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"I wanted you to know that the pattern directions were perfect! Your notes and simple written instructions were great."

— Carolyn J.

HeartStrings Pattern: H53 - 8335

Elemental Changes Shetland Stole

The elements of design in this lovely masterpiece are merely three traditional Shetland lace motifs.

It is the simple change in sequencing the order amongst the repeated motifs that produces the seemingly complex designs of negative and positive space.

Instructions are included for a small delicate scarf and for stoles in 3 widths. All are made in one piece from end to end with edging knitted as you go.



Small scarf pictured in Classic Elite Yarns Silky Alpaca Lace, 70% alpaca/30% silk, color 2910



Medium-width stole pictured in Kraemer Yarns Sarah, 60% Suri alpaca/40% Merino wool, color natural

Skill level: Recommended for experienced lace knitters and confident intermediates only. The small scarf can be used as a practice piece before attempting the larger projects. Stitch instructions are presented in both charted and text formats.

Sizing

Small scarf [narrow stole, medium-width stole, wide-stole]:
7 [14, 19½, 25] wide by 42 [78, 78, 78] long

Yarn and Needles

185 [600, 850, 1125] yards lace weight yarn
US 5 / 3.75 mm knitting needles suggested

Gauge: 20 stitches and 25 rows per 4 inches over Center Section stitch patterns after blocking

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HeartStrings Pattern: A48 - 8333

Lace Puffs Smoke Ring

Lace Puffs Smoke Ring features lace knitting with lots of dimensional interest in an interplay of positive and negative space.

This smoke ring begins at the top edge with a wide band of softly textured puffs arising from a ground of laciness. The design then transitions into a wide ribbing where the double eyelets create negative space to mirror the positive space of the puffs. Finally, the knitting returns to puffs that widen at the bottom of the ring for a bit of flare.

An added bonus is that the scalloped edges at beginning and end of the ring form naturally due to the bias structure of the lace pattern creating the puffs.

Choose a yarn such as merino wool or wool-blend with enough resilient elasticity and body to retain the interesting puckered, semi-weltd fabric after a gentle blocking.

Enjoy this versatile accessory pulled over the head as an elegant hood-type head covering with the lace puffs framing the face, or worn as a softly folded cowl-like necklace.



Pictured in Sterling Silk & Silver by Kraemer, color Lavender Scent



Sizing

Adult small [medium, large].
Upper edge circumference 22½ [25¼, 27¾].
Bottom edge circumference 30¾ [33¾, 37].
Length 18¾ [20, 21¾].

Yarn and Needles

345 [400, 465] yards fingering weight yarn.
16 - 21" length circular needle in size US 7 / 4.5 mm suggested.
Gauge: 19 stitches per 4 inches over Pattern A used for upper band.

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HeartStrings Pattern: H22 - 8352

Lacyflakes

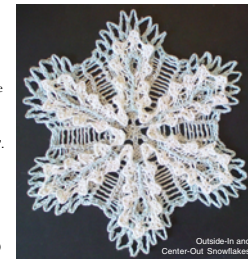
Knitted lace snowflakes! I have always been intrigued by the fact that in God's handiwork, no two snowflakes are alike. This pattern includes two types of construction, each quite different from the other, plus variations for knitting snowflake medallions.

This is the next installment in the seasonal series which began with "Playing in the Leaves".

I hope you have as much fun knitting these designs as I have had in creating them. My imagination runs wild in anticipating many variations on these basic designs to make "each one different".

Finished Diameters

Outside-In Snowflakes — 7" (larger); 6½" (smaller)
Center-Out Snowflakes — 8" (larger); 7" (smaller)



Outside-In and Center-Out Snowflakes



Yarn/Thread and Needles

Lace or light fingering weight yarn/thread

For Outside-In Snowflakes —

Larger: 25 yards (or 20 yards of white and 5 yards of light blue if doing 2-color version as shown in the pictured sample model to left)

Smaller: 22 yards

16" - 21" circular knitting needle, size 4 US (3.5 mm) suggested or size needed to get equivalent gauge of approximately 7 stitches per inch over stockinette stitch

Extra needle in same size to use when there are too few stitches to go around the circular needle during the bind off

For Center-Out Snowflakes —

Larger: 40 yards (or 21 yards of light gray and 19 yards of light blue if doing 2-color version as shown in the pictured sample model to right)

Smaller: 24 yards

Double point knitting needles, size 2 US (2.75 mm) suggested or size needed to get equivalent gauge of approximately 8 stitches per inch over stockinette stitch

Sample models were knitted in Beaded Lace and Planet Earth Fibers by Tilly Tomas; 100% Silk with Beads and 100% Silk with Sequins.



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