

## Escapist by Mary Keenan

*Though Victorian (and earlier) times were undoubtedly hard for many English women, period dramas in film and on television view the period with romance. I find the little knit shawls that accessorize so many simple dresses especially comforting, not remotely pointless, and irresistibly pretty. Just how you'd like life to be - especially when it's not.*

### Materials

Twisted Fiber Art 'Tasty' self-stripping, (80% superwash Merino, 10% cashmere, 10% nylon, 380 yds/100g), 165g or about 630 yards

St-Denis 'Nordique', (100% wool, 150 yds/50g), 210g or about 620 yards of this sport weight yarn  
4 stitch markers

3.5mm, 100cm circular needle or size to obtain gauge

### Gauge

Stocking Stitch: 28 (21) sts./30 (26) rows = 4", before blocking in fingering (sport weight)

### Notes:

Use 1-4 solid, self-stripping, or variegated yarns. A single solid shows the texture beautifully, while a hand-dyed semisolid paired with a matching self-stripping yarn treats the stitches more subtly. Recommendations are given in each part for the location of colour changes; in the two-colour version, Parts 2 and 3 could be done in the second colour, in the three-colour, Parts 3 and 4.

### **Yardage Guide for Tasty or other fingering**

Part 1 – 165 yards

Part 2 – 165 yards

Part 3 – 135 yards

Part 4 – 145 yards

### Abbreviations

**K:** knit

**K2tog:** K 2 sts together (decrease)

**P:** purl

**ssk:** slip slip knit (decrease)

**st(s):** stitch(es)

**yo:** yarn over (increase)

### Directions

#### **Part One**

Using 3.5 mm needles, cast on 5 sts to work flat.

Setup Row: K2, P1, K2.

Row 1: (RS) K2, yo, K1, yo, K2 – 7 sts

Row 2: K2, P3, K2.

Row 3: K2, [yo, K1] 3 times, yo, K2 – 11 sts

Row 4: Knit.

Row 5: [K2, yo] twice, K3, [yo, K2] twice – 15 sts

Row 6: K2, pm, P3, pm, P5, pm, P3, pm, K2.

Complete the following chart 18 times; 4 markers are slipped between each of the 5 columns. With each full repeat you will be increasing 8 sts (4 on each side of the central panel); each odd-numbered row adds 2 sts each side of each panel.

**Trickiness Alert:** don't miss the last yo in Column 2's ssk, yo sequence! Count frequently at the end of an odd numbered row to catch mistakes while they are easy to fix.

Row 1	K2	yo, K to marker, yo	K1, [yo, K1] 4 times	yo, K to marker, yo	K2
Row 2	K2	K to marker	[K1, P1] 4 times, K1	K to marker	K2
Row 3	K2	yo, K1, *ssk, yo; repeat from * to 2 sts before marker, K2, yo	K1, P1, ssk, K1, K2tog, P1, K1	yo, K2, *yo, K2tog; repeat from * to last st before marker, K1, yo	K2
Row 4	K2	K to marker	P1, K1, P3tog, K1, P1	K to marker	K2

Final stitch count for Part One:

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