

Almost alike

kindly translated into english by Helle Reed

I won't write anything about amounts of yarn used. It varies a lot, all depending on what expression, you want from the finished project. Knitting Needles US size 6/4 mm or US size 8/5 mm is good, and then you can chose thickness of yarn yourself.

Thin yarn gives a light and airy shawl, and thicker yarn a more compact expression. In the picture below, the shawl is knitted up, in 1 thread of Drops Alpaca, and 1 thread of thin mulberysilk on US size 8/5 mm. That choice of yarn, makes the shawl heavy and drapeable.

The best You can do, is to knit a swatch, before you knit the shawl.



You have to be familiar with the technique, how to make a knitted on edging, where you during the knitting, knit the resting stitches, into the project again, by knitting 2 together every 2nd row, on the side toward the project.

The shawl contains of a center, a border - and a edging.

Center:

Cast on 3 stitches.

Row 1: Yo, and knit until end of row. Repeat this row, until there are 36/60 loops on each side of the project. There is two different sizes for the center-triangle in garterstitch. You choose, what you like :-)

Bind off, when you got the size you chosed.

Border:

Pick up all 36/60 loops from one of the sides (there are 2 sides) on your needle.
Knit one side at a time, in following way:

1. row: Yo, k3, *(yo, k1) 6 times, k6 *.

Repeat from * to * until there are 9 stitches left, (yo, k1) 6 times, k3.

2 - 4 row: Yo, knit until end of row.

5. row: Yo, k2, (k2tog) 3 times, * (yo, k1) 6 times, (k2tog) 6 times*. Repeat from * to * until there is 14 stitches left (yo, k1) 6 times, (k2tog) 3 times, k2.

6 - 8 row: As on row 2.

9. row: Yo, k3, k2tog ; Yo, k1, (k2tog) 2 times, *(k1, yo) 6 times, (k2tog) 6 times*. Repeat from * to *, until there is 16 stitches left, (yo, k1) 6 times, (k2tog) 2 times, k1, yo, k2tog, k3.

10 - 12 row: As on row 2.

13 row: Yo, k3, (yo, k1) 2 times, (k2tog) 4 times, * (yo, k1) 6 times, (k2tog) 6 times*. Repeat from * to * , until there is 19 stitches left, (yo, k1) 6 times, (k2tog) 4 times, (yo, k1) 2 times, k3.

14 - 16 row: As on row 2.

17 row: Yo, k3 (yo, k1) 3 times, (k2tog) 5 times, * (yo, k1) 6 times, (k2tog) 6 times*. Repeat from * to * until there is 22 stitches left, (yo, k1) 6 times, (k2tog) 5 times, (yo, k1) 3 times, k3.

18 - 20 row: As on row 2.

21 row: Yo, k3, (yo, k1) 4 times, (k2tog) 6 times, * (yo, k1) 6 times, (k2tog) 6 times*. Repeat from * to * , until there is 7 stitches left, (yo, k1) 4 times, k3.

22 - 24 row: As on row 2.

25 row: Yo, k3, k2 tog, (yo, k1) 5 times, (k2tog) 6 times, * (yo, k1) 6 times, (k2tog) 6 times*. Repeat from * to * , until there is 10 stitches left, (yo, k1) 5 times, k2tog, k3.

26 - 28 row: As on row 2.

29 row: Yo, k3 (k2tog) 2 times, * (yo, k1) 6 times, (k2tog) 6 times*. Repeat from * to * until there is 13 stitches left, (yo, k1) 6 times, (k2tog), k3.

30 - 32 row: As on row 2.

Start over from row 9 and repeat row 9 - 32 until you think, the work has an suitable size. Leave the stitches resting on a needle or on a piece of yarn, and knit the other side the same way. Leave those stitches to rest to-, because now it is time to knit the edging along the whole shawl.



Edging:

Cast on 8 stitches. Those stitches are the width of the edging, and now it is time to start knit it. While you knit it, you knit the edging together with the border, so the edging in that way get attached to the shawls border.

1 row: (right side) Slip 1 knitwise, k2, (yo 2 times, k2tog) 2 times , k1 (you got 10 stitches).

2 row: k3, p1, k2, p1, k3 (the last stitch is knitted together with one stitch of the shawls border).

3 row: slip 1 knitwise, k9.

4 row: k10 (remember to knit the last stitch together with a stitch from the shawls border - this is done on all even rows).

5 row: slip 1 knitwise, k2, (yo 2 times, k2tog) 3 times, k1 (13 stitches)

6 row: k3, p1, (k2, p1) 2 times, k3 (remember to knit stitch together with border).

7 row: slip one knitwise, k12.

8 row: k13 (remember to knit stitch together with border).

9 row: slip one knitwise, k12.

10 row: Bind off 5 stitches, k7 (8 stitches)



Start over at row 1, and continue with those 10 rows, until you reach the end. Bind off remaining stitches. Darn in ends, and sew the border together in the middle of the back. Wash and dry. Wear the shawl with pride, and enjoy that you made this beautiful shawl, all done by you.

If you want a square shawl/blanket, you are to do as above, but instead of start out with a triangle, you knit a square, where you then pick up stitches along all 4 sides, one at a time. Then you going to start like this:

Center:

Cast on 3 stitches.

1 row: yo og knit rest of row. Repeat this row, until there are 36/60 loops on each side of the project.

Next row: yo, k3tog, knit rest of row. Repeat until there is 3 stitches left. Bind off.

Now you pick up stitches along the 4 sides, knit the border (one at a time), and continue as written above.