

# Building Lace

**Ready to tackle lace knitting? This is the third in the series of popular skill-building monthly knitting classes!**

[Learn the basics...and beyond!](#)

This skill-builder will help you learn the basis of lace knitting: nupps, smocking, double yarn-overs, cables and lace, and even applying beads to your lace!

## **Make the scarf, or the shawl** (Shawl pictured in book)

Please note that the whole shawl/scarf is knit as one piece, not in separate pieces as **Building Blocks** and **Building in Color** were. Each section has to be finished before you can start the next one (though you can miss a month and add that section later)

### [Materials needed:](#)

- **Yarn:** 1380 yds dk weight yarn **for shawl**  
**Or** 840 yds dk weight yarn **for scarf**  
Recommended: Sample is scrumptious in **Rylie Hikoo!** (5 hanks for shawl, 3 hanks for scarf)
- Needles: 24" circular size 6 (or size to obtain gauge)
- Cable needle
- Stitch markers
- **Book:** 'Building with Lace' by Michelle Hunter of Knit Purl Hunter
- Crochet hook: 4mm (US size F) used for provisional cast-on
- Tapestry needle to weave in ends
- **Optional:** 628 #6 seed beads and .75mm or 1mm crochet hook

### [Homework for 1<sup>st</sup> class:](#)

Make a gauge patch to the recommended gauge.

"The recommended gauge is 22 stitches and 29 rows = 4" x 4" in stockinette stitch

Gauge is extremely crucial in this project from a yardage standpoint. Knit to the recommended gauge, the shawl uses five skeins with approximately 110 yards / 40g remaining. While the shawl doesn't actually have to 'fit', proper sized stitches will use the recommended amount of yarn. Larger stitches will use more yarn, potentially causing a shortage. Take the time to knit a swatch to assess the stitches, and change needles if necessary"

For the first class you'll also need your size F (5mm) crochet hook and several yards of a smooth yarn (similar in weight to Rylie) for the provisional cast-on.