Lazy Day Lace Shawl (revised 09/17/09)







Taking as little as 24 hours of knitting time, this mini-shawl's lace pattern is simple enough to work while commuting, watching television, or chatting with friends. In the size shown it's a nice gift for yourself or a friend to wear as a little cape, a scarf, or even tied around the waist – worked longer with a second skein, it would make a lovely, warm, full-size shawl.

Materials

1 skein Twisted Fiber Art 'Playful', 100% superwash merino wool, heavy fingering (sample shown in Weimaraner colorway, using just under 350 yds)

3/4" button (1 shown, but several in a row down the front could be attractive)

4.0mm circular needle, 100cm length

Gauge

Can vary; for (blocked) sample, Lace Pattern stitch = 16 stitches over 4", 32 rows over 4"

Abbreviations

sts means stitches; st means stitch

WS/RS – wrong side or right side of work

pm/m – place marker/slip marker

yo – bring yarn to front

ssk – slip next st knitwise onto right needle, and do the same again with the next; slip the left needle through both sts slipped to right needle and knit together

K2tog – knit two sts as though they were one st

RT – skip next st on left needle, k 2nd st in front of skipped st, then k skipped st.

Directions

Using 4.0 mm needles, cast on 6 sts to work flat.

Setup

Row $1 - WS$	P1, K1, P2, K1, P1
Row 2	P1, K1, yo, K2, yo, K1, P1 – 8 sts
Row 3	P1, K1, P4, K1,P1
Row 4	P1, K1, yo, K1, yo, RT, yo, K1, yo, K1, P1 – 12 sts
Row 5	P1, K1, P8, K1, P1
Row 6	P1, K1, yo, K3, yo, K2, yo, K3, yo, K1, P1 – 16 sts

Row 7 P1, K1, P12, K1, P1

Lace Pattern

- Row 1 RS P1, K1, yo, K1, [pm] K1, ssk, yo, K1 [pm], yo, RT, yo [pm*] K1, yo, K2tog, K1 [pm], K1, yo, K1, P1 20 sts (* this is an awkward marker placement yo, K1, then slip the K st back onto the left needle, place marker, and slip the K st back to the right.)
- Rows 2, 4, 6 P1, K1, P to last 2sts, K1, P1
- Row 3 P1, K1, yo, K2, [m] K1, ssk, yo, K1 [m], K1, yo, K2, yo, K1 [m] K1, yo, K2tog, K1 [m], K2, yo, K1, P1 24 sts
- Row 5 P1, K1, yo, K3 [m] K1, ssk, yo, K1 [m], K2, yo, RT, yo, K2 [m] K1, yo, K2tog, K1 [m], K3, yo, K1, P1 28 sts
- Row 7 P1, K1, yo, K4 [m] K1, ssk, yo, K1 [m], K3, yo, K2, yo, K3 [m] K1, yo, K2tog, K1 [m], K4, yo, K1, P1 32 sts
- Row 8 Removing markers as you go, P1, K to first marker and remove, K to second marker and remove, K4, P2, K4, remove marker, K to next marker and remove, K to last st, P1

 For subsequent lace repeats:
- Row 1 RS P1, K1, yo, K1, [pm] *K1, ssk, yo, K1; repeat from * to the two central K sts [pm], yo, RT, yo [pm] **K1, yo, K2tog, K1; repeat from ** to last 3 sts [pm], K1, yo, K1, P1
- Rows 2, 4, 6 P1, K1, P to last 2sts, K1, P1
- Row 3 P1, K1, yo, K2, [m] *K1, ssk, yo, K1; repeat from * to marker, [m] K1, yo, K2, yo, K1, [m] **K1, yo, K2tog, K1; repeat from ** to marker, [m] K2, yo, K1, P1
- Row 5 P1, K1, yo, K3 [m] *K1, ssk, yo, K1; repeat from * to marker, [m], K2, yo, RT, yo, K2 [m] **K1, yo, K2tog, K1; repeat from ** to marker, [m], K3, yo, K1, P1
- Row 7 P1, K1, yo, K4 [m] *K1, ssk, yo, K1; repeat from * to marker, [m], K3, yo, K2, yo, K3 [m] **K1, yo, K2tog, K1; repeat from ** to marker, [m], K4, yo, K1, P1
- Row 8 Removing markers as you go, P1, K to first marker and remove, K to second marker and remove, K4, P2, K4, remove marker, K to next marker and remove, K to last st, P1 Repeat these 8 rows until there are 238 sts on the needle (<14 repeats); end with row 7.

Border

- Row 1 (WS) *P1, K1; repeat from * to second maker (having removed the first as usual) and work 3 more sts to continue P1 K1 sequence. P4, then work in K1, P1 sequence to end, removing markers as you go.
- Row 2 *P1, K1; repeat from* to the 4 central K sts purled on the previous row. P1, RT, P1; continue K1, P1 to end.
- Row 3 Cast off knitwise.

Finishing

Wet block, stretching the finished shawl to 50" across the cast-on edge (25" each side of the central cable) and 25" from center top to tip. Air dry.

Sew button on left side of shawl approximately 9.5" toward center from outermost tip of cast-on edge, or at most suitable closing point for the size of the wearer. To close shawl, slip the button through an eyelet on the other side.