

Chalice Shawl



Increases in each even numbered row make pretty curved rays that radiate outward and create a crescent shaped shawl that wraps cozily around your shoulders and neck.

Materials: 1 Skein Cat Mountain Fiber Arts Fusion 500 Yarn (500 Yards, Worsted Weight).

Sample Garment knit in Hummingbird.

5.5mm/US Size 9 Circular Needle, minimum 24 inches long,

Gauge: 16 Stitches and 21 Rows = 4 Inches

Abbreviations:

Purl – P

Knit – K

Knit 2 Together – K2tog

Yarn Over - YO

Lay out the five balls of yarn that were in your skein, and decide in what order you would like to knit them. The sample was knit starting with a smooth yarn and then alternating textured yarns with smooth yarns. The last yarn used will form the bottom edge of the shawl. Each yarn was knit until it ran out.

Cast on 15 stitches using the cast on method of your choice (sample was done with long tail cast on).

Row 1: Purl all stitches (15 Stitches)

Row 2: K2, YO, K2, YO, K2, YO, K3, YO, K2, YO, K2, YO, K2 (21 Stitches)

Row 3: Purl all stitches (21 Stitches)

Row 4: K2, YO, K3, YO, K3, YO, K5, YO, K3, YO, K3, YO, K2 (27 Stitches)

Row 5: Purl all Stitches (27 Stitches)

Row 6: K2, YO, K4, YO, K4, YO, K7, YO, K4, YO, K4, YO, K2 (33 Stitches)

Row 7: Purl all stitches (33 Stitches)

Row 8: K2, YO, K5, YO, K5, YO, K9, YO, K5, YO, K5, YO, K2 (39 Stitches)

Row 9 and remaining odd numbered rows: Purl all stitches. Six stitches will be added with each even numbered row.

Row 10 and remaining even numbered rows: Continue as above, Knitting 2 edge stitches on each side of the shawl, and increasing 1 stitch on each of the two side rays on each side of the shawl and two stitches in the center panel. Each even numbered row adds a total of six stitches.

Bind-off: The number of rows that can be knit from each ball will diminish as the shawl increases in width. Please keep this in mind when knitting that last ball, and allow enough yarn to bind-off accordingly. Before doing the I-cord bind off, I had enough yarn to knit 7 rows with the last ball, and then do the bind-off. If you choose to do a traditional bind-off, you will have enough yarn to knit 2 or 3 more rows before binding-off.

Optional Applied I-Cord Bind-Off:

Tip: This technique is easiest if you use a short double pointed or straight needle in the appropriate size for your right needle, though you may also use your circular needle.

At the beginning of the row, beginning with the first stitch on the left needle, cast on three stitches thus:

Insert right needle into first stitch on the left needle and knit the stitch. Do not remove the stitch from the left needle, but pull it towards you, twist it once and place the just - knitted loop onto the left needle (1 stitch has now been cast on). Repeat two times more.

Begin Cast off – Knit the first two stitches. Knit the next two stitches together (this will be the third stitch that you cast on, plus the first existing stitch). Slide all three stitches from the right needle back over to the left needle.

K2, K2tog, slide all three stitches from the right needle back over to the left needle. Repeat this until you are at the end. Slide the three stitches over to the left needle, K2tog, K1, Slip the first loop over the second loop and secure the end.

Weave in ends.

Soak in warm water and wool wash or shampoo. Gently squeeze the water out and spin in your washer if desired. Lay out on a towel, pinning into shape if you wish.

