



Scrappy Bias Shawl

By Emily Clawson

Mini skeins! They are just about my favorite thing! But there are only so many socks and blankets that one can knit. After staring at my luscious stash of bright, spring colors I created this delectable shawl. It's such a simple and addicting knit, with color changes happening however you desire. It's like painting with your yarn!

Yarn: 200 grams fingering weight yarn. Use scraps or mini skeins or any other combination you choose.

Needles: 32-40-inch (80-100-cm) US 6 (4.0 mm) circular needle.

Gauge: 16 sts x 28 rows = 4 x 4" (10 x 10 cm) in stockinette with US 6 (4.0 mm) needles. Gauge is not important for this project, but if your gauge is different, your yardage and final measurements will be different.

Final measurements: 92 inches along longest side by 17 inches deep.

Techniques: long tail cast on, knitting, increasing, decreasing, binding off.

Pattern notes: By increasing on one edge every row and decreasing on the other edge every two rows, you get a wonderful, bias, garter shawl that makes a really fun asymmetrical triangle shape. When choosing colors, keep in mind that the earlier rows in your shawl are much shorter so will take less yarn for the same width stripes. Best results are achieved in staggering the width of your stripes to appear random for that scrappy look.

Abbreviations

CO = cast on

K = knit

K2tog = knit 2 stitches together (left-leaning decrease)

Kf&b = knit into the front and back of next stitch (one stitch increased)

Ktbl = knit through back loop

Ssk = slip slip knit, slip two stitches knit-wise, one at a time. Insert left needle into front of two slipped stitches and knit through back loop (right-leaning decrease)

BO = bind off

Directions:

CO 3 st

Set up rows:

Row 1 (RS): k1, kfb, k1.

Row 2 (WS): k1, k2tog, kfb.

Pattern repeat:

Row 1 (RS): k1, kfb, to the end of the row.

Row 2 (WS): k1, k2tog, k to last stitch, kfb.

Repeat these two rows, changing yarns whenever desired, until you have 200 stitches on your needles.

BO: K1, *K1 insert left needle into front of those two st and ktbl as if working a ssk. Repeat from * to end of row. Weave in ends. Block lightly to maintain that squishy garter effect.

