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.

Abbreviations

K: knit
K2tog: K 2 sts together (decrease)
P: purl
ssk: slip slip knit (decrease)
st(s): stitch(es)
yo: yarn over (increase)

Part Three

Part Three will not seem very different from Part Two. In much the way that period dramas retell the same essential Boy Meets Girl story, it's the details that count.

Complete the following chart once; markers are slipped between each column. As before, you are increasing 2 sts on each side of the center panel (4 sts total) per odd-numbered row. If you are changing yarn in Part Three, do so in row 6.

Trickiness Alert: Watch the changes in the side panels of the even-numbered rows.

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, K to marker, yo	K1, P1, ssk, K1, K2tog, P1, K1	yo, K to marker, yo	K2
Row 4	K2	P to marker	P1, K1, P3tog, K1, P1	P to marker	K2
Row 5	K2	yo, K to marker, yo	K1, [yo, K1] 4 times	yo, K to marker, yo	K2
Row 6	K2	P to marker	[K1, P1] 4 times, K1	P to marker	K2
Row 7	K2	yo, K to marker, yo	K1, P1, ssk, K1, K2tog, P1, K1	yo, K to marker, yo	K2
Row 8	K2	K to marker	P1, K1, P3tog, K1, P1	K to marker	K2

Stitch count on complete chart:

	2	119	5	119	2

Complete chart on the following two pages once; markers are slipped between each column.

Part Three cont'd

Trickiness Alert: Keep checking for the last yo in the 'ssk, yo' sequence in Rows 3, 7, 13, and 17.

Row 1	K2	yo, K1, *yo, K2tog; repeat from * to 2 sts before marker, K2, yo - 121 sts	K1, [yo, K1] 4 times	yo, K2, *yo, K2tog; repeat from * to 1 st before marker, K1, yo - 121 sts	K2
Row 2	K2	P to marker	[K1, P1] 4 times, K1	P to marker	K2
Row 3	K2	yo, K1 *ssk, yo; repeat from * to 2 sts before marker, K2, yo - 123 sts	K1, P1, ssk, K1, K2tog, P1, K1	yo, K2, *ssk, yo; repeat from * to 1 st before marker, K1, yo yo - 123 sts	K2
Row 4	K2	P to marker	P1, K1, P3tog, K1, P1	P to marker	K2
Row 5	K2	yo, K1, *yo, K2tog; repeat from * to 2 sts before marker, K2, yo - 125 sts	K1, [yo, K1] 4 times	yo, K2, *yo, K2tog; repeat from * to 1 st before marker, K1, yo - 125 sts	K2
Row 6	K2	P to marker	[K1, P1] 4 times, K1	P to marker	K2
Row 7	K2	yo, K1 *ssk, yo; repeat from * to 2 sts before marker, K2, yo - 127 sts	K1, P1, ssk, K1, K2tog, P1, K1	yo, K2 *ssk, yo; repeat from * to 1 st before marker, K1, yo - 127 sts	K2
Row 8	K2	P to marker	P1, K1, P3tog, K1, P1	P to marker	K2
Row 9	K2	yo, K to marker, yo - 129 sts	K1, [yo, K1] 4 times	yo, K to marker, yo - 129 sts	K2
Row 10	K2	P to marker	[K1, P1] 4 times, K1	P to marker	K2
Row 11	K2	yo, K1, *yo, K2tog; repeat from * to 2 sts before marker, K2, yo - 131sts	K1, P1, ssk, K1, K2tog, P1, K1	yo, K2, *yo, K2tog; repeat from * to 1 st before marker, K1, yo - 131sts	K2
Row 12	K2	P to marker	P1, K1, P3tog, K1, P1	P to marker	K2

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Part Three cont'd

Row 13	K2	yo, K1 *ssk, yo; repeat from * to 2 sts before marker, K2, yo - 133 sts	K1, [yo, K1] 4 times	yo, K2, *ssk, yo; repeat from * to 1 st before marker, K1, yo - 133 sts	K2
Row 14	K2	P to marker	[K1, P1] 4 times, K1	P to marker	K2
Row 15	K2	yo, K1, *yo, K2tog; repeat from * to 2 sts before marker, K2, yo - 135 sts	K1, P1, ssk, K1, K2tog, P1, K1	yo, K2, *yo, K2tog; repeat from * to 1 st before marker, K1, yo - 135 sts	K2
Row 16	K2	P to marker	P1, K1, P3tog, K1, P1	P to marker	K2
Row 17	K2	yo, K1 *ssk, yo; repeat from * to 2 sts before marker, K2, yo - 137 sts	K1, [yo, K1] 4 times	yo, K2, *ssk, yo; repeat from * to 1 st before marker, K1, yo - 137 sts	K2
Row 18	K2	P to marker	[K1, P1] 4 times, K1	P to marker	K2
Row 19	K2	yo, K to marker, yo - 139 sts	K1, P1, ssk, K1, K2tog, P1, K1	yo, K to marker, yo - 139 sts	K2
Row 20	K2	P to marker	P1, K1, P3tog, K1, P1	P to marker	K2

Stitch count on completed chart:

	2	139	5	139	2