

Eyre Shawl

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I first read Jane Eyre when I was fourteen. I had this mad, mad notion of 'reading all the classics' before I turned fifteen. I did not get far, of course, because I read indiscriminately and without any real understanding of what I read. Jane Eyre was one of the books I did read and I remember thinking it was 'okay but a bit dull'.

Then I decided to revisit Jane Eyre last year and the novel took my breath away. What an intelligent, passionate, fierce book it is. It is both a Victorian literary equivalent of a Mills & Boon novel ("Reader, I married him") and a proudly feminist book about the importance of knowing your own mind. The many knitting references were just cherries sprinkled on top! I swooned and cheered.

There was even a lovely bit where the housekeeper, Mrs Fairfax, says something in the vein of, "Oh, hang on a sec. Must. Finish. This. Row. before you dash off with the Master" – any knitter would smile in recognition. So, how could I resist designing a shawl to match Mrs Fairfax knitting away?



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This shawl is designed to be adjustable, so you can decide for yourself how big you want it. You will always need to work Chart A and Chart C once – but it is entirely up to you how many times you want to knit Chart B! For a smaller shawl, try working Chart B four times before proceeding to Chart C. For a larger shawl, try working Chart B nine times before proceeding to Chart C. The size pictured used laceweight/2ply, but you can easily adapt the shawl for sockweight/4ply yarn.

Materials:

Approx. 600 m/670 yds of laceweight/2ply yarn.
4mm circular, 80 cm/32” long
Stitch marker for marking centre stitch
(optional)

Tension:

17 sts/30 rows measured over 10 cmx 10cm
/4” by 4” of stocking stitch

Finished size of sample:

198 cm x 65 cm/78” by 25.5” (please see
above for tips on how to adjust size)



INSTRUCTIONS:

Cast on 2 sts.

Knit 14 rows.

Next Row (RS): K2, turn work 90°, pick up and k7 sts along the side, pick up and k2 sts from cast-on edge. 11 sts

Next Row (WS): K2, p7, k2. 11 sts

Next Row (RS): K2,yo, p5, yo K2. 13sts

Begin working from charts. Charts are worked as follows: K2, work chart from right to left to centre stitch, k centre st, work chart again in reverse, reducing from right to left, k2.

WS rows are not charted. Work all WS rows as follows: K2, purl until last two sts, k2.

Work Rows 1-18 of Chart A once (47 sts).

Work Rows 1-20 of Chart B seven times (327 sts).

Work Rows 1-29 of Chart C once (387 sts).

Cast off as follows: K2, *put both sts back onto left needle, k2tog-tbl, k1; rep from * to end.

Finishing: Block your shawl and weave in ends.

Key

- Centre stitch
- RS: knit
WS: purl
- RS: yo
WS: yo
- RS: ssk
WS: p2tog tbl
- RS: k2tog
WS: p2tog
- RS: sk2p
WS: Sl1 wyif, p2tog tbl, pss0
- Pattern repeat

CHARTS

Please note that the charts do not show the stitches you do either side of the lace chart. **Remember to begin and end every row with k2 (before and after the chart).**

The charts show the left-hand side of the shawl. After you have knitted the centre stitch, mirror the lace chart by reading it from left to right instead of from right to left.

Chart A

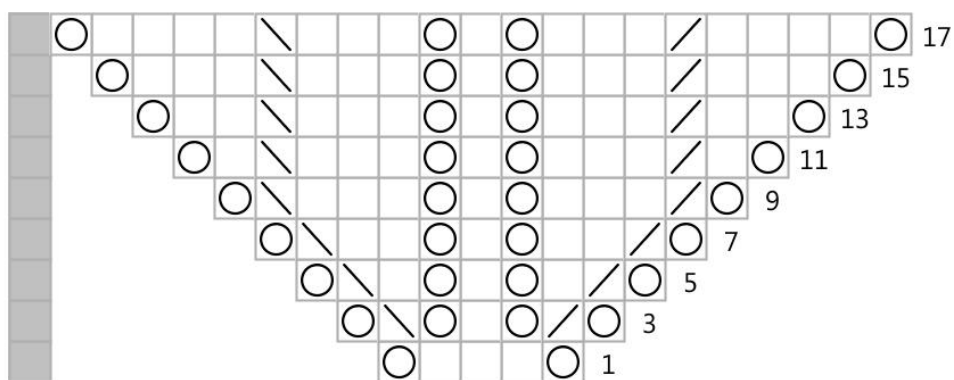


Chart B

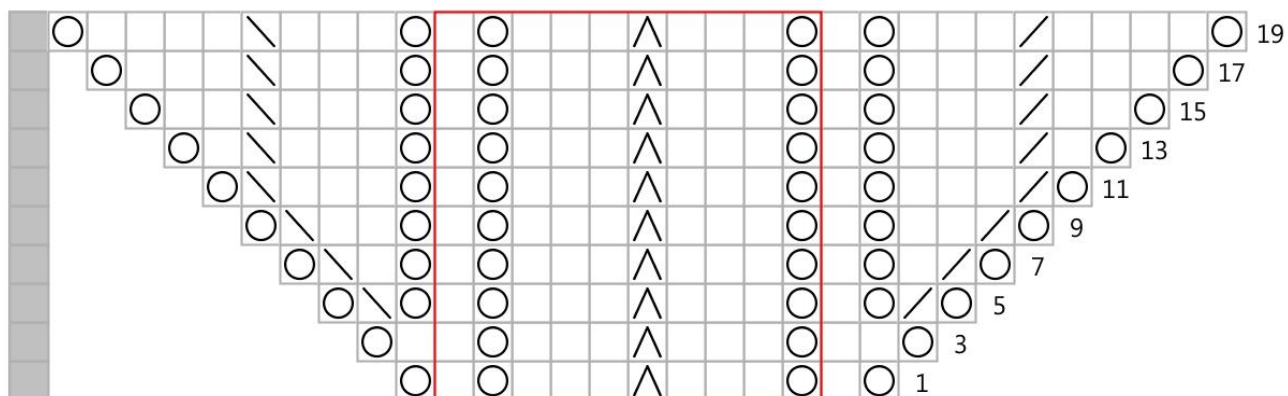
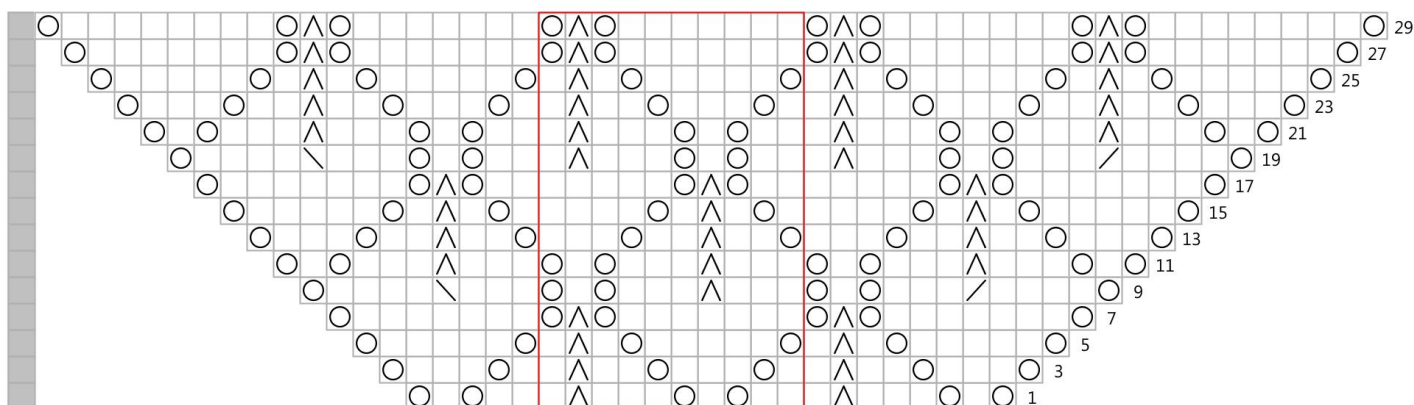


Chart C



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