

Meandering Vines Shawl

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This generously sized shawl showcases the wavy lines of the lace pattern worked in a wonderful baby alpaca yarn. The right side rows of the pattern consist of only two different simple lace stitch sequences and every wrong side row is purled, making this pattern very easy to memorize and knit.

The size of the completed shawl can be easily customized to accommodate different yarn weights and quantities. The original was knitted with a lace yarn held double to achieve substantial drape and weight, but the yarn could be held single with a simple switch to slightly smaller needles. It could also be worked in fingering, sport, or worsted-weight yarn on appropriately sized needles. Even further customization can be achieved by working fewer pattern repeats horizontally and vertically, so that the shawl can easily change into a scarf of just about any size, making this the perfect pattern for that one special skein.

Finished Size: 23" wide and 87" long, after blocking

Yarn: Any lace weight or fingering yarn; the original was knitted with Knit Picks Alpaca Cloud (100% baby alpaca; 440 yards / 50 grams); color Moss, 4 skeins (yarn held double throughout)

Needles: Size 9 / 5.5 mm

Notions: Stitch holder, blocking pins

Shawl

For the first half of the shawl cast on 88 stitches, work the lace chart until approximately half of the yarn is knitted up, end with row #23 (9 pattern repeats). Do not cast off, place stitches on a stitch holder or secure them on a spare knitting needle. Repeat the same process for the second half of the shawl, ending with row #13 of the lace pattern (9½ repeats). With the right sides facing up, align both halves at the center and graft the shawl together.

Finishing

Weave in all loose ends; do not trim tails until after blocking. Soak shawl for at least 20 minutes. Wrap in towel to remove excess water; then lay flat and smooth into shape. Place pin at the top of each edge 'wave' to pull out the points along the length of the shawl, as well as at the bottom and top edges. When completely dry, trim yarn ends.

Lace Pattern

(multiple of 12 sts plus 4)

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 and all WS rows Purl.

Row 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 K1, *k2, ssk, k2tog, k4, [yo, k1] twice; rep from *, end k3.

Row 13 Knit.

Row 15, 17, 19, 21 and 23 K1, *k3, yo, k1, yo, k4, ssk, k2tog; rep from *, end k3.

Row 24 Purl.

Rep rows 1-24

