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Wild Orchid

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SHALLOW CRESCENT (FINGERING)

Inspired by a surprise & rare find of a wild orchid in a wood near my home, this sideways knitted shawl or shawllette is a versatile knit in two versions (elongated crescent / triangle or asymmetrical) and two depths. The garter body has an i-cord top edge which is worked at the same time as the rest of the shawl, a deep lace border of a flower panel and then fagoting which forms a zigzag lower edge. For the crescent version, half the yarn is used before starting the decrease section and the asymmetrical one can be worked to use all the yarn, making it adaptable to different yardages. Although I have chosen to work it in 3ply to fingering weights, it could also be worked in thicker (or finer) yarns to see you through all seasons. In alpaca or merino it's ideal for a cosy autumn & winter accessory or in a silk or silk blend it works well for dressier occasions.

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Finished Measurements

examples only as varying numbers or repeats can be worked. End measurements in []s

Shallow crescent: fingering weight / 18 (20) total pattern rpts: width 48.5" / 123 cm (53" / 135 cm); depth 14" / 35.5 cm [9" / 23 cm]

Deeper triangular: 3ply / light fingering / 24 total pattern rpts: width 60" / 152 cm; depth 26" / 66 cm [10" / 25 cm]

fingering weight / 26 total pattern rpts: width 70" / 178 cm; depth 26" / 66 cm [9" / 23 cm]

Shallow asymmetrical: fingering weight / 26 total pattern rpts: width 70" / 178 cm; depth (BO) 22" / 56 cm [9" / 23 cm]

Deeper asymmetrical: fingering weight / 19 total pattern rpts: width 51" / 130 cm; depth (BO) 45" / 114 cm [9" / 23 cm]

Materials

Fingering weight yarn, 400 yd / 366 m per 100 g. Or heavy lace weight, 656 yd / 600 m per 100g. Silk blends work well.

Shallow crescent: Fingering (for 18 - 20 total rpts): approx. 340 - 420yd / 311 - 384 m

Deeper triangular: Heavy lace weight (for 24 total rpts): approx. 540 yd / 494 m

3ply / light fingering (for 24 total rpts): approx. 600 yd / 549 m

Fingering (for 26 total rpts): approx. 740 yd / 677 m

Shallow asymmetrical: Fingering (for 26 total rpts): approx. 660 yd / 604 m

Deeper asymmetrical: Fingering (for 19 total rpts): approx. 835yd / 764 m

Circular needle (shallow; deeper versions): 24" / 60 cm; 32" / 80 cm.

3ply / light fingering: 3.75 mm / US # 5; Fingering: 4mm / US # 6 or size to achieve desired gauge.

3 stitch markers, blocking wires & pins

Gauge

4" / 10 cm measured over garter stitch

Light fingering / 3ply on 3.75 mm before blocking: 17 sts 33 rows; after blocking: 21 sts 30 rows

Fingering on 4mm before blocking: 26 sts 36 rows; after blocking: 22 sts 26 rows

Gauge is not crucial but any changes will affect overall appearance, size & yardage needed.

Abbreviations

BO: bind of

CO: cast on

Inc(s): increase(s)

k: knit

k2tog: knit 2 sts together

k3tog: knit 3 sts together

ktbl: knit through back of loop

m: marker

M1R: make 1 stitch leaning right: insert right needle into bar between stitches from front to back; place stitch on left needle with leading leg at back, knit into the front of stitch, twisting it

p: purl

p2tog: purl 2 sts together

p2togtbl: purl 2 sts together through back of loop

pm: place marker

rpt: repeat

RS: right side

sl: slip st purlwise with yarn at back

slm: slip marker

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

The shawl is worked sideways, casting on stitches for the lace border and i-cord edge and the start of the garter section. Regular increases (& decreases after the mid point for the crescent / triangular versions) are made just before the lace section. The lace border consists of 2 sections, an inner flower lace & outer fagoting (forming the zigzag edge) with a stitch marker placed to divide the two. There are 2 stitches worked on wrong side in each flower section repeat as well as throughout in the fagoting section. For the crescent / triangular versions yarn must be weighed before starting, so that just under half is used for the increase section, before starting the decrease section. For the asymmetrical versions no decreases are made and the increases are continued throughout until BO across all stitches.

Directions

NB: FOR CRESCENT / TRIANGULAR VERSIONS PLEASE WEIGH YOUR YARN BEFORE STARTING, SO THAT YOU'LL KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN DECREASING.

ALL VERSIONS:

CO 39 sts using cable method.

SET UP SECTION:

Row 1 (RS): k2, pm, k2, pm, k19, pm, k16

Row 2: knit

INCREASE SECTION For shallow crescent & shallow asymmetrical versions ONLY: OMIT increases in [bold]. i.e increases every 4 rows (every other RS row)

For deeper triangular version & deeper asymmetrical versions: work increases in [bold] IN ADDITION TO INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHALLOW VERSION. i.e. increases every 2 rows (every RS row):

Row 1(RS): sl2, slm, knit to m, M1R, slm, k2, (YO, k2tog) twice, (k2tog) twice, k2, YO, k3, YO, ssk, YO, k2, slm, k3, (ssk, YO, k1) twice, (k2tog, YO) twice, ktbl, YO, k2

Row 2: sl1, k8, (ssk, YO, k1) twice, k2, slm, purl to m, slm, knit to m, slm, p2

Row 3: sl2, slm, knit to m, [M1R], slm, k2, YO, k2tog, (k3tog) twice, (YO, k1) twice, k1, (ssk, YO) twice, k2, slm, k3, (ssk, YO, k1) twice, k1, (k2tog, YO) twice, ktbl, YO, k2

Row 4: sl1, k9, (ssk, YO, k1) twice, k2, slm, p11, p2tog, purl to m, slm, knit to m, slm, p2

Row 5: sl2, slm, knit to m, M1R, slm, k2, YO, k3tog, YO, k3, YO, k2, (ssk, YO) twice, k2, slm, k3, (ssk, YO, k1) twice, (k2tog, YO) three times, ktbl, YO, k2

Row 6: sl1, k10, (ssk, YO, k1) twice, k2, slm, purl to m, slm, knit to m, slm, p2

Row 7: sl2, slm, knit to m, [M1R], slm, k2, YO, k2tog, YO, k1, YO, k2, ssk, YO, k2, (ssk, YO) twice, k2, slm, k3, (ssk, YO, k1) twice, k1, (k2tog, YO) three times, ktbl, YO, k2

Row 8: sl1, k11, (ssk, YO, k1) twice, k2, slm, purl to m, slm, knit to m, slm, p2

Row 9: sl2, slm, knit to m, M1R, slm, k2, YO, k2tog, YO, k3, YO, k2, (ssk) three times, YO, ssk, YO, k2, slm, k3, (ssk, YO, k1) twice, (k2tog, YO) four times, k3

Row 10: ssk, k10, (ssk, YO, k1) twice, k2, slm, purl to m, slm, knit to m, slm, p2

Row 11: sl2, slm, knit to m, [M1R], slm, k2, (YO, k2tog) twice, k2, YO, k1, YO, (sk2psso) twice, ssk, YO, k2, slm, k3, (ssk, YO, k1) twice, k1, (k2tog, YO) three times, k3

Row 12: ssk, k9, (ssk, YO, k1) twice, k2, slm, p4, p2togtbl, purl to m, slm, knit to m, slm, p2

Row 13: sl2, slm, knit to m, M1R, slm, k2, (YO, k2tog) twice, k2, YO, k3, YO, sk2psso, YO, k2, slm, k3, (ssk, YO, k1) twice, (k2tog, YO) three times, k3

Row 14: ssk, k8, (ssk, YO, k1) twice, k2, slm, purl to m, slm, knit to m, slm, p2

Row 15: sl2, slm, knit to m, [**M1R**], slm, k2, (YO, k2tog) twice, k2, YO, k2tog, k2, YO, k1, YO, ssk, YO, k2, slm, k3, (ssk, YO, k1), twice, k1, (k2tog, YO) twice, k3

Row 16: ssk, k7, (ssk, YO, k1) twice, k2, slm, purl to m, slm, knit to m, slm, p2

For crescent & triangular shawls rpt these 16 rows until just under 50% of yarn is used (or desired number of times), ending after row 16. Then continue with the decrease section.

For asymmetrical shawls rpt these 16 rows for desired width along top edge, then knit 2 rows & BO LOOSELY purlwise on RS, using size larger needle if needed. Block & enjoy. :)

CRESCENT / TRIANGULAR VERSIONS ONLY:

DECREASE SECTION For shallow crescent version: OMIT decreases in [**bold**]. For deeper triangular version: work decreases in [**bold**] **IN ADDITION TO INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHALLOW VERSION.** i.e. the decreases for shallow version are every 4 rows (every other RS row) & the deeper version every 2 rows (every RS row):

Row 1 (RS): sl2, slm, knit to m, k2tog, slm, k2, (YO, k2tog) twice, (k2tog) twice, k2, YO, k3, YO, ssk, YO, k2, slm, k3, (ssk, YO, k1) twice, (k2tog, YO) twice, ktbl, YO, k2

Row 2: sl1, k8, (ssk, YO, k1) twice, k2, slm, purl to m, slm, knit to m, slm, p2

Row 3: sl2, slm, knit to m, [**k2tog**], slm, k2, YO, k2tog, (k3tog) twice, (YO, k1) twice, k1, (ssk, YO) twice, k2, slm, k3, (ssk, YO, k1) twice, k1, (k2tog, YO) twice, ktbl, YO, k2

Row 4: sl1, k9, (ssk, YO, k1) twice, k2, slm, p11, p2tog, purl to m, slm, knit to m, slm, p2

Row 5: sl2, slm, knit to m, k2tog, slm, k2, YO, k3tog, YO, k3, YO, k2, (ssk, YO) twice, k2, slm, k3, (ssk, YO, k1) twice, (k2tog, YO) three times, ktbl, YO, k2

Row 6: sl1, k10, (ssk, YO, k1) twice, k2, slm, purl to m, slm, knit to m, slm, p2

Row 7: sl2, slm, knit to m, [**k2tog**], slm, k2, YO, k2tog, YO, k1, YO, k2, ssk, YO, k2, (ssk, YO) twice, k2, slm, k3, (ssk, YO, k1) twice, k1, (k2tog, YO) three times, ktbl, YO, k2

Row 8: sl1, k11, (ssk, YO, k1) twice, k2, slm, purl to m, slm, knit to m, slm, p2

Row 9: sl2, slm, knit to m, k2tog, slm, k2, YO, k2tog, YO, k3, YO, k2, (ssk) three times, YO, ssk, YO, k2, slm, k3, (ssk, YO, k1) twice, (k2tog, YO) four times, k3

Row 10: ssk, k10, (ssk, YO, k1) twice, k2, slm, purl to m, slm, knit to m, slm, p2

Row 11: sl2, slm, knit to m, [**k2tog**], slm, k2, (YO, k2tog) twice, k2, YO, k1, YO, (sk2pssso) twice, ssk, YO, k2, slm, k3, (ssk, YO, k1) twice, k1, (k2tog, YO) three times, k3

Row 12: ssk, k9, (ssk, YO, k1) twice, k2, slm, p4, p2togtbl, purl to m, slm, knit to m, slm, p2

Row 13: sl2, slm, knit to m, k2tog, slm, k2, (YO, k2tog) twice, k2, YO, k3, YO, sk2pssso, YO, k2, slm, k3, (ssk, YO, k1) twice, (k2tog, YO) three times, k3

Row 14: ssk, k8, (ssk, YO, k1) twice, k2, slm, purl to m, slm, knit to m, slm, p2

Row 15: sl2, slm, knit to m, [**k2tog**], slm, k2, (YO, k2tog) twice, k2, YO, k2tog, k2, YO, k1, YO, ssk, YO, k2, slm, k3, (ssk, YO, k1), twice, k1, (k2tog, YO) twice, k3

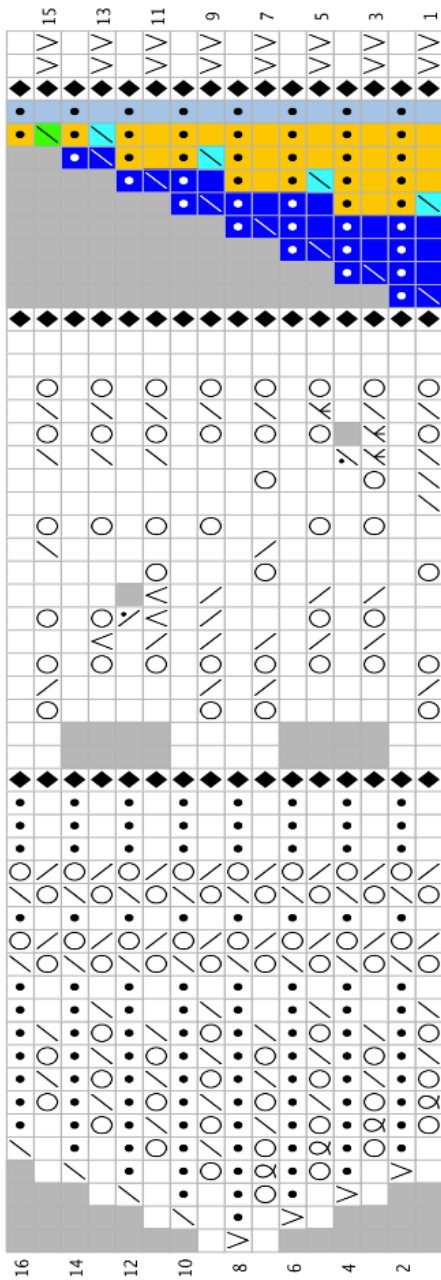
Row 16: ssk, k7, (ssk, YO, k1) twice, k2, slm, purl to m, slm, knit to m, slm, p2

Work these 16 rows the same number of times as the increase rpts (39 sts)

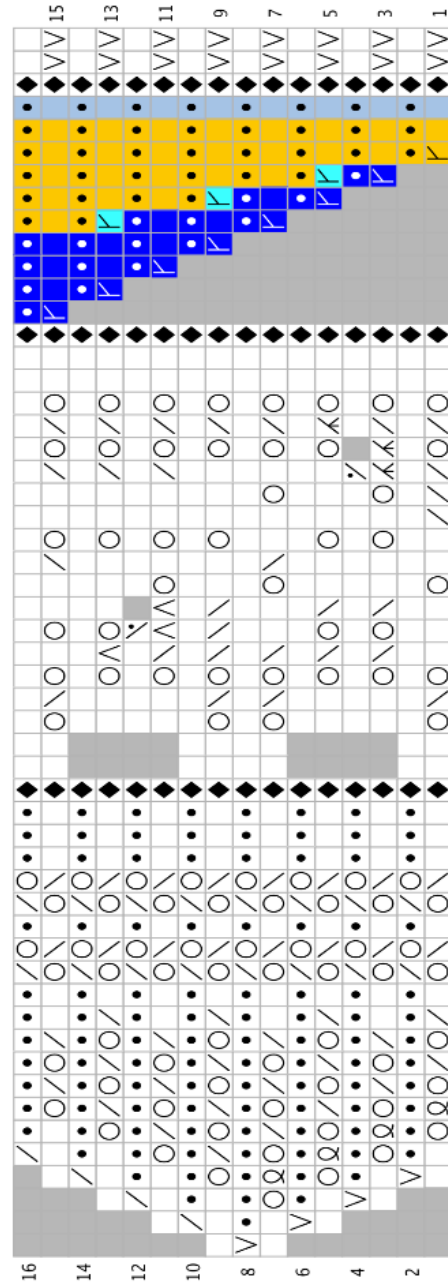
Knit 2 rows then BO LOOSELY purlwise on RS, using size larger needle if needed. Block & enjoy. :)

NOTE FOR WORKING CHARTS: work increase chart for ALL versions, but decrease chart for crescent / triangular shawls only.

WILD ORCHID DECREASE CHART

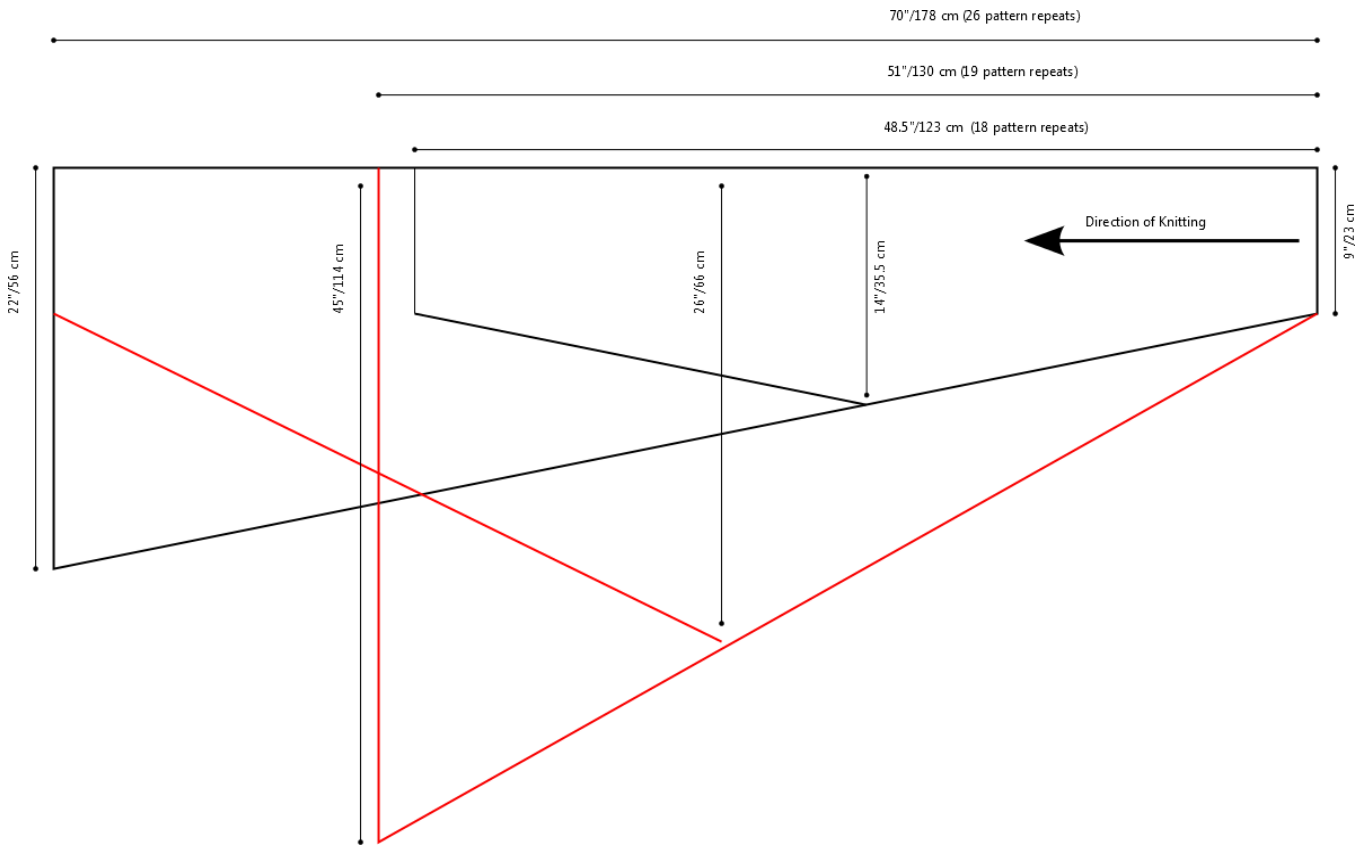


WILD ORCHID INCREASE CHART



Key

- increase / decrease shallow version only
- RS / WS: grey no stitch
- garter section both versions
- garter section deeper version only
- decrease deeper shawl only
- repeat
- RS / WS: slip marker
- RS: knit
WS: purl
- RS: purl
WS: knit
- RS: k tbl
- RS: yo
- WS: yo
- RS: k2tog
WS: ssk
- RS: ssk
WS: k2tog
- RS: k3tog
- WS: p2tog
- WS: p2tog tbl
- RS: sl1, k2tog, psso
- RS / WS: slip purwise with yarn at back
- RS: M1R



**SCHEMATICS FOR FINGERING WEIGHT (number of repeats are an example only).
Shallow versions in black, deeper versions in red.**



DEEPER TRIANGULAR (3ply)

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