

Vernal Equinox Shawl



Vernal Equinox Shawl pattern is designed by combining different traditional lace patterns, which are recharted and adapted for a half-pi shawl. The edging (Clues 6a and 6b) is an adaptation of an old doily edging.

This pattern was originally released as a knit-along from January to March 2009. [Vernal Equinox Shawl Surprise KAL](#) group was created at Ravelry for the knit-along. There is also a group called [Celebrate spring](#) for this shawl at Ravelry.

Take a look at [Vernal Equinox Shawl Surprise Gallery](#), there are plenty of pictures of various VE Shawls and some knowledge of yarn, needle sizes and measurements.

Info








Needles: US 6 - 7 / 4 – 4.5 mm or suitable for your yarn and gauge

Yardage: approx. 820 meters / 900 yards, but be prepared that you may need more yarn. It depends a lot of your choice of yarn and needle size. There is a possibility to cast off by crocheting or by knitting and the knitted version takes more yarn.






Yarn: Fingering, light fingering or lace weight yarn (430 - 660 yards / 400 - 600 meters per 100 grams) is suggested for this shawl. Note that the thicker yarn and/or needles the larger your shawl will be. The orange shawl pictured above is knit of 177 grams of 100 % wool yarn (tex 37 x 6, 100 gram = about 450 meters / 492 yards).

Gauge (measured from blocked swatch) and measurements: 15 stitches and 24 rows per 10 cm / 4 inches. With this swatch gauge you'll hopefully end up with a shawl, which is 77 – 88 cm from neck down and about 194 - 196 cm wide, blocked measurements. Finished measurements may vary, it depends a lot of your yarn characteristics. My shawls made of finer cotton and cotton-linen yarns were taller neck down than my orange woollen version. Some yarns tend to stretch more than others.

Chart key, symbols

	edge stitch, knit (knit on WS)
	knit (purl on WS)
	yarn over (purl on WS)
	slip 1, knit 2 tog, pssso or slip 2 together knitwise, knit 1, pssso (purl on WS)
	slip 1, knit 1, pssso (purl on WS)
	knit 2 together (purl on WS)
	knit in back of stitch (purl on WS)

ch = chain stitch (crocheting)
sc = single crochet (crocheting)

	purl twice into the same stitch (front and back)
	purl
	5 chain stitches (crochet)
	single crochet 2 stitches together
	single crochet 3 stitches together

Charts are read from bottom to top, right to left, only right side rows are shown, except row 220. Two edge stitches at the beginning and at the end of the row are always knit on both sides. All stitches between edge stitches are purled on the wrong side. Repeat stitches between vertical lines as stated. Ignore blank spaces on the charts, they are there for technical reasons only.

Multicoloured versions

If you want to use two or more colours, the best points to change colour are at the beginning of the wrong side rows 32, 58, 112 and 166 or instead of row 166 at the beginning of row 188.

Suggestions for use of variations

Rows 35 – 56 of Clue 2 in stockinette stitch, all other clues following lace charts
Rows 35 – 56 of Clue 2 and rows 61 - 110 of Clue 3 in stockinette stitch, all other clues following lace charts
Rows 61 - 110 of Clue 3 in stockinette stitch, all other clues following lace charts
Rows 35 – 56 of Clue 2 and rows 115 - 164 of Clue 4 in stockinette stitch, all other clues following lace charts

Instructions

Clue 1

Cast on 5 stitches with 0.25 or 0.5 mm smaller needles than you knit your swatch and continue from the row 1. After you have knit 9 rows, change to the needle size used for your swatch. After you have knit Clue 1, you should have 65 stitches on the needle.

Clue 2

Knit rows 35 – 60. Symbols between darker vertical lines are knit a total of 14 times on rows 35 – 56 and 60 times on rows 57 – 60. After you have knit Clue 2, you should have 125 stitches on the needle.

Variation: Knit rows 35 - 56 in stockinette stitch (= knit all stitches on uneven rows and purl stitches between edge stitches on even (WS) rows) and rows 57 – 60 following a chart.

Clue 3

Knit rows 61– 114. Symbols between darker vertical lines are knit a total of 7 times on rows 61 – 110 and 120 times on rows 111 – 114. After you have knit Clue 3, you should have 245 stitches on the needle.

Variation: Knit rows 61 - 110 in stockinette stitch (= knit all stitches on uneven rows and purl stitches between edge stitches on even (WS) rows) and rows 111 – 114 following a chart.

Clue 4

Knit rows 115 - 126 a total of 4 times (= 48 rows) and then rows 163 - 168 once, altogether 54 rows. Symbols between darker vertical lines are knit a total of 39 times on rows 115 – 164 and 120 times on rows 165 - 168. **Note!** After you have knit Clue 4, there should be **245** stitches on the needle, the same number as at the end of Clue 3, so be careful with row 165.

Variation: Knit rows 115 - 164 in stockinette stitch (= knit all stitches on uneven rows and purl stitches between edge stitches on even (WS) rows) and rows 165 – 168 following a chart.

Clue 5

Knit rows 169 – 188 once (= 20 rows). Symbols between darker vertical lines are knit a total of 23 times. After you have knit Clue 5, you should have 341 stitches on the needle.

Variation: If you are afraid that you haven't enough yarn or your shawl is going to be too big or you just otherwise want a smaller shawl, you may omit this clue.

Clue 6a

Knit rows 189 – 210 once (= 22 rows). Symbols between darker vertical lines are knit a total of 23 times. After you have knit Clue 6a, you should have 437 stitches on the needle.

Variation: If you omitted clue 5, you have now 245 stitches on the needle. You must decrease 2 stitches on the row 189. Decrease these two excess stitches knitting two stitches together instead of chart's one knit stitch after two edge stitches at the beginning of the row and before two edge stitches at the end of the row. Continue following a chart. Symbols between darker vertical lines are knit a total of 16 times instead of 23. After you have finished Clue 6a, there will be 311 stitches on the needle.

Clue 6b

Knit rows 211 – 220 once (= 10 rows). Symbols between darker vertical lines are knit a total of 23 times (16 if you omitted Clue 5). Note that WS row 220 is also charted.

Cast off by crocheting:

Use a crochet hook suitable for your yarn, I used 2 mm hook.

Cast off by crocheting on row 221 as follows:

(sc 2 sts together, 5 ch) x 2, sc 3 sts together, 5 ch, sc 2 sts together, 5 ch,

* sc 2 sts together, 5 ch, (sc 3 sts together, 5 ch) x 3, (sc 2 sts together, 5 ch) x 2, sc 3 sts together, 5 ch, (sc 2 sts together, 5 ch) x 2, sc 3 sts together, 5 ch, sc 2 sts together, 5 ch, *

repeat *-* till there are 22 stitches left on the left hand needle and continue till the end of the row:

sc 2 sts together, 5 ch, (sc 3 sts together, 5 ch) x 3, (sc 2 sts together, 5 ch) x 2, sc 3 sts together, 5 ch, sc 2 sts together, 5 ch, sc 2 sts together.

Cast off by knitting:

If you prefer casting off by knitting, work an extra row 221 and knit then 3 – 5 rows garter stitch and cast off stitches loosely.

Finishing

Cut the yarn, finish yarn ends and block or steam iron your shawl.

Happy Knitting!



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Vernal Equinox Shawl Surprise, swatch

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Repeat 6 sts

Cast on 29 stitches, knit 1-2 rows and repeat rows 1 – 12

On even rows purl stitches between edge stitches

Vernal Equinox Shawl Surprise, Clue 1

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Vernal Equinox Shawl Surprise, clue 2

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