

Frost Flower Lace Cowl



by Esther Budd

Difficulty – medium, experience in lace knitting recommended

A generous lace cowl, requiring only one skein of yarn and designed using the lace pattern “Frost Flowers and Leaves” sometimes referred to as “Spanish Lace.

ONE SIZE

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

24” in diameter after blocking. Designed to fit loosely around neck from the chin to the shoulders.

MATERIALS

1 skein of Sundara DK Silky Cashmere, 160 yards and 55 grams of 55% silk and 45% Mongolian Cashmere, available at Sundara Yarn (www.sundarayarn.com), colour Twilight from a Limited Edition.

32”/80cm length 5US/3.75mm circular needle or size to obtain gauge

32”/80cm length 3US/3.25mm circular needle

Notions Required

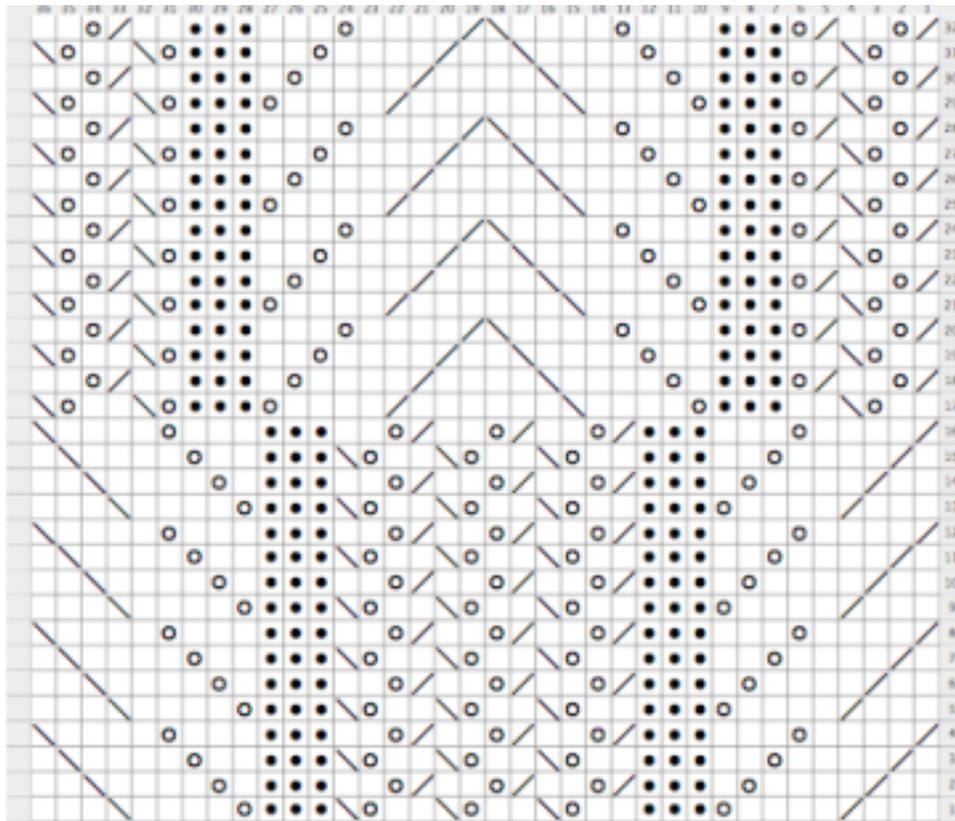
3 stitch markers colour A, 1 stitch marker colour B
scissors

GAUGE

25 sts/30 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch on larger needle

PATTERN NOTES

Frost Flowers Lace Graph



Legend:

knit
knit stitch

k2tog
Knit two stitches together as one stitch

yo
Yarn Over

purl
purl stitch

ssk
Slip one stitch as if to knit, Slip another stitch as if to knit. Insert left-hand needle into front of these 2 stitches and knit them together

Picot Edge Cast On (video at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DKBOr2IMBMY#>)

Using larger needle, *Cast on 5 stitches, and knitted cast on method. Cast off 2 stitches. Transfer remaining stitch from right hand needle to left hand needle. (3 stitches cast on, one picot complete)**

Repeat from * to ** until 48 picots on needle, 144 stitches cast on.

Picot Edge Cast Off (video at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tSkVInSgCow&feature=channel>)

*Cast on 2 stitches, using knitted cast on method. Cast off 3 stitches. Transfer remaining stitch from right hand needle to left needle.**

Repeat from * to ** until all stitches are cast off.



Note that the pattern has been written without the garter stitch shown at the cast on edge and the cast off edge. This is to keep the yarn requirements to 1 skein.

PATTERN

Cast on 144 stitches using Picot Cast On instructions (see above).

Join work into round being careful not to twist stitches. Place marker B for beginning of round.

Begin Frost Flower Lace Graph, starting with row 1. Repeat stitches 1-32 of each row 4 times, placing a marker A at beginning of each section.

Complete 32 rows of pattern 2 times.

Change to smaller needle.

Work rib as follows:

*K3, P3**, repeat from * to ** to end of round. Work 4 rounds in rib.

Cast off using Picot Edge Cast Off instructions (see above).

FINISHING

Sew in ends. Wash gently and block. I used blocking wires to capture the picots at cast off edge only. At cast on edge, pins were used to emphasize the shape of the flowers, as seen in the photo above.

Wear and enjoy.

ABOUT THE DESIGNER

I've worked in the knitting industry as a knitting store owner; knit and crocheted all my life and always surround myself with a rainbow of colours. As a mother and grandmother there is always someone to knit for; a sweater, a pair of gloves or socks; a scarf, cowl or shawl. My stash is gynomous and can definitely be termed SABLE (stash accumulation beyond life expectancy). When I'm not knitting or crocheting, I love to needlepoint, swim, read, garden and cook.

Because this design was completed for the Ravelympics, and there are time constraints, it has not been edited. Please let me know if you find any errors and I will do my best to correct them.

(designed for the Ravelympics, event designerbiathalon)

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