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Arianrhod (pronounced: ah-ree-AN-rod (try and gently trill the "r" a bit like in Spanish) means 'Silver Wheel' in Welsh. She was an extremely beautiful goddess in Celtic mythology who had twin sons, one of whom Dylan became god of the sea. She was also known as a star goddess and is associated with the full moon, spinning (& hence spiders) and weaving. Her tree is the birch.

Drawing on these inspirations, this is a circular shawl incorporating spider, fountain, crest of the wave & leaf stitches. It is given in three sizes with a choice of two edgings and is suitable for lace to light fingering weight. An interesting knit for the intermediate knitter used to working lace, although it is not hard since alternate rounds are 'rest rounds' of knit only. It is suitable for any season depending on the weight chosen and would also be lovely as a baby shawl – after all Arianrhod is also known as the 'mother goddess'.

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## Finished Measurements

Lace weight to light fingering, approx. diameter: Small ( Medium; Large): 48" / 122 cm (51" / 130 cm; 57" / 145 cm)

**Materials** Lace weight to light fingering, 656 yards (600 meters) per 100g. Preferably all silk or a silk blend.

Small (Medium; Large) approx:

1200 – 1300 yd / 1097 – 1189 m (1350 – 1400 yd / 1234 - 1280 m; 1680 – 1700 yd / 1536 - 1555 m )

24" / 60 cm & 40" / 100 cm circular needles, US # 3 / 3.25 mm for lace weight / light fingering or size to achieve desired gauge. A longer circular such as 120 cm can be used if desired, so that the knitting has more room once the maximum number of sts are on the needle.

If 24" / 60cm circular is not used, one straight needle in same size as main needle will be needed for edging. Needle size is a recommendation only.

Dpns, US # 3 / 3.25 mm for lace weight / light fingering (or same size as circular needles used to achieve gauge) or 2<sup>nd</sup> 24" / 60 cm circular if prefer to use 2 circular method at start.

Crochet hook for CO; one stitch marker (or 48 if wanting to mark each rpt); point protector / end stopper if desired for right 'body' needle when working edging; blocking wires & pins

**Gauge** (Measured over stocking stitch & 4" / 10 cm)

Lace weight to light fingering on 3.25 mm needles: Before blocking: 25 sts / 29 rows. After blocking: 22 sts / 33 rows.

Gauge is not critical and is a personal choice depending on chosen yarn, although this may change overall measurements.

## Abbreviations

BO: bind off

CO: cast on

dpn(s): double pointed needle(s)

inc(s): increase(s)

k: knit

k2tog: knit 2 sts together

k3tog: knit 3 sts together

ktbl: knit through back of loop

m: marker

p2tog: purl 2 sts together

pm: place marker

rm: remove marker

rpt: repeat

RS: right side

ssk: slip two sts knitwise, knit the two sts together (left leaning decrease).

st(s): stitches

sk2pssso: slip one, knit two together, pass slip st over. (double decrease)

WS: wrong side

YO: yarn over

## Pattern notes

Arianrhod is worked from the centre out with sections of lace and regular increases using, but not identical to, the pi method for creating circular shawls. The edging is worked sideways and knitted onto the main part of the shawl, so that there is very little finishing to do apart from grafting a few stitches together. Either edging can be used, but if using edging A, 2 sts are decreased in the next but last round of the shawl.

## Directions

Using a crochet hook, CO 9 sts using the “Emily Ocker” method for creating a pinhole centre, see video here: <http://newstitchaday.com/emily-ockers-cast-on/> Transfer sts to set of dpns (changing to circular needle when required as sts increase). Work all sizes the same until section 4.

### **SET UP SECTION:**

**Round 1:** Knit, pm at start of round. Slip marker on all following rounds.

**INCREASE ROUND:** \*k1, YO, rpt from \* around (18sts)

**Rounds 3 - 5:** knit

**INCREASE ROUND:** \*k1, YO, rpt from \* around (36 sts)

### **SECTION 1:**

#### **WORK FROM WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS AS FOLLOWS OR CHART INSTRUCTIONS PAGE 6**

Work rounds 1 – 6 (CHART 1) as follows:

**Round 1:** \*k1, YO, sk2pssso, YO, k2, rpt from \* around

**Round 2 & all even rounds:** knit

**Round 3:** \*k2tog, YO, k1, YO, ssk, k1, rpt from \* around

**Round 5:** rm, k1, pm, \* YO, k3, YO, sk2pssso, rpt from \* around

**Round 6:** knit

**INCREASE ROUND:** \*k1, YO, rpt from \* around (72 sts)

### **Knit one round**

Work rounds 7 – 12 ( CHART 1) as follows:

**Rounds 7, 9 & 11:** \*YO, ssk, k1, k2tog, YO, k1, rpt from \* around

**Round 8 & all even rounds:** knit

**Repeat rounds 1 – 6 as above**

**INCREASE ROUND:** \*k1, YO, rpt from \* around (144 sts)

### **SECTION 2:**

Work rounds 1 – 12 (CHART 1B) as follows:

**Round 1:** rm, k2, pm, \*YO, ssk, k1, k2tog, YO, k1, rpt from \* around

**Round 2 & all even rounds:** knit

**Rounds 3 & 5:** \*YO, ssk, k1, k2tog, YO, k1, rpt from \* around

**Round 7:** \*k1, YO, sk2pssso, YO, k2, rpt from \* around

**Round 9:** \*k2tog, YO, k1, YO, ssk, k1, rpt from \* around

**Round 11:** rm, k1, pm, \* YO, k3, YO, sk2pssso, rpt from \* around

**Round 12:** knit

Work rounds 1 – 12 (CHART 2) as follows:

**Rounds 1, 3, 5 & 7:** \*[ssk] 2 times, [YO, k1] 3 times, YO, [k2tog] 2 times, k1, rpt from \* around

**Round 2 & all even rounds:** knit

**Rounds 9 & 11:** purl

**Round 12:** knit

**INCREASE ROUND:** \*k1, YO, rpt from \* around (288 sts)

### **SECTION 3:**

Work the following 8 rounds (CHART 3) **THREE TIMES (24 rounds):**

**Round 1:** \*k1, YO, k3, YO, k2tog, k1, ssk, YO, k3, YO, k1, sk2psso, rpt from \* around

**NOTE :** on subsequent rpts at the start of round 1, you need to rm, k1, pm and then start the round with the k1 as above.

**Round 2 & all even rounds:** knit

**Round 3:** rm, k1, pm, \*k2, YO, k2, YO, k2tog, k1, ssk, YO, k2, YO, k2, sk2psso, rpt from \* around

**Round 5:** rm, k1, pm, \*k3, YO, k2tog, YO, k3, YO, ssk, YO, k3, sk2psso, rpt from \* around

**Round 7:** rm, k1, pm, \*YO, k2, k2tog, YO, k1, YO, sk2psso, YO, k1, YO, ssk, k2, YO, sk2psso, rpt from \* around

**Round 8:** knit

Work the following 12 rounds (CHART 2B) **TWO TIMES (24 rounds):**

**Rounds 1 & 3:** purl

**Round 2 & all even rounds:** knit

**Rounds 5, 7, 9 & 11:** \*[ssk] 2 times, [YO, k1] 3 times, YO, [k2tog] 2 times, k1, rpt from \* around

**Round 12:** knit

### **NEXT 3 ROUNDS:**

**Rounds 1 & 3:** purl

**Round 2:** knit

**INCREASE ROUND:** \*k1, YO, rpt from \* around (576 sts)

### **SECTION 4: INSTRUCTIONS FOR SMALL SIZE WITH MEDIUM, LARGE SIZES IN ( )S**

**To determine which size to follow according to available yardage, weigh yarn at start of section 4 and again at end of 1<sup>st</sup> rpt of chart 4 to give 'x' yds used. To complete shawl you will need approx. 4.5 – 5 times 'x' for small; 5.5 – 6 times 'x' for medium & 7 – 7.5 times 'x' for large. This is an approximation and as always it's better to err on the generous side with yardages rather than run out.**

### **ALL SIZES: Knit one round**

Work the following 16 rounds (CHART 4) **THREE (THREE, FOUR) TIMES. 48 (48, 64) rounds:**

**Round 1:** \*k3tog, k1, [YO, ktbl] 3 times, YO, k1, [ssk] 2 times, k4, rpt from \* around

**Round 2 & all even rounds:** knit

**Round 3:** \*ssk, k2, YO, k3, YO, ktbl, YO, k1, [ssk] 2 times, k3, rpt from \* around

**Round 5:** \*ssk, k1, YO, k5, YO, ktbl, YO, k1, [ssk] 2 times, k2, rpt from \* around

**Round 7:** \*ssk, YO, k3, k2tog, k1, [YO, ktbl] 2 times, YO, k1, [ssk] 2 times, k1, rpt from \* around

**Round 9:** \*k3, [k2tog] 2 times, k1, [YO, ktbl] 3 times, YO, k1, sk2psso, k1, rpt from \* around

**Round 11:** \*k2, [k2tog] 2 times, k1, YO, ktbl, YO, k3, YO, k2, k2tog, k1, rpt from \* around

**Round 13:** \*k1, [k2tog] 2 times, k1, YO, ktbl, YO, k5, YO, k1, k2tog, k1, rpt from \* around

**Round 15:** \*[k2tog] 2 times, k1, [YO, ktbl] 2 times, YO, k1, ssk, k3. YO, k2tog, k1, rpt from \* around

**Round 16:** knit

Work the following 12 rounds (CHART 2B) **ONE (TWO,THREE) TIMES. 12 (24, 36) rounds:**

**Rounds 1 & 3:** purl

**Round 2 & all even rounds:** knit

**Rounds 5, 7, 9 & 11:** \*[ssk] 2 times [YO, k1] 3 times, YO, [k2tog] 2 times, k1, rpt from \* around

**Round 12:** knit

NEXT 3 ROUNDS (ALL SIZES):

**Rounds 1 & 3:** purl

**Round 2:** knit, decreasing 2 sts evenly in the round if wanting to work edging A only (574 sts for edging A, 576 sts for edging B)

**DO NOT BREAK YARN & CONTINUE WITH EITHER EDGING A OR B AS FOLLOWS:**

The edging is worked flat with RS & WS rows. On RS rows the last st is worked together with a st from the shawl. You may wish to use a point protector / end stopper on right needle holding the shawl sts.

**EDGING A (EDGING CHART A):**

CO 13 sts onto left needle holding shawl sts, using the 'knitted on' method. Using a spare needle, work back & forth as follows:

**Row 1 (RS):** k2, YO, ssk, YO, k5, YO, k3, k2tog

**Row 2 & all even (WS) rows:** k2, purl to last 2 sts, k2

**Row 3:** k1, [ssk, YO] 2 times, k2, sk2pssso, k4, k2tog

**Row 5:** k1, [ssk, YO] 2 times, k2, k2tog, k3, k2tog

**Row 7:** k1, [ssk, YO] 2 times, k2, k2tog, k2, k2tog

**Row 9:** k1, [ssk, YO] 2 times, k2, k2tog, k1, k2tog

**Row 11:** k2, YO, ssk, YO, k1, YO, k2, [k2tog] 2 times

**Row 13:** k2, YO, ssk, YO, k3, YO, k3, k2tog

**Row 14:** k2, purl to last 2 sts, k2

Work these 14 rows a total of 82 times, until all shawl sts have been used

**EDGING B (EDGING CHART B):**

CO 10 sts onto left needle holding shawl sts, using the 'knitted on' method. Using a spare needle, work back & forth as follows:

**Row 1 (RS):** YO, k1, YO, ssk, YO, k2, ssk, YO, k2, k2tog

**Row 2 & all even (WS) rows:** k2, purl to last 2 sts, p2tog

**Row 3:** YO, k1, YO, ssk, YO, k2, [ssk, YO] 2 times, k1, k2tog

**Row 5:** YO, k1, YO, ssk, YO, k2, [ssk, YO] 2 times, k2, k2tog

**Row 7:** YO, k1, YO, ssk, YO, k2, [ssk, YO] 3 times, k1, k2tog

**Row 9:** YO, ssk, [YO, k2tog] 2 times, k2, [YO, k2tog] 2 times, k1, k2tog

**Row 11:** YO, ssk, [YO, k2tog] 2 times, k2, [YO, k2tog] 2 times, k2tog

**Row 13:** YO, ssk, [YO, k2tog] 2 times, k2, YO, k2tog, k1, k2tog

**Row 15:** YO, ssk, [YO, k2tog] 2 times, k2, YO, [k2tog] 2 times

**Row 16:** k2, purl to last 2 sts, p2tog

Work these 16 rows a total of 72 times, until all shawl sts have been used

**BOTH VERSIONS:** Do not BO, but graft live sts with first row. Block & enjoy. :)

**CHARTS INSTRUCTIONS (FOLLOWING SET UP):**

WORK CHART 1 ROUNDS 1 - 6 (6 rounds); WORK INC ROUND (K1, YO around) (72 STS);

KNIT 1 ROUND. WORK: CHART 1, ROUNDS 7 – 12 THEN RPT ROUNDS 1- 6 (12 rounds); WORK INC ROUND (144 STS)

WORK CHART 1B ONCE (12 rounds); CHART 2 ONCE (12 rounds); WORK INC ROUND (288 STS)

WORK CHART 3 THREE TIMES IN TOTAL (24 rounds). NOTE ON ALL UNEVEN ROUNDS EXCEPT THE 1ST OF THE 1ST REPEAT, THE ROUNDS START WITH: REMOVE M, K1, PM

WORK CHART 2B TWO TIMES IN TOTAL (24 rounds); NEXT 3 ROUNDS: PURL; KNIT; PURL; WORK INC ROUND (576 STS)

**CHECK YARDAGE NOW AND AT THE END OF ONE RPT OF CHART 4 TO DETERMINE WHICH SIZE TO FOLLOW (SEE P. 4)**

**KNIT 1 ROUND.**

WORK CHART 4, THREE (THREE, FOUR) TIMES IN TOTAL 48 (48, 64) rounds;

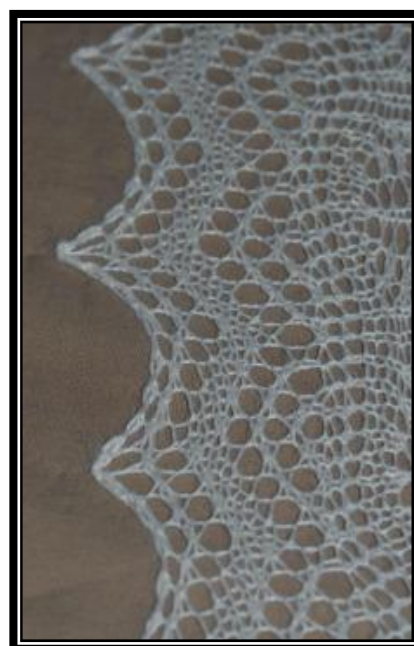
WORK CHART 2B, ONE (TWO, THREE) TIMES IN TOTAL 12 (24, 36) rounds

NEXT 3 ROUNDS: PURL; KNIT (DECREASE 2 STS EVENLY IN ROUND IF USING EDGING CHART A ONLY; PURL (574 sts for chart A, 576 sts for chart B)

**BOTH VERSIONS DO NOT BREAK YARN.** Using knitted on method, CO 13 sts and continue with EDGING CHART A (82 times) or CO 10 sts and continue with EDGING CHART B (72 times). Do not BO, but graft live sts with first row. Block & enjoy. :)



**EDGING A**



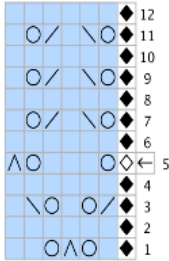
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# CHARTS

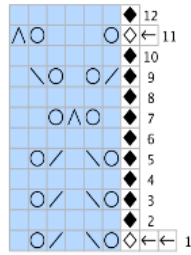
Key

- repeat
- work at start of all rounds
- work at start of round on 2nd & 3rd rpts only
- place marker
- slip marker
- RS: knit  
WS: purl
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WS: knit
- ktbl (within rpt)
- yo
- RS: ssk  
WS: p2tog
- k2tog
- sk2pssso
- k3tog
- remove marker, K1 (or K2 for 2 arrows)
- RS: knit together with shawl st

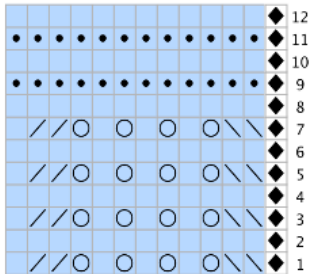
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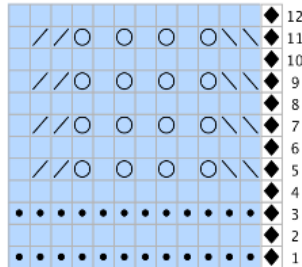
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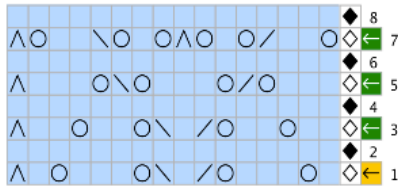
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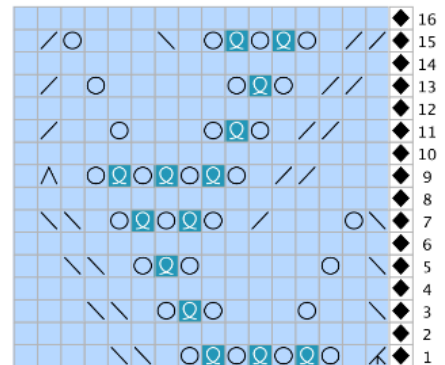
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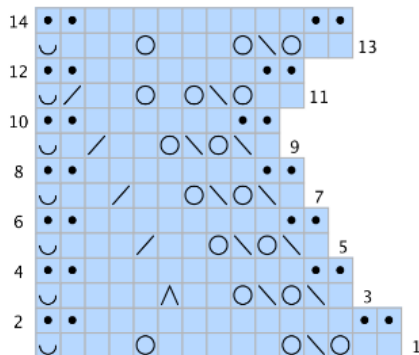
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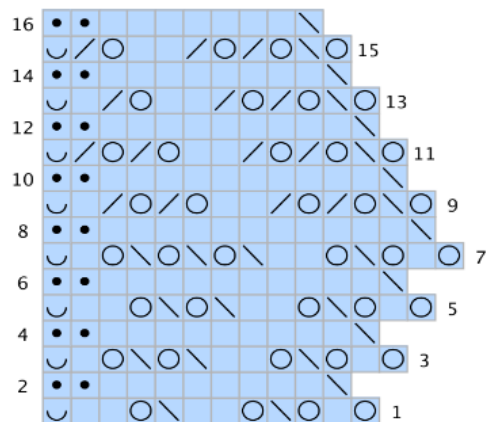
ARIANRHOD 4



ARIANRHOD EDGING A



ARIANRHOD EDGING B



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