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Odd Couple

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Odd Couple combines simple auto-pilot knitting with slip stitches and texture to tame wild, variegated yarns.

The shawl can be worked with any weight of yarn, be it sock yarn, bulky, or anything in between. The pattern starts with a small number of stitches and keeps increasing so you can make a shawl as big or small as you please.



Abbreviations

k = knit

kfb = knit into the front and back of a stitch

sl1(2) wyif = slip 1(2) stitch(es) purl-wise with yarn in front of stitch

pick up + k (kfb) = pick up and knit (kfb)

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together

p2tog = purl 2 stitches together

sm = slip marker

st(s) = stitch(es)

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Sizing

The shawl is knit from the small point at the bottom of the triangle and increases with every pattern repeat. You can bind off either when you've almost used up the yarn or when the shawl is as big as you want.

Gauge

This pattern is for any gauge, in any weight of yarn. To get a drapey, wrap-able shawl, I suggest using a needle one or two sizes above the recommended size.

Materials & Notions

Your pick of yarn in any weight. The yardage has such a large range due to varying gauges. If you have more than the max yardage listed you can use it all.

- Fingering Weight: 400 - 800 yds
- Sport Weight: 450 - 750 yds
- Worsted Weight: 400 - 600 yds
- Bulky Weight: 350 - 570 yds

Circular Needle 32" or longer to match yarn
1 stitch marker

Tapestry Needle

Sample

The sample shawl is knit on US 4 (3.5mm) needles with one skein, 435 yds, of Happy Fuzzy Yarn Corrie Sock in the *Verbena* colorway. After blocking, the shawl was 22" deep and 51" wide at the bind off.

How To Pick Up + K (KFB)

Please don't let "Pick Up + Knit" scare you away. It's a quick, simple and invisible increase.



Setup: Work across a right side row, k2tog, and slip the marker (highlighted by the arrow) to the right needle. You're picking up the stitch (yellow) sitting in the very back of the k2tog.



Insert the left needle from left to right into the back stitch (yellow) and ignore the front stitch (grey).



Insert the right needle knit-wise in the stitch and knit or knit into the front and back as needed.

For a video tutorial, go to withwool.com

How To Work Sl1(2) wyif

All of the slip stitches in this shawl are worked on the wrong side row. In the pattern, slip stitch instructions read like this: sl1 wyif, which means "slip 1 with yarn in front".

To work this stitch, bring the yarn to the front of the row - the wrong side in this case - and slip the stitch purl-wise. Then work the next stitch according to the pattern.

The Pattern

Cast on 5 sts.

Row 1: kfb, k1, k2tog, k1

Row 2: k1, s1 wyif, k3

Row 3: kfb, k1, k2tog, pick up + k, k1 (6 sts)

Row 4: k2, s1 wyif, k3

Row 5: kfb, kfb, k2tog, pick up + knit, k2 (8 sts)

Row 6: k2, sl2 wyif, k4

Row 7: kfb, k2, k2tog, place marker, pick up + kfb, k3 (10 sts)

Row 8: *k2, s1 wyif* twice, slipping the marker when you come to it, k4

Row 9: kfb, k1, kfb, knit to 2 stitches before marker, k2tog, sm, pick up + knit, knit to end of row (+2 sts)

Row 10: *k2, s1 wyif* to marker, sm, s1 wyif, knit to end of row

Row 11: kfb, k1, kfb, knit to 2 stitches before marker, k2tog, sm, pick up + kfb, knit to end of row (+3 sts)

Row 12: *k2, s1 wyif* to one stitch past marker, knit to end of row

Repeat Rows 9-12 until the shawl is the size you want or you have enough yarn left to bind off. You can bind off on any row of the repeat using the Decrease Bind Off or your favorite stretchy bind off.

To estimate how much yarn is needed to bind off, use a scale to measure how much yarn is used per row near the end of the shawl. I like to leave two rows worth of yarn for the Decrease Bind Off to have a little wiggle room. If you don't have a scale, pull out a length of yarn 4 - 5 times the length of a row.

Decrease Bind Off:

p2tog, slip stitch back to left needle, repeat section between * * until all stitches are bound off.

Tip: If you don't remember which row you're on, check the stitches to the left of the marker. If there is a slip stitch to the left of the marker and your working yarn is at the beginning of the right side row, you've completed Rows 9 and 10.

If there are 2 garter stitches left of the marker and the working yarn is at the beginning of the right side row, you've completed Rows 11 and 12.

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