

Echo Flower Shawl



Illustration 1: Echo flower shoulderette

This shawl was inspired by Estonian lace and especially the beautiful shawl, Laminaria, by Elizabeth Freeman. This shawl also shares the blossom stitch with that shawl. The border is inspired by various designs but mostly I had a mental picture of how I wanted it to look so I tried to transfer that mental image to a chart – and yes, it came out exactly the way I wanted. I'm flattered if you want to knit this pattern. It's my first knitting design and I would love to see my design on your shoulders. If you alter or use only parts of my pattern please don't forget to link back.

Size:

Golden Echo Flower Shoulderette

Ocean Blue Echo Flower Shawl

Finished measurements

Shoulderette: 120x60 cm

Shawl: Still on needles.

Pattern calls for the following yarn:

Shoulderette: Nyansera Sundari Silk 4 ply, 400 meters/100g.

Recommended needle size: 3.5-4.5 depending on your tension.

Shawl: Nyansera Bijou (70 % baby alpaca 20 % silk 10 % cashmere) 800 meters/100g

Recommended needle size: 2.5-3.75 depending on your tension.

Gauge:

Gauge is not crucial

Other material needed:

Crochet hook

Waste yarn

Stitch markers

Blocking material (wire, pins, a spare bed maybe)



Pattern notes

The pattern demands some lace knitting skills when handling the 3 into 9 stitch and nups, but other than that I think it's pretty straight forward. It looks harder than it is, but you have to take extra good care of your nupp stitches on the border and edge charts. I like that the size is adjustable so you can move on from flower chart whenever you want as long as you finish row 1-8 on that chart.

Thickness of yarn, 2 ply or 4 ply, is also a choice you'll have to decide yourself. Personally I think the pattern comes out better in 4 ply but it depends on the type of yarn you'll be using. The flowers will also look fabulous using chunky yarn but the edge will be a bit too much so what you can do is bind off after the flower chart and block out the three petals on each flower instead.

If you have trouble reading or understanding knitting symbols and abbreviation, I recommend that you visit the following address which also in some cases have how to videos.

<http://www.knittinghelp.com/videos/knitting-glossary>

I don't show the 6 border stitches (3 on each side) on any charts. The first of these is slipped as if to purl. The others are knitted on every row.

Crochet cast on:

Use a knitting needle and a crochet hook of about the same size. Work a crochet chain of 6 – 7 stitches with a contrasting waste yarn. Turn chain and start picking up your project yarn through the back loop of the chain. For this project you need 3 stitches. Make sure you don't pick up in the first loop when you turn work, leave one stitch gap. These will be unraveled later.

k2tog:

Knit 2 stitches together, slanting the stitches to the right.

k3tog:

Knit 3 stitches together, slanting the stitches to the right.

ssk:

Slip slip knit, slanting the stitches to the left.

sssk:

slip, slip, slip, knit 3 stitches together, slanting the stitches to the left.

sk2p:

slip 1, knit 2 together, pass slip stitch over the knit 2 together; 2 stitches have been decreased.

s2kp:

Slip 2 stitches, as if to knit. Knit 1 and slip the 2 slipped stitches over the knitted stitch. This forms a central double decrease.

2 into 9: *K2tog tbl without dropping the stitch from the left needle, yo* repeat 4 times (still knitting the same stitch), knit the same stitch again and now drop the stitch from left needle.

3 into 9: *K3tog without dropping the stitch from the left needle, yo* repeat 4 times (still knitting the same stitch), knit the same stitch again and now drop the stitch from left needle.

Nupp:

Make a 7 or 9 stitch nupp depending on the yarn you use for your shawl. You have to test knit these

so you know what works best for your yarn. Make sure you don't knit these tight, make them stretch about 1 cm while doing the yarn overs on the right needle or they will be impossible to purl together on next row. This is especially important when working with a silk yarn that has no stretch.

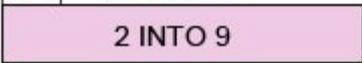
7 stitch nupp: *Knit 1 without dropping the stitch from the left needle, yo* repeat 3 times (still knitting the same stitch), knit the same stitch again and now drop the stitch from left needle.

9 stitch nupp: *Knit 1 without dropping the stitch from the left needle, yo* repeat 4 times (still knitting the same stitch), knit the same stitch again and now drop the stitch from left needle.

To avoid nups fever, take some extra care of your nups, especially when purling them all together. It's easy that you accidentally bring one single stitch along with the ordinary nupp stitches. Be extra careful with this or the pattern won't add up on next row. If you suddenly miss a stitch, study your nups to see if this is the case. It's really difficult to mask this by just picking up a stitch since the nupp will get a bit off track and the nups are really highlighted in this pattern. Best medicine is to make sure you always have those 2 neighboring stitches apart from the nups.

Another easy mistake is to miss purling one of your nupp loops creating a sloppy look. Try turning the work immediately after purling to make sure that you got the gang together. If you discover this several rows after you can either frog or sew it carefully in place.

When you purl the stitches together, make sure you pull them a bit so they form a nice firm little ball.

	= knit on rs, purl on ws.
	= no stitch, ignore
	= knit tbl
	= yo
	= k2tog
	= ssk
	= k3tog
	= sssk
	= s2kp
	= sk2p
	= nupp
	= p nups tog
	
2 INTO 9	
	
3 INTO 9	

Directions

- Crochet cast on 3, knit (make sure to slip the first stitch purl-wise on every row) until you can turn and pick up 5 stitches along the edge (approximately 12 rows). You should pick up 1 stitch under each slipped stitch. I picked up under both loops. Remove the waste yarn and carefully transfer the crochet cast on stitches. Make sure to knit them when you transfer them. Total of 11 st.
- Turn work. Purl all st except for 3 border stitches on each side which you knit. Don't forget to slip first st. purl-wise.
- Setup chart:
Knit the setup chart once. Put markers on each side of the center stitch on round 1. After setup you should have a total of 57 stitches, including the 3 border stitches on each side.
- Flower chart:
Shoulderette version: Knit flower chart until center stitch (which you always knit through back of loop.) Continue flower chart. Repeat flower chart 8 times.
Shawl version: Knit flower chart until center stitch (which you always knit through back of loop.) Continue flower chart. Repeat flower chart 13 times.
Remember you can knit the flower chart as many times as you like. Keep in mind that the edge chart takes a lot of yarn so keep that in mind when altering the size. The border and edge charts have 24 rows.
- Border Chart 1, 2 och 3:
Start knitting Border chart 1, begin from right side row 1. Knit until 12 stitches from center stitch. Work row 1 border chart 2. The center stitch will now be worked as the middle stitch of the s2kp. Continue border chart 2 for remaining 12 stitches.
Once memorized you won't need the different charts. I had to chart 3 different since the center stitch now disappears in the pattern.
Work row 1 on chart 1,2 and 3. Continue the same way for the rest of the rows.
- Edge chart:
Work edge chart once.
- Bindoff on right side:
Use 2 strands of yarn, purl 2, *slip both stitches back to left needle and purl 2 together, purl 1. * Repeat within ** until last stitch. Slip both stitches back to left needle and purl 2 together. Break yarn and pull through last stitch.
- Finishing:
Weave in ends. Put your shawl in luke warm water for 30 min. Centrifuge and block as a triangle. Place a pin in the middle flower petal and stretch evenly between every section. Let the shawl dry completely before unpinning.
- Finishing words:
I hope you've enjoyed knitting my first attempt of designing a pattern. If you have any comments, please feel free to e-mail me: info@nyansera.se or simply leave a comment at my ravelry page. Please link your project on ravelry and take lots of photos, I love seeing your FO's. // Jenny

Echo flowers shawl - edge chart

