June 2007 Pattern Contest Winner – Lace Wannabe
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For Jimmy Beans Wool

Please help us to congratulate Hannah for June's winning entry! This terrific summery pattern is a great introduction to simple lace work. This shawl is approximately an advanced beginner level of difficulty, so you don't have to be an expert to love making this shawl!

This shawl is a lightweight cotton semi-circular shawl, perfect for summer, and perfect for that new knitter wanting to start doing some lace. Not only are there some yarn overs, but this also has a very easy knitted-on border. Learning how to do that is essential for a lot of traditional lace patterns out there. The shawl has a unique beginning - a 4 stitch garter strip is knit, then stitches are picked up along the left side and along the cast-on edge, creating the slightly curved bottom. So many shawl patterns are the traditional pointy triangle, which, let's face it, aren't the most flattering for some of us. The rounded, short bottom falls around-about the waist, but is wide enough to completely cover the shoulders in any fashion you want.

About the designer

My name is Hannah and I am a Knitter! I live in Reno, NV and I have been knitting for over 3 years, and have been teaching both knitting and crochet for the last 2 years. You can catch up with my current projects on my blog at handmadebyhannah.blogspot.com I also spin a lot of my own yarn, and dabble in weaving.

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Measurements
- 65" wide and 23.5" deep

Materials
- 3 skeins of Blue Sky Alpacas Dyed Organic Cotton in color Ladybug #629 (worsted weight; machine washable; 100% cotton; 150 yards)
- Circular knitting needles, US size 11 24" or size needed to obtain gauge
- 2 US 11 Double Point Needles

Gauge
- Approx 9 sts = 4", blocked in stockinette stitch

Abbreviations
- CO - Cast On
- Dec - Decrease
- DD - (Double Decrease) Sl 2 sts together knitwise, k1, pass 2 sl sts over k st-2 sts dec.
- K2tog: Decrease by knitting 2 sts together
- Kfb: Increase by knitting into both the front and back loops of the stitch
- P - Purl
- p2tog - purl two sts together
- Pfb: Increase by purling into the front and back loops of the stitch
- RS - Right side
- sts - Stitches
- WS - Wrong side
- Yo: yarn over - bring working yarn toward you between the needle tips

Directions

Begin!
- Cast on 4 stitches onto US 11 circular needle.
- Knit 18 rows (9 ridges.)
- Row 1 - YO, (Pick up and knit 1 st from left side of garter st strip, YO) 5 times, pick up and knit 4 sts from cast on edge. (19 sts)
- Row 2 - Knit 4, Pfb, purl across to last 5 sts, Pfb, knit 4. (21 sts)
- Row 3 - Knit 4, YO, Kfb, knit across to last 5 sts, Kfb, YO, knit 4. (25 sts)
- Repeat Rows 2 and 3 two more times, ending with a RS row (37 sts)
- Next row (Purl Row/WS) - Knit 4, purl across to last 4 sts, knit 4.
- Knit Row/RS - Knit 4, YO, knit across to last 4 sts, YO, knit 4.
- Repeat the previous 2 rows (Knit Row and Purl Row) until you have 133 sts, ending on a WS row (you should be ready to knit the next row).
- YO Row - Knit 4, YO, knit 1, YO, (K2tog, YO) across to last 4 sts, knit 4. Do not cut working yarn.

Knitted-on Border
- Slip the first 4 sts onto a US 11 dpn, leaving the rest of the live sts on the circular needle.
- Row 1 (WS) - Knit 2, K2tog, turn.
- Row 2 (RS) - Knit 2, Kfb, turn
- Row 3 - Repeat row 1
- Row 4 - Repeat row 2
- Row 5 (WS) - Knit 3, slip st knit-wise, slip next live st from circ needle onto dpn, insert left dpn into front loops of both sts and knit together, turn.
- Row 6 (RS) - Slip st knit-wise, knit 3, turn.
- Repeat rows 5 and 6 across live sts until there are 4 sts left. End with a WS row.
- Row 7 - repeat row 2
- Row 8 - repeat row 1
- Row 9 - repeat row 2
- Row 10 - repeat row 1
- Row 11 - knit
- Execute a 3 needle bind off with the last 4 sts on circular needle. Cut yarn, weave in all ends, and block aggressively.

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