



Self-fringing Triangular Peace Shawl

Finished shawl size: Dimension from neck to bottom “point” of the shawl’s triangle should be at least 27 inches. When you begin knitting you are creating one end of the shawl. As you knit you *increase* to the bottom “point” of the shawl. Then you *decrease* from the “point” to the other end of the shawl. The 5 stitches between the stitch marker and the edge create the self-fringe; these stitches will be unraveled in the “finish” step of creating your shawl.

Yarn: A wide variety of yarns are appropriate for this pattern (Caron “Simply Soft”, Lion Brand “Homespun” or Lion Brand “Micro Spun” are three inexpensive examples.) It should be hand washable and soft to the touch. Rub the yarn against your neck – if it’s scratchy, please don’t use it. Women in many African countries request bright colors; women in other regions prefer more muted tones. Small shawls are sent to orphans who need them for warmth. When we receive your shawl it will be designated for a destination based on the weight and color.

Needles: Use size specified on the yarn wrapper.

Additional materials: Some knitters choose to embellish the fringe by adding beads. They cut the fringe loop and add a bead to both strands. Other knitters knot the fringe ends. Others leave the fringe as it is.

First half (increasing):

Note: As you knit, one edge will be gradually increasing. The other edge will begin to roll over. When the shawl is complete, this will create a natural neck roll. The purl side is the “right” side of the shawl.

Cast on 7 stitches.

Row 1: Purl across

Row 2: K1; increase in next stitch by knitting into the front & back of the stitch*;
place marker; K 5**

* This stitch “anchors” the knitting to this point and creates a border for the self-fringe created during the “Finish” part of the pattern. It might sound confusing but it is actually easy if you trust the process and follow the pattern instructions.

** These 5 stitches will be unraveled during the pattern “Finish” and create the shawl’s self-fringe.

Row 3: Purl; slip marker to right hand needle; purl to end of row

Row 4: Knit to first stitch before marker and increase (as described for Row 2); slip marker; K 5

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until the shawl is half as big as you want, ending with row 3.

To determine whether or not your shawl is big enough, measure it on someone by draping the wide part (still on the knitting needle) down their back. Ask them to wrap the small end around their shoulder. You have half a shawl at this point so your model can “wear” it to see if you think it is large enough or if you need to add some more rows. When the shawl is large enough, you begin to decrease.

Second half (decreasing):

Row 5: Knit to 2 stitches before marker; K2 together, slip marker; K5.

Row 6: Purl; slip marker to right hand needle; purl to end of row

Repeat rows 5 and 6 until 8 stitches remain

Finish:

Row 7: K1; K2 together; K5

Row 8: Purl across.

Row 9: K2 together; remove marker, leaving 5 stitches unworked on left-hand needle.

Row 10: Cut the yarn and leave a tail approximately 7" long. Pull the tail through the two stitches you just knit together in Row 9 and knot them.

Your knitting needle will still be in the final 5 unworked stitches.

Now comes the fun part! Carefully remove your needle and gently unravel the yarn forming these 5 unworked stitches. This actually creates the self-fringe!

Continue unraveling for the entire shawl. For stability, knot each loop of fringe next to the body of the shawl.

Optional:

Cut the fringe loops and knot the ends.

Cut the fringe loops, add a bead to each end and knot it.

Leave the fringe in loops and add a bead at the end of each loop (insert yarn loop through hole in bead, slip the yarn around the bead and knot it.)

The shawl is worn with the purl side out so the neck naturally rolls over.

Say a prayer for the woman who will receive your Peace Shawl.
*Your compassion & love are as important as the work of your hands
in "knitting together" the Beloved Community.*

Send your completed shawl (along with your name and e-mail address so we can acknowledge receipt) to:

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