

Truckee Shawlette
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This month's design came as a request from Jimmy. She loves the simplicity of the garter stitch shawls we've been seeing so much of lately, and she wanted one knit out of our new exclusive yarn from Malabrigo, the Lace Superwash. I jumped at the chance to design with this brand new yarn, and boy am I glad I did! The Malabrigo Lace Superwash is a truly gorgeous yarn. The richly saturated colors and softness of the yarn create the perfect combo for this design.

The name inspiration comes a couple of different places. Truckee is both the name of a river and a town in our little corner of the world. The original Jimmy Beans Wool shop was in the heart of downtown Truckee, CA in the old train station building. Jimmy has many fond memories of that tiny little shop. The Truckee River winds its way from Lake Tahoe, through the towns of Truckee and Reno (connecting us both) and out to Pyramid Lake where it ends in the middle of the high desert. The Truckee River is an integral part of our lives in the Truckee Meadows and is very special to us residents for its water, recreational use, and bringing beauty to our high desert home. It also almost flooded our building earlier this month, which only reminds us further of who is actually in charge around here!

You can knit this simple Shawlette using either 2 or 4 skeins of the Malabrigo Lace Superwash with the yarn held single or double. When held single and knit on US size 3 needles, this yarn is light and airy creating a little wisp of warmth around your neck. When held double, and knit on US size 7 needles, the result is closer to a DK weight and creates a slightly warmer shawl. Either way, the Malabrigo colors shine beautifully! I hope you enjoy this new free pattern from Jimmy Beans Wool!

Materials:

Single Stranded Version:

- 2 skeins of Malabrigo Lace Superwash- 1 MC and 1 CC (Shown: 51- VAA and 862-Piedras)
- US size 3- 32" or 40" circular needles

Double Stranded Version:

- 4 skeins of Malabrigo Lace Superwash- 2 MC and 2 CC (Shown: 862- Piedras and 411- Green Gray)
- US size 7- 32" or 40" circular needles

**As of 12/11/12, the color #411 Green Grey has not arrived at the shop yet but it should be here soon.

Gauge:

Single: 6.5 sts to the inch before blocking

Double: 4.25 sts to the inch before blocking

Finished Measurements:

Single: 72" wingspan x 14" deep after blocking

Double: 84" wingspan x 17" deep after blocking

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****Note**** See section at the end for instructions on customizing your shawl to your specifications, ie. making the wingspan shorter and the depth taller.

Abbreviations:

K- Knit

M1R- Make 1 Right- With left needle tip, lift strand between needles from back to front. Knit lifted loop through the front.

M1L- Make 1 Left- With left needle tip, lift strand between needles from front to back. Knit lifted loop through the back.

MC- Main Color

CC- Contrasting Color

Directions:

*Directions are the same for both shawls. For the larger shawl, the yarn is held double and worked on larger needles. Be sure to carry the color not in use up the side loosely starting in Pattern Segment #2.

Set up rows:

-CO 3 sts with MC

-Row 1 (WS)- Knit

-Row 2 (RS)- K1, M1L, K1, M1R, K1

-Row 3 (WS)- K1, M1L, knit to last stitch, M1R, K1

-Work all following pattern segments in order as outlined below.

Pattern Segment #1:

-Row 1 & 2- Join CC and work 2 rows as follows: K1, M1L, knit to last stitch, M1R, K1

-Row 3 & 4- With MC, work 2 rows as follows: K1, M1L, knit to last stitch, M1R, K1

*Repeat rows 1-4 nine more times. You should have ten stripes of each color after the set up rows that are one garter ridge wide each.

Pattern Segment #2:

-Rows 1-4: Work 4 rows with CC as follows: K1, M1L, knit to last stitch, M1R, K1

-Rows 5-8: Work 4 rows with MC as follows: K1, M1L, knit to last stitch, M1R, K1

*Repeat rows 1-8 seven more times. You should have eight stripes of each color, two garter ridges wide each.

Pattern Segment #3:

-Rows 1-6: Work 6 rows with CC as follows: K1, M1L, knit to last stitch, M1R, K1

-Rows 7-12: Work 6 rows with MC as follows: K1, M1L, knit to last stitch, M1R, K1

*Repeat rows 1-2 three more times. You should have four stripes of each color, three garter ridges wide each. You may have enough yardage left on the single stranded version to knit one extra section here. Feel free to do so if you are confident that you have enough yarn left for this plus your border.

Finishing:

Using the color of your choice, either the CC or MC knit between 5-10 garter ridges at the end of the

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shawl to create a nice wide border. You can choose to continue increasing at the beginning and end of each row, or not, it's up to you. Bind off very loosely when your border is as wide as you would like. I recommend using a needle that is 2-3 sizes larger than the needle size you knit with for your bind off.

Customizing Your Shawl:

This shawlette is very long and skinny. Some folks really like that this resembles a scarf more so than an actual shawl. If you prefer more of a shawl fit (ie. less length in the wingspan and more depth) making your shawl resemble this is easy. There are two ways to adjust your increases to create this:

For a slightly shorter and longer fit do your increase rows as follows:

Row 1, 2, and 3: As written in pattern

Row 4: Knit (no increases)

For a more dramatically shorter and longer fit, adjust your increasing to the following:

Rows 1 & 3: As written in the pattern

Rows 2&4: Knit (no increases)

Making these simple changes will help you to get the shawl that you will absolutely love to wear! Keep in mind that if you prefer a much larger shawl, you will need more yarn than what the pattern calls for. Usually 1 more skein of each color is more than enough.

**** Please note**** Rachel's single stranded shawl (shown in VAA and Piedras) was knit using 1 skein of Lace Superwash and 1 skein of Baby Silkpaca Lace because we began knitting these before we had received all of the yarn that was needed. Because of the different fiber content you can see how her shawl stretched differently than the shawl knit entirely in Lace Superwash. Her shawl is even lighter and airy because of this and it turned out beautifully! Feel free to mix and match weights and fibers for a fun twist on your shawl!

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