



Shimmery Shawl for Grandma
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Pattern available at:

<http://wonderment.jeremiahone.net/2007/12/14/shimmery-shawl-for-grandma/>

Needed:

Main Color (MC): 2-3 skeins Bulky weight yarn
(I used Patons Nuance in Mythic)



Accent Color (AC): 2 skeins Light weight yarn
(I used Patons Brilliant in Espresso)



Size 10 circular needle (or whatever size is recommended by your Bulky weight yarn;
you can also use straight needles, I prefer circular needles when working on a project of
this size)



Basic idea: This is a large triangle. Every other row is decreased by 2 at the edge. The MC rows are knit in stockinette, and the AC rows are in Garter. There is a single crochet border all the way around. See end for other ideas. This is a highly modified version of one I saw in a knitting magazine.

Instructions:

Cast on 165 stitches in MC.

Row 1 (right side): Knit.

Row 2: Purl.

Rows 3 & 4: Repeat rows 1 & 2.

Row 5: Switch to AC. K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 stitches, ssk, k. (Decrease 2 stitches.)

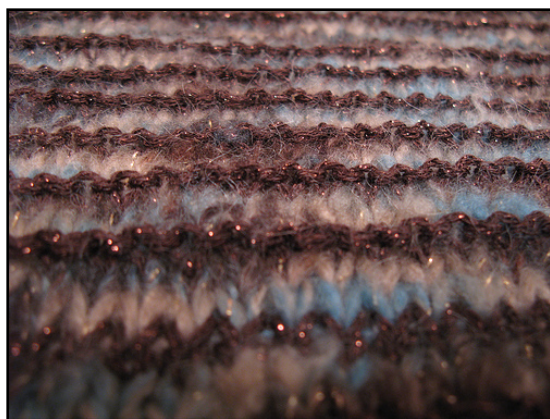
Row 6: Knit.

Row 7: Switch to MC. Repeat row 5.

Row 8: Purl.

Repeat rows 5-8 until you have 3 stitches left.

Bind off.



Crochet border:

In AC, single crochet all the way around the shawl, making 3 sc in each corner stitch.

Repeat 2-3 times or until the border is as wide as you want. Tie off.

Weave in loose ends.



Here are some further options:

You could do wider stripes, assuming that you can make the edges look good. Your call. If you look closely in my pictures, you can see that every 6th row of Brilliant (brown) is in Stockinette instead of Garter. This was an “oops” that I didn’t want to frog, so I made it work. It’s really not noticeable, but I like the look of the Garter stitch with the Brilliant, the way it’s raised so it stands out, so it’s your call.

You could make this shawl as big or as small as you want to, by changing the number of stitches you cast on. The original pattern suggested an odd number, and while that was probably logical for it, I don’t suppose it’s necessary for this version.

Likewise, the border could be done in any sort of fancy crocheting edge you can come up with. I tried picot and it didn’t look right, and decided that simpler was better for my intended recipient, but everyone is different, and if you (or the intended wearer) are a little bit fancier, there are tons of options. You could even do fringe instead of a crocheted border.



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