

## Flared Lace Smoke Ring

Stunning knitted lace of ribs that radiate like a fan. The knitted tube is shaped in pattern so that the bottom is slightly flared, and makes up into a versatile accessory that can be worn pulled down around the neck to lie on the shoulders as a dressy neckline, or pulled up over the head as an elegant head covering.

### Sizing

One size. Finished measurements: 28" around at the flared bottom and decreasing to 22"; 18" long.

### Materials

Laceweight or fingering weight yarn, approximately 350 yards.

Size 6 us (4.0 mm) circular needle, or size to obtain planned gauge, in 16" - 24" length.



**GAUGE:** 6 stitches per inch over pattern stitch (approximately equivalent to 5½ stitches over stockinette stitch).

**Skill Level:** Intermediate knitter.

Caution: Yarn requirements are based on the planned dimensions and gauge stated in this pattern. You may need additional yarns in same dye lot if you are adjusting these instructions.

### Abbreviations

**eor** - end-of-round  
**k** - knit  
**k1tbl** - knit 1 through back loop  
**k2tog** - knit 2 stitches together  
**k2togtbl** - knit 2 stitches together through back loops  
**p** - purl  
**rnd(s)** - round(s)  
**st(s)** - stitch(es)  
**tbl** - through back loop  
**tog** - together

**yo** - yarn over. Each yarn over makes an extra loop on the needle. Treat each loop as a separate stitch on the following round.

Note: Instructions are written assuming you are knitting stitches off your left-hand needle point onto your right-hand needle point. If you are working instead from right to left, please adjust accordingly when instructions refer to the left or right needle.

### Pattern Instructions

Note: All knitting is done in the round to form a tube. Cast on 168 sts loosely. Being careful not to twist sts, join into rnd and place a marker. This join marks the eor for the smoke ring.

You will be working from Charts A through D. There will be 12 st repeats for each rnd. I find it helpful to place additional markers between each of the repeats to correspond to the chart sections.

Work the 8 rnds of Chart A once.

Work the 8 rnds of Chart B once. (Note: The first rnd will reduce the st count to 156.)

Work the 8 rnds of Chart C once. (Note: The first rnd will reduce the st count to 144.)

Work the 8 rnds of Chart D until 18" in overall length or as desired, and completing rnd 8. (Note: The first rnd will reduce the st count to 132 - do not decrease thereafter.)

Remove eor mkr. Bind off loosely.

### Finishing

Weave in yarn ends invisibly on wrong side.

Follow any specific washing instructions that have come with your yarn. Or use these general instructions: Fill container with lukewarm water and a small amount of mild detergent. Mix thoroughly. Submerge smoke ring into water gently and soak 30 minutes. Drain and gently press out majority of water. Refill container with water at same temperature and rinse gently. Again press out majority of water. Press between two thirsty bath towels (do not rub).

Lay flat to dry, gently stretching into shape and opening up the lace pattern nicely. Let dry thoroughly.

*Wear and enjoy! Jackie*