



SIZE

Depends on the amount of yarn and needles used. You can make a larger shawl for warmth or a smaller shawl, a shawllette, to drape around the neck. For a shawllette, use lightweight yarn and small needles.

YARN

At least 350 yards / 320 m of yarn. A lightweight yarn creates an ethereal shawl, a heavier weight yarn creates a cozy shawl.

NEEDLES

Needles appropriate to your selected yarn. This is a matter of personal preference.

NOTIONS

Waste yarn, 4 stitch markers, tapestry needle

GAUGE

n/a

REQUIRED SKILLS

Knit, purl, yarnover, provisional cast on

Simple Yarnover Shawl

This was a quick knit for my brother-in-law's mother, who was hospitalized at the time. This shawl with its simple yarnover pattern was a cheerful contrast to the dreariness of her hospital room. I'm told she uses it to this day whenever she goes out. 🧶 The hand-dyed mohair yarn was a gift to me, slightly thicker than Rowan *Kidsilk Haze*. I think it was a Henry's Attic base yarn, about 300 yards / 274 m. To be safe, estimate 350 yards. 🧶 The shawl reveals itself when blocked tautly.

CAST ON

Using waste yarn, cast on two stitches and knit 3 rows. Drop waste yarn and pick up working yarn. Knit 6 rows. Turn, k2, pick up and knit 3 sts along the garter stitch ridge, then undo your waste yarn and pick up the 2 live sts. You know have 7 sts total.

Keep in mind the formula for creating a neck-down triangular shawl: Work a two-stitch garter stitch edging, a yarnover to separate the edging, a triangular panel, a 2nd yarnover, a middle stitch, a 3rd yarnover, another triangular panel, a 4th yarnover, and finally a two-stitch garter stitch edging.

BODY

In the triangular panels, the increases are made with a yarnover on either side yarn; this line of holes creates a nice separation between the edging and the triangular panels.

On every odd (right side) row, you'll be increasing the size of the triangular panels by 2 yo sts, for a total of 4 additional sts total. On every even (wrong side) row, you'll be incorporating those yos into the knitted fabric.

Stockinette Body

Row 1 (RS): K2, pm, yo, k1, yo, pm, k1, pm, yo, k1, yo, pm, k2.

Row 2 (WS): K2, p to the last 2 sts, k2.

Row 3 (RS): K2, sm, yo, knit to m, yo, sm, k1, sm, yo, knit to m, yo, sm, k2.

Row 4 (WS): K2, p to the last 2 sts, k2.

Repeat Stockinette Body rows 3 and 4 two more times. [9 sts per panel / 23 sts total]

Yarnover Panel

Row 1 (RS): K2, sm, yo, (k2tog, yo) to the last st before the marker, k1, yo, sm, k1, sm, yo, k1, (yo, k2tog) to the last st before the marker, k1, yo, sm, k2.

Row 2 (WS): K2, p to the last 2 sts, k2. [11 sts per panel / 27 sts total]

You will repeat this sequence of 8 Stockinette Body rows and 2 Yarnover Panel rows 3 more times, as laid out below. If you want, you can add more of the sequence. If you're not sure about your yardage, remove up to two of those sequences.



Repeat Stockinette Body rows 3–4 four times. [19 sts per panel / 43 sts total] Repeat Yarnover Panel rows 1 and 2. [21 sts per panel / 47 sts total]

Repeat Stockinette Body rows 3–4 four times. [29 sts per panel / 63 sts total] Repeat Yarnover Panel rows 1 and 2. [31 sts per panel / 67 sts total]

Repeat Stockinette Body rows 3–4 four times. [39 sts per panel / 83 sts total] Repeat Yarnover Panel rows 1 and 2. [41 sts per panel / 87 sts total]

Repeat Stockinette Body rows 3–4 two times. [45 sts per panel / 95 sts total] Repeat Yarnover Panel rows 1 and 2. [47 sts per panel / 99 sts total]

Repeat Stockinette Body rows 3–4 two times. [51 sts per panel / 107 sts total] Repeat Yarnover Panel rows 1 and 2. [53 sts per panel / 111 sts total]

Repeat Stockinette Body rows 3–4 four times. [57 sts per panel / 119 sts total] Repeat Yarnover Panel rows 1 and 2. [59 sts per panel / 123 sts total]

Repeat Stockinette Body rows 3–4 two times. [63 sts per panel / 131 sts total] Repeat Yarnover Panel rows 1 and 2. [65 sts per panel / 135 sts total]

Repeat Stockinette Body rows 3–4 four times. [73 sts per panel / 151 sts total] Repeat Yarnover Panel rows 1 and 2 four times. [81 sts per panel / 167 sts total]

EDGING

This creates a garter stitch edge, barely noticeable when fully blocked, and prevents the stockinette body from curling.

Row 1: Repeat Stockinette Body row 3.

Row 2: K across. [83 sts per panel / 171 sts total]

Repeat rows 1–2 three times. [89 sts per panel / 183 sts total]

Repeat row 1 one more time. [91 sts per panel / 187 sts total].

FINISHING

Bind off in knit. To bind off a yo, knit the yo, then pass the previous stitch over. Soak shawl in warm water with a bit of wool wash in it, then block heavily.

<i>k</i>	<i>knit</i>
<i>m</i>	<i>marker</i>
<i>p</i>	<i>purl</i>
<i>pm</i>	<i>place marker</i>
<i>sm</i>	<i>slip marker</i>
<i>yo</i>	<i>yarnover</i>