



SWEET NOVEMBER KNIT SHAWL

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I knit up this shawl after watching the movie “Sweet November”. Charlize Theron wore this shawl/scarf in various colors throughout the movie and while the movie was not really my cup of tea, I couldn’t take my eyes off the scarf. As soon as the movie ended, I wanted to knit this scarf but considered that others had probably thought the same. I googled ‘sweet november scarf’ and found a number of crocheted versions of the shawl. While I can crochet, I thought it would be cool to work out how to knit it. Thus, the ‘Sweet November Knit Shawl’.

Skill Level: Intermediate or adventurous beginner

Finished Measurements: 78” across top edge, 26” from center back to bottom point

Gauge: Gauge is not a huge factor here. You might want to work some rows to see if you like the look of the lace knitted. It should be open and drapy.

Materials:

- Size 6.5mm (US 10.5) needles
- Crochet Hook (size K/6.5mm)
- Scrap yarn
- Stitch markers
- Tapestry needle

Yarn: approx. 300 yards of heavy worsted or aran weight yarn. It is best to use a drapy yarn. *Used in photo: Blue Sky Alpacas Dyed Cotton (Poppy)*

Abbreviations:

CO = cast on

PM = place marker

SM = slip marker

sts = stitches

K = knit

P = purl

yo = yarnover

k2tog – knit 2 together

ssk – slip slip knit (slip the first stitch as if to knit, slip the second stitch as if to knit, then slide the left-hand needle into the front part of both stitches and knit them together)

kfb – knit into front and back of stitch (increases one stitch)

SHAWL PATTERN:

I've noted two cast-ons for this shawl. The Garter-tab cast-on is recommended as it creates a seamless border; however, it is an advanced skill. For the less experienced knitter, an ordinary cast-on is also provided.

» **Garter-tab cast-on:** With crochet hook and scrap yarn, chain 4 stitches. With shawl yarn and needles, knit up 2 sts in 2 back loops (bumps) of crochet chain.

Knit 7 rows. There will be 3 garter ridges.

Turn work 90 degrees and pick up 1 stitch in each of the 3 garter ridges. Turn the work 90 degrees again and carefully unzip the crochet chain and place the 2 cast-on stitches on needles. Knit these two stitches. (7 stitches total).

» **Ordinary cast-on:**

CO 5 sts.

Rows 1 and 2: knit.

Row 3: k1, kfb, k1, kfb, k1. (7 sts)

Row 4: knit

» **Shawl body:**

Row 1: K2, **PM**, YO, K1, YO, **PM**, K1 (center st), **PM**, YO, K1, YO, **PM**, K2 (11 sts)

Row 2 and all even rows: K2, **SM**, purl to last 2 sts, **SM**, K2

Row 3: K2, **SM**, YO, K1, YO, **SSK**, YO, **SM**, K1, **SM**, YO, K2tog, YO, K1, YO, **SM**, K2 (15 sts)

Row 5: K2, **SM**, YO, K1, YO, [SSK, YO] to marker, **SM**, K1, **SM**, [YO, K2tog] to one stitch before marker, YO, K1, YO, **SM**, K2 (19 sts)

Row 6: K2, **SM**, purl to last 2 sts, **SM**, K2

Repeat rows 5 and 6 to desired shawl size ending after a right side row. I knitted to 171 sts on the needle. Be sure to leave sufficient yarn for fringe.

» **Cast off using a flexible bind off as follows:**

K1, *K1, transfer 2 sts back to left needle, and K2tog through back loops* across.

Finishing:

Weave in ends. Wet block; pin in place and block to shape.

Add Fringe:

Cut lengths of yarn approximately 14" long. Numerous online videos and tutorials teach how to add fringe. For example: http://www.ehow.com/how_2226277_add-fringe-scarf.html. I folded two strands at a time and used a crochet hook to place fringe approximately two to three stitches apart.

