



Molly's Garter

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This delicate little accessory is knit in garter-stitch lace with cotton thread on teeny tiny needles! It is the perfect heirloom for the bride! When I included this pattern in my ebook [The Queen's Garters](#), I updated the writing and created a chart—something I wasn't able to do when I designed it years ago!

On a personal note, I finished Molly's garter just in time to snap a quick picture (above) and then take it to the church for the ceremony.

Details

Difficulty

Advanced

Techniques used

Provisional cast on, lace (charts or written directions), grafting.

Sizes Offered

One Size

Measurements

3.25 inches x 17 inches before ironing

Yarn Weight

20 Thread

Yardage Required

Approximately 100 yards

Yarn Pictured

DMC Cebelia Cotton size 20

Needles (use whatever size needles needed to meet gauge)

US #0/2.00 mm, circular or straight

Gauge

28 sts / 64 rows = 4 inches in garter stitch

Notions

2 yards 3/8 inch organza ribbon

Work the garter to the required length and graft the two ends together. Then run a ribbon through the holes and pull to gather.



Notes

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- Run lifelines frequently. This thread will run very quickly if you drop a stitch.
- Perhaps the single most important stitch in the entire repeat is the yarn over in the middle of Row 18. This is where the ribbon will be threaded. Omit this stitch and you have a very long bookmark...not a garter.

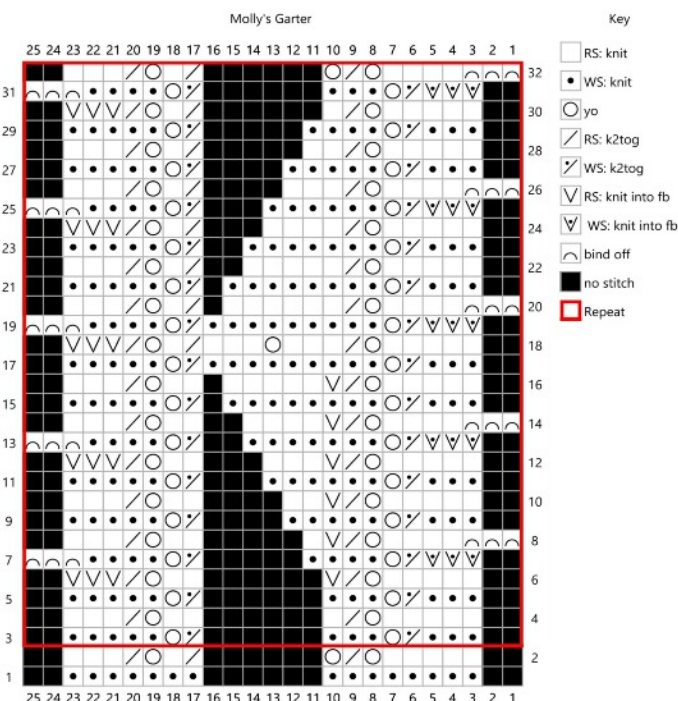
Overview

The garter begins with a provisional cast on and ends with grafting the final stitches to this cast on edge.

The first and final 3 stitches are the edge. Every 6 rows you will increase that edge by 3 stitches and then immediately bind off those new stitches to create a picot.

Immediately adjacent to the garter edges are 4 stitches that create a traditional faggoting lace. This portion is worked identically on both sides (k2, yo, k2tog).

Finally, the central portion of the pattern is increased by one stitch every right side row until it is 8 stitches at which point it is decreased every right side row.



DIRECTIONS

Using a provisional cast on, CO 15 sts.

Using *either* the charted or written directions below, work:

Rows 1 through 32 once.

Rep Rows 3 through 32 another 7x.

Work Rows 3 through 31.

BO 3 sts and return the final stitch to left needle. Break thread leaving a 12 inch tail for grafting. Carefully iron the lace—do not allow the iron to touch your needle.

Remove stitches from provisional cast on and return them to a needle. Graft ends together. Weave the organza ribbon through the yarn overs down the center of the garter leaving 8 inch tails dangling from the ungathered garter. Trim the ribbon ends at a diagonal to prevent fraying.

Row 1 (WS): Knit

Row 2 (RS): K5, yo, k2tog, yo, k2tog, k1, yo, k2tog, k3.

Row 3 to 5: K5, yo, k2tog, k3, yo, k2tog, k3.

Row 6 (RS): K5, yo, k2tog, kfb, k2, yo, k2tog, kfb 3 times, 19 sts.

Row 7 (WS): BO 3 sts, (k4, yo, k2tog) twice, kfb 3 times.

Row 8 (RS): BO 3 sts, k4, yo, k2tog, kfb, k3, yo, k2tog, k3, 17 sts.

Row 9 (WS): K5, yo, k2tog, k5, yo, k2tog, k3.

Row 10 (RS): K5, yo, k2tog, kfb, k4, yo, k2tog, k3, 18 sts.

Row 11 (WS): K5, yo, k2tog, k6, yo k2tog, k3.

Row 12 (RS): K5, yo, k2tog, kfb, k5, yo, k2tog, kfb 3 times, 22 sts.

Row 13 (WS): BO 3 sts, k4, yo, k2tog, k7, yo, k2tog, kfb 3 times.

Row 14 (RS): BO 3 sts, k4, yo, k2tog, kfb, k6, yo, k2tog, k3, 20 sts.

Row 15 (WS): K5, yo, k2tog, k8, yo, k2tog, k3.

Row 16 (RS): K5, yo, k2tog, kfb, k7, yo, k2tog, k3, 21 sts.

Row 17 (WS): K5, yo, k2tog, k9, yo, k2tog, k3.

Row 18 (RS): K5, yo, k2tog, k3, yo, k3, k2tog, k1, yo, k2tog, kfb 3 times, 24 sts.

Row 19 (WS): BO 3, k4, yo, k2tog, k9, yo, k2tog, kfb 3 times.

Row 20 (RS): BO 3, k4, yo, k2tog, k6, k2tog, k1, yo, k2tog, k3, 20 sts.

Row 21 (WS): K5, yo, k2tog, k8, yo, k2tog, k3.

Row 22 (RS): K5, yo, k2tog, k5, k2tog, k1, yo, k2tog, k3, 19 sts.

Row 23 (WS): K5, yo, k2tog, k7, yo, k2tog, k3.

Row 24 (RS): K5, yo, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k1, yo, k2tog, kfb 3 times, 21 sts.

Row 25 (WS): BO 3, k4, yo, k2tog, k6, yo, k2tog, kfb 3 times.

Row 26 (RS): BO 3, k4, yo k2tog, k3, k2tog, k1, yo, k2tog, k3, 17 sts.

Row 27 (WS): K5, yo, k2tog, k5, yo k2tog, k3.

Row 28 (RS): K5, yo, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k1, yo, k2tog, k3, 16 sts.

Row 29 (WS): K5, yo, k2tog, k4, yo, k2tog, k3.

Row 30 (RS): K5, yo, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1, yo, k2tog, kfb 3 times, 18 sts.

Row 31 (WS): BO 3, k4, yo, k2tog, k3, yo, k2tog, kfb 3 times.

Row 32 (RS): BO 3, k4, yo, k2tog, yo, k2tog, k1, yo, k2tog, k3, 15 sts.

Abbreviations

BO	bind off
CO	Cast On
k	knit
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together
kfb	knit into the front and back of the same stitch
rep(s)	repeat(s)
RS	right side
st(s)	stitch(es)
WS	wrong side
x	times
yo	yarn over

Techniques

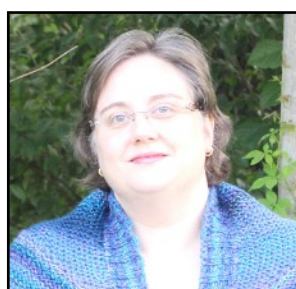
Provisional Cast On: Turkish ←Queenies' pick!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1UQLR3vrS1c>



Provisional Cast on: Crochet chain

<http://tutorials.knitpicks.com/wptutorials/crocheted-provisional-cast-on/>



Errata Policy

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Also, I'm always happy to answer questions. Drop me an email. I usually get back to you within 24 hours.
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