

Levens

A simple stockinette shawl with a central row of ruching which widens to include two more ruffles and a delicate lacy edge. Starting in the centre, increases are placed on the inside of a slipped stitch edging every row and on either side of the centre ruched column every other row, creating the shallow, wide shape.

Materials

350-400 yards of 4-ply or lace weight yarn (Shown in Posh Yarn Sylvia 4-ply). A yarn with a good drape will probably work best.
 1 32" 5mm circular needle
 1 7mm crochet hook for bind off. Tapestry needle

Gauge (after blocking)

20 stitches and 24 rows per 4 inches in stocking stitch.

Abbreviations

K = Knit

P = Purl

Sts = Stitches

S = Slip 1

Wyif = With yarn in front

Wyib = With yarn in back

YO = Yarn over

M1L = Make 1 left

M1R = Make 1 right



PM = Place marker

SM = Slip marker

K2tog = Knit two together

SSK = Slip slip knit

P2tog = Purl two together

P2togTBL = Purl two together through the back loop

Techniques

M1L: With right needle tip pick up the bar between the stitch just worked and the next stitch on the left needle. Place this stitch on the left needle tip with the right 'leg' of the stitch nearest to you. (The way a normal stitch would.) Knit this stitch through the back loop.

M1R: With right needle tip pick up the bar between the stitch just worked and the left stitch on the left needle. Place this stitch on the left needle tip with the left 'leg' of the stitch nearest to you. (The stitch should be facing a different way to a normal stitch.) Knit this stitch through the front loop, as normal.

Double crochet bind-off: Using crochet hook knit the first stitch on left needle tip as normal. *Knit next stitch in the same way. Bring yarn clockwise over crochet hook and draw through both stitches on hook. Repeat from * to end.

Notes

For all M1's on rows 7 and 11 you will have to lift the 'float' of yarn (which is created by slipping the stitches on the previous row) behind the centre 3 stitches rather than the usual 'bar' between the stitches.

All slipped stitches should be slipped purlwise with the yarn where the pattern specifies.

Measurements

The sample shown measures 41 inches across the wingspan and 9 inches deep in the centre. By adding or subtracting the number of repeats Levens can easily be made bigger or smaller meaning that almost every scrap of yarn can be used up.

Directions

Set-up Rows:

Cast on 4 sts.

Row 1 (RS) – K4

Row 2 – S3 wyif, K1

Work rows 1-2 4 times more. Do not turn work at end of last row. With wrong side facing pick up and knit 5 sts along side edge of work (1 stitch between each ridge). Pick up and purl 4 sts along cast on edge. 13 sts.

Begin working main body of shawl as follows:

<u>Row</u>	<u>Edge Sts</u>		<u>Centre Sts</u>		<u>Edge Sts</u>	<u>Sts at end</u>
1 (RS)	S3wyib, K1, PM	YO, K1, M1L	PM, K3, PM	M1R, K1, YO	PM, K4	17 sts
2	S3wyif, K1, SM	YO, P to M	SM, P3, SM	P to M, YO	SM, K1, P3	19 sts
3	S3wyib, K1, SM	YO, K to M, M1L	SM, K3, SM	M1R, K to M, YO	SM, K4	23 sts
4	S3wyif, K1, SM	YO, P to M	SM, P3, SM	P to M, YO	SM, K1, P3	25 sts
5	S3wyib, K1, SM	YO, K to M, M1L	SM, S3wyib, SM	M1R, K to M, YO	SM, K4	29 sts
6	S3wyif, K1, SM	YO, P to M	SM, S3wyif, SM	P to M, YO	SM, K1, P3	31 sts

7	S3wyib, K1, SM	YO, K to M, M1L	SM, S3wyib, SM	M1R, K to M, YO	SM, K4	35 sts
8	S3wyif, K1, SM	YO, P to M	SM, P3, SM	P to M, YO	SM, K1, P3	37 sts
<p>Repeat rows 5-8 12 times more. You should now have 181sts. Place another 2 markers 25sts in from each end of row.</p>						
9	S3wyib, K1, SM	YO, K to M, SM, S3wyib, K to M, M1L	SM, S3wyib, SM	M1R, K to 3 sts before M, S3wyib, K to M, YO	SM, K4	185 sts
10	S3wyif, K1, SM	YO, P to M, SM, S3wyif, SM, P to M	SM, S3wyif, SM	P to 3 sts before M, S3wyif, SM, P to M, YO	SM, K1, P3	187 sts
11	S3wyib, K1, SM	YO, K to M, SM, S3wyib, K to M, M1L	SM, S3wyib, SM	M1R, K to 3 sts before M, S3wyib, K to M, YO	SM, K4	191 sts
12	S3wyif, K1, SM	YO, P to M	SM, P3, SM	P to M, YO	SM, K1, P3	193 sts
<p>Repeat rows 9-12 8 times for a shawl the size of my sample. For a larger shawl knit more repeats of Rows 9-12. FOR ALL SIZES OF SHAWL - Work rows 9 and 10 once more. You should now have 295 sts if you are knitting the standard size shawl.</p>						
Row						
13	S3wyib, K1, SM	YO, (K2tog, YO) to 1 stitch before M, K1, SM, S3wyib, (K2tog, YO) to M, M1L	SM, S3wyib, SM	M1R, (YO, SSK) to 3 sts before M, S3wyib, SM, K1, (YO, SSK) to M, YO	SM, K4	299 sts

14	S3wyif, K1, SM	YO, P1, (YO, P2tog,) to 1 st before M, P1, SM, P3, (YO, P2tog,) to 1 st before M, P1	SM, P3, SM	P1, (P2togTBL, YO) to 3 sts before M, P3, SM, P1, (P2togTBL, YO) to 1 st before M, P1, YO	SM, K1, P3	301 sts
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Stitch count at end of each repeat:

Rows 5-8

First Pattern Section	Repeat 1	Repeat 2	Repeat 3	Repeat 4	Repeat 5	Repeat 6	Repeat 7	Repeat 8	Repeat 9	Repeat 10	Repeat 11	Repeat 12
37 sts	49 sts	61 sts	73 sts	85 sts	97 sts	109 sts	121 sts	133 sts	145 sts	157 sts	169 sts	181 sts

Rows 9-12

First Pattern Section	Repeat 1	Repeat 2	Repeat 3	Repeat 4	Repeat 5	Repeat 6	Repeat 7	Repeat 8	Half Repeat
193 sts	205 sts	217 sts	229 sts	241 sts	253 sts	265 sts	277 sts	289 sts	295 sts

Finishing

Using the double crochet bind-off (see Techniques), bind off all sts.

If you find this technique awkward, using a 7mm knitting needle bind off as follows:

(P2tog, P1, S both stitches on right hand needle back to left needle tip) to end.

Block, being careful not to flatten out the ruching detail. Weave in ends.

