

Frankie's Knitted Stuff

Lucky Shawl

This shawl is easy and quick to knit. Worked in a reverse stocking stitch ripple from side to side, it looks really good in a variegated yarn.

It measures about 34 cm / 13½" deep in the middle and 112 cm / 44" from tip to tip. The ripples will stretch to make it wider than this when worn.



Yarn and Needles

I knitted my shawl with 200g of Stylecraft Cabaret DK (230m / 100g), a lovely soft yarn that comes in a range of colourways, all with added glitter. The one I chose is called Rainforest. I used 4 mm / US size 6 needles and worked to a tension of about 11 stitches and 15 rows to 5 cm / 2"² in stocking stitch.

The knitting is done in three stages: the beginning, middle and end. Stitches are increased in the beginning, maintained in the middle and decreased at the end.

The Beginning

Using the cable method cast on three stitches.

Rows 1, 3 & 5: Kf&b, K to end.

Rows 2 & 4: Purl. (3 sts increased)

Rows 6, 8 & 10: Kf&b, K to last 2 sts, K2tog.
Rows 7 & 9: Purl.

Keep repeating these ten rows until you have 75 stitches on your needle, or until your shawl is deep enough. End with Row 10.



The Middle

Although stitches will still be increased and decreased during this stage, the shawl will stay the same width.

Rows 1, 3 and 5: Kf&b, K to end.
Row 2 & 4: Purl. (3 sts increased)

Rows 6, 8 & 10: K to last 2 sts, K2tog.
Rows 7 & 9: Purl. (3 sts decreased)

Work these ten rows nine times. If you want to be sure of having enough yarn remember that the middle of this section will be halfway through the shawl.

The End

Now the stitches are decreased to match the beginning.

Rows 1, 3 & 5: Kf&b, K to last 2 sts, K2tog.
Rows 2 & 4: Purl.

