

Let's Go Fly A Kite - Worsted Weight



Shown in colorway Turquoise Trail

Supplies: One Cat Mountain Fiber Arts Fusion 750 Skein in Worsted Weight. 5.5 mm/US Size 9 circular needle, 90cm/36inch or longer.

Fusion 750 comes with 75 yards each of 10 different yarns, that will wind into a total of 10 balls. You may choose to knit the yarns in whatever order you wish. Below are the ten yarns included in the bundle, in the suggested order that they be used.

Fusion 750 Yarns & Descriptions:

- 1) 85% Wool/15% Silk (soft, multi-ply)
- 2) 80% Merino Wool /20% Bamboo (smooth, slight sheen)
- 3) 78% Mohair/13% Wool/9% Nylon (large loop boucle)
- 4) 100% Fine Count Merino (smooth single ply)
- 5) 80% Baby Alpaca/20% Polyamide (soft, fuzzy)
- 6) 50% Alpaca/30% Merino Wool/20% Silk (soft, sheen)
- 7) 60% Merino Wool/40% Silk (silky sheen)
- 8) 35% Baby Alpaca/30% Merino/30% Bamboo/5 % Nylon (fluffy, small loop boucle)
- 9) 75% Superwash Merino/20% Silk/5% Stellina * (sparkle)
- 10) 100% Wool (smooth "plain" wool yarn)

* This yarn may be 85% Wool/15% NEP (tweed)

Gauge – Approximately 16 stitches per 4 inches, worked in garter stitch. Gauge is not critical; please see below for notes about not running out of yarn.

Kite shaped shawls are constructed in two sections. In the first section, the work is increased symmetrically with yarn overs on each edge on both wrong and right side rows, and a double decrease in the center on right side rows to create the "V" shape. In the second section, increases on the left edge (left when the right side is facing you) are eliminated, and the center double decrease will shift to the left of the work, with the shawl being finished when it reaches the left edge. Approximately 40% of the yardage is used for the first section, and 60% for the second. Therefore, for Section 1, you should use 4 balls, or 300 yards of your bundle (40% of 750 yards = 300 yards) and 450 yards, or 6 balls, for Section 2.

I suggest leaving yourself some leeway by not using all of the 300 yards for Section 1 before switching to the Section 2 instructions. This shawl has a very specific end point and running out of yarn before the end is never fun.

A trick I used for the sample was saving approximately 10 to 15 yards of Yarn 1 instead of using all of it before switching to the next yarn. Since Yarns 1 and 10 look very similar, this was an "insurance policy" in case I ran out of Yarn 10 at the end, I would still have enough to finish with a yarn that looked the same.

Abbreviations:

K – Knit
P – Purl
YO – Yarn Over
S – Slip
K2Tog – Knit 2 Together
PSSO – Pass Slipped Stitch Over
PM – Place Marker
SM – Slip Marker

Section 1:

With Yarn #1, Cast on 3 Stitches

Row 1: K1, YO, P1, YO, K1

Row 2: K1, YO, S1, K2Tog, PSSO, YO, K1

Row 3: K1, YO, K1, P1, K1, YO, K1

Row 4: K1, YO, K1, S1, K2Tog, PSSO, PM, K1, YO, K1

Row 5: K1, YO, Knit to the marker, SM, P1, knit to the last stitch, YO, K1

Row 6: K1, YO, knit to 2 stitches before the marker, S1, K2tog, PSSO (you will need to remove and replace the marker to execute this), Knit to the last stitch, YO, K1

Repeat Rows 5 and 6, changing yarns as you run out of each one.

When you have used 4 of the balls, which is 300 yards, (or slightly less if you decided to heed my above advice) change to Section 2 instructions.

You may choose to not use a marker if you are confident that you will see the place where you need to do the double decrease on the right side rows and the center purl stitch on the wrong side rows.

Optional eyelet row:

This is entirely optional can be added to make things more interesting. On the sample of this shawl knit in Fingering weight, an eyelet row was added approximately every sixty rows across both Sections 1 and 2. The worsted weight sample does not have an eyelet row. You may choose to do it more or less often, or not at all. If you are like me and knit while binge watching television programs, it may prove annoying to have to count rows to do this, and if you don't get one at an exact increment, nothing bad will happen.

On a Row 6 Repeat: K1, YO, K1, *YO K2Tog*, repeat from * to * until 2 stitches before the Marker, S1, K2Tog, PSSO, repeat from * to * until the last stitch, YO, K1.

Row 5 Repeat: Complete as stated in Row 5 instructions.

If you get to the center decrease or the left edge and have only one stitch left (i.e. are not able to K2 Tog), simply Knit that stitch. Nothing bad will happen!

Section 2:

Beginning on the next Row 6 Repeat (Right side facing) Row:

Row 1: K1, YO knit to 2 stitches before the marker, S1, K2tog, PSSO (you will need to remove and replace the marker to execute this), Knit to the last stitch, K1.

Row 2: K1, Knit to the marker, SM, P1, knit to the last stitch, YO, K1

Note: You are not increasing on the left side of the work any longer. You are still increasing on the right side of the work. The center line where your double decrease occurs will begin shifting to the left of the work, by one stitch every two rows. When you get all the way to the left with it, consuming the last stitch with the double decrease, you are ready to bind off. This will occur on a Row 2 (Section 2) repeat row. Bind of Knitwise.

Block by soaking in water with a drop of shampoo or wool wash, then roll in a towel and pin out on a flat surface.

