Lazy Day Lace Shawl by Mary Keenan

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's a lovely, warm, full-size shawl.

Materials

1 skein Twisted Fiber Art 'Playful', 100% superwash merino wool, heavy fingering (sample, in Weimaraner, used just under 350 yds)
 ¾" button
4.0mm, 100cm circular needle

Gauge

Lace Pattern: 16 sts, 32 rows over 4"

Abbreviations

K: knit
K2tog: k 2 sts together (decrease)
P: purl
pm/s**m** – place marker/slip marker
RS/WS –right side/wrong side
RT – right twist (skip next st on left needle, k 2nd st in front of skipped st, then k skipped st)
ssk – slip slip knit (decrease)
st(s): stitch(es)
yo – yarn over (increase)

Directions

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

Setup Row P1, K1, P2, K1, P1

Row 1: (RS) P1, K1, yo, K2, yo, K1, P1 – 8 sts

Row 2: P1, K1, P4, K1,P1

Row 3: P1, K1, yo, K1, yo, RT, yo, K1, yo, K1, P1 – 12 sts

Row 4: P1, K1, P8, K1, P1

Row 5: P1, K1, yo, K3, yo, K2, yo, K3, yo, K1, P1 – 16 sts

Row 6: P1, K1, P12, K1, P1

Lace

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 2 sts, K1, P1

Row 3: P1, K1, yo, K2, [sm] K1, ssk, yo, K1 [sm], K1, yo, K2, yo, K1 [sm] K1, yo, K2tog, K1 [sm], K2, yo, K1, P1 – 24 sts

Row 5: P1, K1, yo, K3 [sm] K1, ssk, yo, K1 [sm], K2, yo, RT, yo , K2 [sm] K1, yo, K2tog, K1 [sm], K3, yo, K1, P1 – 28 sts

Row 7: P1, K1, yo, K4 [sm] K1, ssk, yo, K1 [sm], K3, yo, K2, yo , K3 [sm] K1, yo, K2tog, K1 [sm], K4, yo, K1, P1 – 32 sts

Row 8: Removing markers as you go, P1, K to first and second markers, K4, P2, K4 to third marker, K to fourth marker, K to last st, P1

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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, [sm] *K1, ssk, yo, K1; repeat from * to marker, [sm] K1, yo, K2, yo, K1, [sm] **K1, yo, K2tog, K1; repeat from ** to marker, [sm] K2, yo, K1, P1

Row 5: P1, K1, yo, K3 [sm] *K1, ssk, yo, K1; repeat from * to marker, [sm], K2, yo, RT, yo , K2 [sm] **K1, yo, K2tog, K1; repeat from ** to marker, [sm], K3, yo, K1, P1

Row 7: P1, K1, yo, K4 [sm] *K1, ssk, yo, K1; repeat from * to marker, [sm], K3, yo, K2, yo , K3 [sm] **K1, yo, K2tog, K1; repeat from ** to marker, [sm], 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 256 sts on the needle (<14 repeats); end with row 7.

Border

Setup Row *P1, K1; repeat from * to second marker (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 1: *P1, K1; repeat from* to the 4 central K sts purled on the previous row. P1, RT, P1; continue K1, P1 to end

Row 2: 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.