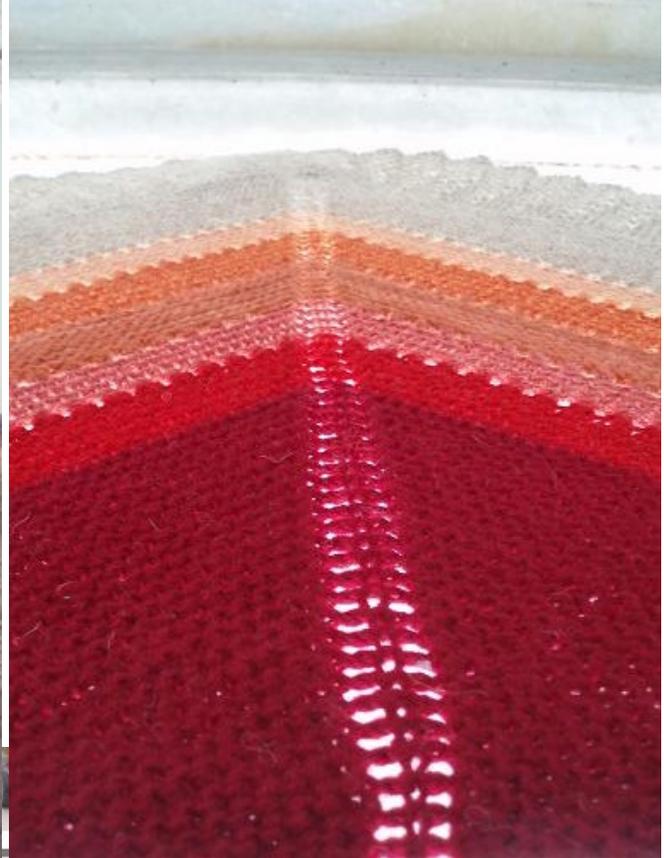


Transition Stash-Buster Shawl



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About the pattern: The Transition Stash-buster Shawl happened as I looked at several leftover bits and odd ends of yarn, which all turned out to have the same colours. I then raided the stash to find other yarns that would fit in, and in the end I had a good selection. Together they became this shawl, where I devised a way to change colour on both sides of the shawl, without the change being too visible. The shawl is knit in plain garter stitch with shoulder shaping. The garter stitch lace border is knit onto the shawl sideways at the end.

Sizes: one size

Finished measurements: The choice is yours, as you can simply add or detract rows on the body of the shawl.

Materials: 400-500 grams of assorted yarn (such as worsted weight, sock yarn or fingering weight, the latter two held double) in colours that fit together
5mm circular needle or needle that fits your yarn choice. Also DPNs in same size
Markers

Gauge: Gauge isn't important in this shawl, as it is simply a matter of working more or fewer rows of the shawl to get the wanted size. To information, the shawl in the picture was worked with a gauge of approximately 16 sts and 32 rows (16 garter ridges) to a 4 inch square.

Abbreviation	Explanation
st(s)	<i>stich(es)</i>
CO/BO	<i>Cast on / Bind off</i>
k	<i>knit</i>
p	<i>purl</i>
RS / WS	<i>Right side / Wrong side</i>
kfb	<i>Knit into the front and the back of the stitch</i>
k2tog	<i>Knit 2 sts together</i>
stbl	<i>Slip 1 st knitwise, put st back on left needle and knit 2 sts together through the back loop</i>
sl 1	<i>Slip 1 st purlwise</i>
SM	<i>Slip marker</i>

Preparations for knitting and notes about the pattern:

Sort your selected yarns in a graduating scale. Make sure that you have quite a lot of the type you intend to knit the border with as it takes up more yarn than one would guess.

The pattern starts by telling you how to change yarns. As this is a stash-buster shawl, I cannot give directions on where you should change between shades, as the individual choices of yarn will determine that. The changing of yarn can take place on either side of the shawl. After directions for the colour change, the next section describes the simple shaping of the shawl.



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Changing colours:

If you change colour on a normal WS row (a number 2 row), work as following:

K3, (yo, k2tog) repeat () until 3 sts before marker, k3, SM, k1, SM, k3, (stbl, yo) repeat () until 3 sts before end k3

If you change colour on a WS row with increases (a number 4 row), work as following:

k2, kifb, (yo, k2tog) repeat until 3 sts before marker, k3, SM, k1, SM, k3, (stbl, yo) repeat until 3 sts before end, kifb, k2

Work the next row as normal.

If you change colour on a RS row, work as following:

k1, yo, k1, (yo, k2tog) repeat until 1 sts before marker, k1, yo, SM, k1, SM, yo, k1, (stbl, yo) repeat until 3 sts before end, k1, yo, k1

Work the next row as normal.

If you do not want to change colours with a yo row, make sure you change yarns at a RS row and just knit away.

Directions for knitting:

Co 5 sts and knit as following: k1, yo, k1, yo, place marker, k1, place marker, yo, k1, yo, k1

- Row 2 (ws): k all sts (slipping markers)
- Row 3 (rs): k1, yo, k to marker, yo, SM, k1, SM, yo, k to last sts, yo, k1

Repeat rows 2 and 3 for a total of 13 times. Now begin extra increases that shape the shoulder.

- Row 4 (ws): k2, kifb, k to last 2 sts, kifb, k2
- Row 5 (rs): k1, yo, k to marker, yo, SM, k1, SM, yo, k to last sts, yo, k1

Repeat rows 4 and 5 a total of 15 times.

Then, again, repeat rows 2 and 3 until you think the shawl is the right size. Make sure that the number of stitches you have got on either wing (not counting the middle stitch) is divisible with 5. For the shawl in the pictures, there were a total of 301 (=150 + 1 + 150) sts on the needle at that point.

Keep the stitches held on the needle and break yarn.

Now work the border.

The border is attached to the body of the shawl as it is knitted. Work the last stitch of every even-numbered row of the border together with a live stitch from the main body. Note that the wrong side of the shawl will be facing you on even-numbered (attaching) rows.

Co 20 sts on the DPN and work as follows:

- Set-up row: k to the last st, k2tog with first held st (from the body of the shawl)
- Row 1: sl 1, k3, (yo, k2tog) 7 times, yo, k2 (=21 sts)
- Row 2, 4, 6 and 8: k to the last st, k2tog with a held st from the body of the shawl
- Row 3: sl 1, k6, (yo, k2tog) 6 times, yo, k2 (=22 sts)
- Row 5: sl 1, k9, (yo, k2tog) 5 times, yo, k2 (=23 sts)
- Row 7: sl 1, k12, (yo, k2tog) 4 times, yo, k2 (=24 sts)
- Row 9: sl 1, k23
- Row 10: bo 4, k to the last st, k2tog with a held st from the body of the shawl (=20 sts)

Repeat rows 1-10 along the whole edge of the shawl body. On the last row (row 10) of the border repeat before the centre you will knit the last st together with the centre st.



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Work a whole repeat into the centre st as following:

- Row 1: sl 1, k3, (yo, k2tog) 7 times, yo, k2
- Row 2a: k9, wrap and turn, k to end of needle
- Row 2: k to the last 2 sts, wrap yarn around next st and turn work
- Row 3: k5, (yo, k2tog) 6 times, yo, k2
- Row 4 and 6: k to the last 2 sts, wrap yarn around next st and turn work
- Row 5: k8, (yo, k2tog) 5 times, yo, k2
- Row 7: k11, (yo, k2tog) 4 times, yo, k2
- Row 8a: k9, wrap and turn, k to end of needle
- Row 8: k to the last 2 sts, wrap yarn around next st and turn work
- Row 9: k22
- Row 10: bo 4, k to the last st (picking up the wraps and knitting them together with the stitch they were wrapped around), pick up the centre stitch from the row below and knit the last stitch together with this.

This centre repeat is special due to the short rows in it. This ensures that the border travels better across the centre point.

Continue knitting the edging on the second half of the shawl. At the very last repeat, you bind off all sts when knitting row 10.

Weave in ends and block the shawl.

Happy knitting

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