FREE KNITTING PATTERN

Easy Knit Shawl

Top-down garter triangle with eyelet edges · 2 sizes · US terms

SKILL LEVEL	SIZE	NEEDLES
Easy	**47.9 × 24 in**	**US 8 (5 mm) circular**
YARN	**STITCHES**	**TIME**
Worsted (#4)	**k, yo, pick up**	**About 12–18 hours**

Materials

- Worsted (#4) yarn, wool or a soft blend: shawlette 740 yd, large shawl 1150 yd
- US 8 (5 mm) circular needle, 32 in, a removable stitch marker, tapestry needle

Abbreviations

k	knit	**RS / WS**	right / wrong side
yo	yarn over	**pm**	place marker
st(s)	stitch(es)		

Gauge: 18 sts × 36 rows = 4 in in garter stitch (assumed). Size follows your gauge: knit until the top edge is long enough.

Shawlette (about 47.9 × 24 in)

Tab	Cast on 2 sts. Knit 6 rows (3 garter ridges). Do not turn: rotate the piece 90 degrees, pick up and knit 3 sts along the side (1 in each ridge), then pick up and knit 2 sts from the cast-on edge.	**(7)**
Row 1 (RS)	K2, yo, k1, yo, k1 (centre st: place a marker on it), yo, k1, yo, k2.	**(11)**
Row 2 (WS)	Knit across.	**(11)**
Row 3 (RS)	K2, yo, knit to the centre st, yo, k1 (centre st), yo, knit to the last 2 sts, yo, k2. (4 sts increased)	**(15)**
Row 4 (WS)	Knit across.	**(15)**
Rows 5–148	Repeat Rows 3–4 until you have worked 148 rows and have 303 sts. (Every RS row adds 4 sts.)	**(303)**
Bind off	With the RS facing, bind off very loosely knitwise (use a needle 2 sizes larger, or the stretchy bind-off). Weave in the ends and block.	**(0)**

Large shawl (about 59.9 × 29.9 in)

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Row 4 (WS)	Knit across.	**(15)**
Rows 5–186	Repeat Rows 3–4 until you have worked 186 rows and have 379 sts. (Every RS row adds 4 sts.)	**(379)**
Bind off	With the RS facing, bind off very loosely knitwise (use a needle 2 sizes larger, or the stretchy bind-off). Weave in the ends and block.	**(0)**

Checkpoints (shawlette)

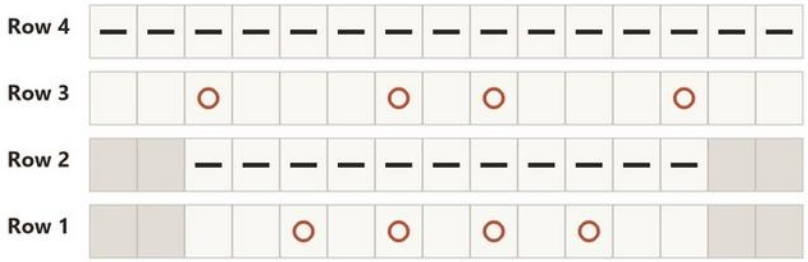
After Row 10	27 sts, about 5 in wide
After Row 40	87 sts, about 14 in wide
After Row 80	167 sts, about 27 in wide
After Row 120	247 sts, about 39 in wide
After Row 148	303 sts, about 48 in wide

What's exact, what's calculated

Exact	Every row was worked stitch by stitch in the engine: +4 sts on every RS row (4 yarn overs), the same count on every WS row.
Exact	The tab gives 3 + 2 + 2 = 7 sts (1 st per garter ridge, 2 from the cast-on, 2 live sts).
Exact	Each RS row leaves 4 eyelets: two along the top edge and two along the spine, so the holes line up on all three lines.
Calculated	Size: each half grows 1 st and 1 row at a time, so its base is twice its height when the garter row gauge is twice the stitch gauge. Then the apex angle of each half is 90 degrees, the top edge is straight and the wingspan is twice the depth (checked in code).
Calculated	Yarn: about 2.6 cm of worsted per stitch at this gauge, + 10% spare.
Assumed	Gauge 18 sts × 36 rows (18 ridges) = 4 in in garter stitch with worsted on US 8 needles. Size follows your gauge: knit until the top edge is long enough, ending with a WS row.

Knit Shawl · First Rows

Row 1 and Row 3 add 4 yarn overs (circles); WS rows are knit (garter ridge, shown as a dash)



RS: k2, yo, knit to the centre st, yo, k1, yo, knit to the last 2, yo, k2.

Grey squares: no stitch yet. The centre st and the 2 edge sts each side are never yarn overs.

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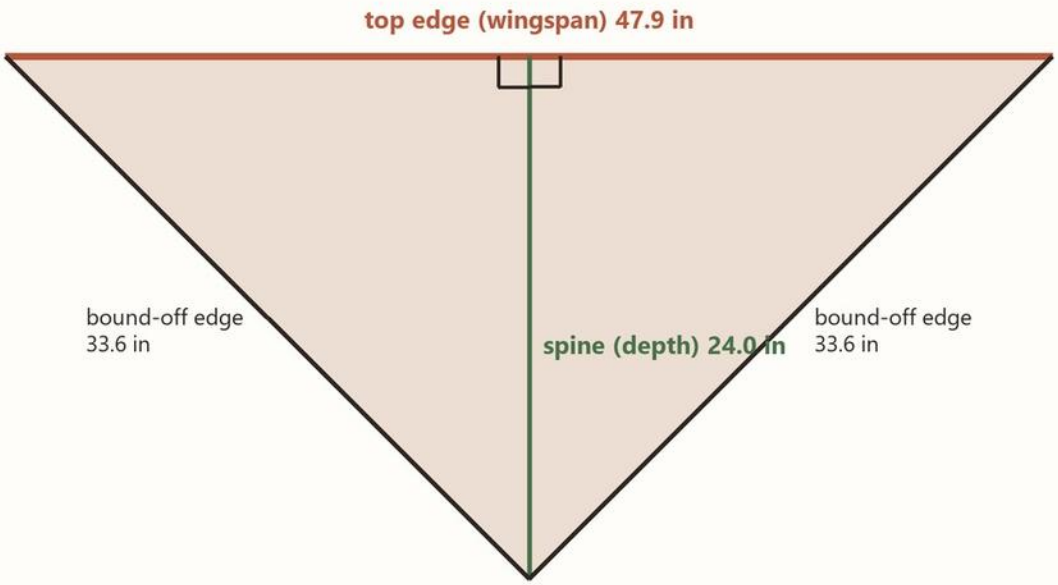
Knit Shawl · Why the Top Edge Is Straight

Each half is a right-angled triangle: 1 st and 1 row at a time, garter rows = 2 × sts



Shawlette: 148 rows after the tab, 303 sts. Each half: base 33.6 in, height 17.1 in rows 17.1 in deep (base ≈ 2 × rows), angle 89°.

Because the two halves meet at 90° + 90°, the top is a straight line and wingspan = 2 × depth.

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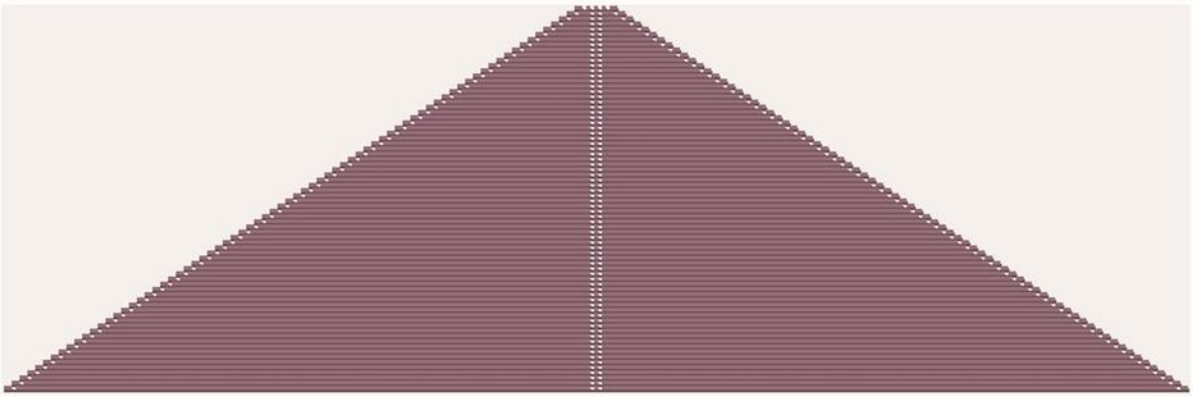
Knit Shawl · Row View

Simulated from the engine: one line per row, starting under the tab, +4 sts every RS row



last row: 303 sts on the needle (148 rows after the tab)

The white dotted lines are the eyelets: one up the centre (spine) and one along each edge.

Off the needle each half folds into a right angle, so the worn shawl is a triangle with a straight top edge.

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Knit Shawl · Sizes

Worsted (#4) yarn, US 8 (5 mm) circular needle · 18 sts × 36 rows = 4 in in garter

Size	Wingspan × depth	Rows	Last row	Yarn
Shawlette	47.9 × 24 in	148	303	740 yd (4 × 200 yd)
Large shawl	59.9 × 29.9 in	186	379	1150 yd (6 × 200 yd)

Rows are counted after the tab. Wingspan = 2 × depth for every size.

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