



Curling Shawl

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The yarn was purchased on impulse with only a vague idea that it would become a shawl. The shawl was designed, knit, and worn as I watched hour after hour of television coverage of the 2010 Olympics, hence the name – because it just wouldn't make sense to call it the *Ice Dancing Shawl* or the *Short Track Speed Skating Shawl*.

Gauge

Not important, but in the neighborhood of 3 to 3.25 sts = 1"

Materials

Yarn: Plymouth *Nazca Wind* (a chunky-weight bouclé) or similar yarn
4 skeins Main Color A (ecru)
1 skein Contrasting Color B (rust)
2 skeins Contrasting Color C (blue)

Needles: 32" Size US #10 circular needle (you may wish to begin with a shorter needle and change to an even longer needle when the stitches become crowded)

Notions: stitch markers

Abbreviations

BO = Bind Off; **BOYO** = Bind Off the Yarn Over;
K = Knit; **K2tog** = Knit 2 Together; **P** = Purl; **PM** = Place Marker; **RS** = Right Side; **SM** = Slip Marker from left needle to right needle; **ST** = Stitch(es); **WS** = Wrong Side; **YO** = Yarn Over

Instructions

Center Triangle

Using Color A, cast on 3 sts and knit one row.

Row 1: K1, YO, K1, YO, K1 — 5 sts on needle

Row 2: Knit all sts

Row 3: K1, YO, K1, YO, K1, YO, K1, YO, K1;
Pin a moveable marker or safety pin on the edge of the piece to remind yourself that this is an increase row. — 9 sts on needle

Row 4: Knit all sts

Row 5: K1, YO, K3, YO, PM; K1, YO, K3, YO, K1 — 13 sts on needle

Row 6: Knit all sts

Row 7: K1, YO, K to marker; YO, SM; K, YO, K to last st, YO, K1

Row 8: Knit all sts

Note: When working the center “YO, SM, K, YO”, be careful that the marker does not slide under the yarn over. The marker should remain adjacent to the center st, which is always knit. Depending on your yarn, you may not need a marker to see the center stitch. If so, eliminate the marker.

Repeat Rows 7 and 8 until the shawl is sufficiently large or until you have used 4 skeins of the main color, ending with a WS row.

Narrow Border

Work 4 rows of Color B as follows:

- Row 1: K1, YO, K to marker, YO, SM, K center st, YO, K to last st, YO, K1.
Row 2: Knit.
Row 3: K1, YO, K1, (YO, K2 tog) until 1 st rem before center st, YO, K1, YO, SM, K center st, YO, K1, (YO, K2tog) until 2 sts rem., K1, YO, K1.
Row 4: Knit.

Wide Border

Change to Color C:

- Row 1: K1, YO, K to marker, YO, SM, K center st, YO, K to last st, YO, K1.
Row 2: Knit.

Feather and Fan pattern

- Row 1: K1, YO, K to marker, YO, SM, K center st, YO, K to last st, YO, K1.
Row 2: Purl.
Row 3:
 - K1, YO, K1, then
 - [K2tog 3 times; (YO, K1) 6 times; K2tog 3 times]
 - repeat above sequence in square brackets as many times as possible before marker
 - If, after the last full repeat, fewer than 10 sts remain before the marker, K those stitches
 - If, after the last full repeat, 10 or more sts remain before the marker, K2 tog 3 times; (YO, K1) 3 times [this is 1/2 of the pattern]; then K to marker
 - YO, SM, K center st, YO,
 - finish row by working same sequence in reverse.

Row 4: Knit.

Repeat these 4 rows 4 **more** times. Continue working the 1/2 pattern repeat on either side of the center if you established this pattern in the first repeat.

Garter Stitch Edge

Continuing with Color C, work 6 rows as follows:

- Row 1: K1, YO, K to marker, YO, SM, K center st, YO, K to last st, YO, K1.
Row 2: Knit.

Repeat these 2 rows 2 **more** times.

Stretchy Bind Off

K1, YO, BOYO, (BO 3 sts, YO, BOYO), repeat sequence in parentheses to marker, SM, YO, BOYO, K center st, BO center st, YO, BOYO, resume (BO 3 sts, YO, BOYO) sequence until 1 st remains, YO, BOYO, BO last st.

Weave in ends and block lightly with steam if necessary.

Make hot chocolate, wrap yourself in the shawl, sit in front of the fire, and watch curling (or the biathlon).