2, SM, yo, k2, p2, k4, p2 , k2, yo, SM, p2, k2, p2, kfsb.
Row 8: Kfsb, p1, k2, p2, k2, SM, p3, k2, p4, k2, p3, SM, k2, p2, k2, p1, kfsb.
Row 9: Kfsb, *k2, p2* to M, SM, yo, k3, p2, 2x2 RC, p2, k3, yo, SM, *p2, k2* to last st, kfsb.
Row 10: Kfsb, k1, *p2, k2* to M, SM, p4, *k2, p4* to M, SM, *k2, p2* to last 2 sts, k1, kfsb.

38 sts.

Row 11 (RS): Kfsb, p2, *k2, p2* to M, SM, yo, k4, *p2, k4* to M, yo, SM, *p2, k2* to last 3 sts, p2, kfsb.
Row 12 (WS): Kfsb, p1, k2, *p2, k2* to M, SM, k1, p4, *k2, p4* to 1 st before M, k1, SM, * k2, p2* to last 4 sts, k2, p1, kfsb.
Row 13: Kfsb, *k2, p2* to M, SM, yo, p1, k4, *p2, k4* to 1 st before M, p1, yo, SM, *p2, k2* to last st, kfsb.
Row 14: Kfsb, k1, *p2, k2,* to M, SM, k2, *p4, k2* to M, SM, *k2, p2* to last 2 sts, k1, kfsb.
Row 15: Kfsb, p2, *k2, p2* to M, SM, yo, p2, *k4, p2* to M, yo, SM, *p2, k2* to last 3 sts, p2, kfsb.
Row 16: Kfsb, p1, k2, *p2, k2* to M, SM, p1, k2, *p4, k2* to 1 st before M, p1, SM, *k2, p2* to last 4 sts, k2, p1, kfsb.
Row 17: Kfsb, *k2, p2* to M, SM, yo, k1, p2, *k4, p2* to 1 st before M, k1, yo, SM, *p2, k2* to last st, kfsb.
Row 18: Kfsb, k1, *p2, k2* to M, SM, p2, k2, *p4, k2* to 2 sts before M, p2, SM, *k2, p2* to last 2 sts, k1, kfsb.
Row 19: Kfsb, p2, *k2, p2* to M, SM, yo, k2 *p2, 2x2 RC* to 4 sts before M, p2, k2, yo, SM, *p2, k2* to last 3 sts, p2, kfsb.
Row 20: Kfsb, p1, k2 *p2, k2* to M, SM, p3, *k2, p4* to 5 sts before M, k2, p3, SM, *k2, p2* to last 4 sts, k2, p1, kfsb.
Row 21: Kfsb, *k2 , p2* to M, SM, yo, k3, p2, *k4, p2* to last 3 sts before M, k3, yo, SM, *p2, k2* to last st, kfsb.
Row 22: Kfsb, k1 *p2, k2* to M, SM, *p4, k2* to 4 sts before M, p4, SM, *k2, p2* to last 2 sts, k1, kfsb.

74 sts.

Repeat **Rows 11 - 22**, 6 more times. (36 sts inc'd per repeat, 290 sts total)

TIP:
This repeat is quite easy to memorize if you can read your knitting. The only thing to watch for is the cable cross row. You'll know you've reached it when you have 1 yarn over and 2 knit stitches directly after your first marker.

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Ribbed Edging Section:

Row 1 (RS): Kfsb, p2, *k2, p2* to M, SM, *k2, m1p, k2, p2* to 4 sts before M, k2, m1p, k2, SM, *p2, k2* to last 3 sts, p2, kfsb. (19 sts inc'd)
Row 2 (WS): Kfsb, p1, k2, *p2, k2* to M, SM, *p2, kfsb, p2, k2 ,* to last 5 sts before M, p2, kfsb, p2, SM, * k2, p2* to last 4 sts, k2, p1, kfsb. (19 sts inc'd)

328 sts.

In following section, increase rate changes to 2 sts inc'd on every row.

Over next row, remove markers.

Row 3: Kfsb, *k2, p2* to last 3 sts, k2, kfsb.
Row 4: Kfsb, k1, *p2, k2,* to last 4 sts, p2, k1, kfsb.

Prepare to join CC.

Note: For ease of provisional sts and weaving ends, new colours are joined after the Kfsb.

Row 5: With MC, kfsb, with CC *p2, k2 * to last 3 sts, p2, kfsb.
Row 6: With CC, kfsb, p1, *k2, p2* to last 4 sts, k2, p1, kfsb.
Row 7: With CC, kfsb, with MC *k2, p2 to last 3 sts, k2, kfsb.
Row 8: With MC, kfsb, k1, p2, *k2, p2* to last 2 sts, k1, kfsb.
Row 9: With MC, kfsb, *p2, k2* to last 3 sts, p2, kfsb.
Row 10: With MC, kfsb, p1, *k2, p2* to last 4 sts, k2, p1, kfsb.
Row 11: With MC, kfsb, with CC k2, p2, to last 3 sts, k2, kfsb.
Row 12: With CC, kfsb, k1, *p2, k2, to last 4 sts, p2, k1, kfsb.
Row 13: With CC kfsb, with MC, p2, k2* to last 3 sts, p2, kfsb.

Break CC.

Row 14: Kfsb, p1, *k2, p2* to last 4 sts, k2, p1, kfsb.
Row 15: Kfsb, k2, p2 to last 3 sts, k2, kfsb.

354 sts.

Wrap yarn around knitting cord as usual and bind of loosely in rib.

Striped i-cord edge

Note: Be sure to knit your i-cord loosely or this edge will pucker. You can carry your unused colour up the wrong side of the work - in the sample the yarns were not twisted to hide the carried yarn.

Move 113 sts created along upper edge from knitting cord to needles. With MC, cast on 3 sts. Slip these 3 sts back to left needle.

Set-Up Row: K2, k2tog tbl. Slip 3 sts back to left needle.

Row 1: K3. Slip 3 sts back to left-hand needle.
Row 2: K2, k2tog tbl. Slip 3 sts back to left-hand needle.

Rows 3 - 6: With CC, work Rows 1 & 2 twice.
Rows 7-10: With MC, work Rows 1 & 2 twice.

Rep **Rows 3 - 10** until 3 sts are left on the left-hand needle.

Bind-off Row: K1, k2tog tbl, pass 1 st stitch over, cut yarn and pull through to close.

Finishing

Weave in ends. Wet or steam block as desired and lay flat to dry. To maintain the texture, don't over-stretch or pin this shawl.

If you used high-contrast colours, like the sample, you may want to add a dye catcher or white vinegar to your blocking bath to prevent colours running.

Thank you to the test knitters that helped perfect this pattern!