



Crescent

A crescent shaped shawl, knitted in two halves, and joined on the machine. Standard Gauge machine [could adapt for others]. T10 throughout for 4 ply weight, but gauge not important. Sock wool would be excellent for this pattern.

Method

Right half: Cast on 2 stitches on R31-32. Carriage on right.

Row 1 and every odd numbered row. Increase on left by moving end stitch to next empty needle [R30 on first row]. Leave empty needle in work.

Row 2 and every even numbered row. Increase on left and right sides by

moving end stitches to next empty needle. Leave empty needles in work. You are forming a row of eyelets up the right side, which will form the centre spine of the shawl.

And Every 10th row: Make an eyelet row in addition to the increases. Transfer alternate stitches one needle to the right. Leave empty needles in work. [This can all be done with transfer tool, or multi transfer tool, or lace carriage, but I used a chunky 3 stitch transfer tool. I found the lace carriage method easier when it transferred well, but needed to check on the transfers, and finally opted for the easiest method for me.]

Continue to row 100 for a small shawl [if you wanted to wear it bandanna style, for instance] or row 130 for a larger one, which will have almost a full bed of needles [as pictured]

Finish off with two plain rows after the last eyelet row.

Then either cast off, or take off machine on waste yarn [see below for notes on casting off]

Left half: As right half, but reverse shaping. Start on L31-32, and during cast on hook the first right eyelet from the right half piece on to needle L32. While you are knitting, on each even row, you will hook the next eyelet on to the leftmost needle in work. This will continue right through to form the centre join for the two halves.

Cast off

I actually hate casting off loads of stitches on the machine [gives me backache] so I took it off on waste yarn, then completed the cast off by hand, but the same method is possible on the machine.

Picot cast off

Cast on 5 stitches then cast off 10 stitches. Do this all along the edge, until all stitches are cast off. If you would like to add a bead to the point of the picot, add it on the 5th stitch you cast on, by inserting it on a fine crochet hook, then hooking the stitch through the bead before replacing it on the needle.

Alternative [easier] edging for the Crescent Shawl by Pat BS

When you have finished knitting the scarf put all needles in hold except four needles at right.

*Knit 6 rows on these four stitches. Cast off the end three stitches.

Bring 3 more stitches into work *

Repeat from * to *

Tip: As I was casting off behind the pegs I found it easier to bring the stitch not cast off to hold before lifting the cast off bit over the pegs. I then put the 4 stitches into work and continued. This saved dropped stitches!!

Finishing

Very important!!! The absolutely best way is to wet block shawls. Soak in cool water before pinning out damp on a blocking board, and leave to absolutely dry. Stretch to the maximum! Then stitch in ends.

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