

The inspiration for this scarf is from some of the triangular knitted lace shawls I have seen in Haapsalu, Estonia. The pattern is adapted from Leili Reimann's book *Pitsilised Koekirjad* [Lace Knitting] (Tallinn, Estonia: Monokkel, 1995). This pattern is different from many Estonian patterns because the center of each diamond is worked in garter stitch (stitches are purled on both the right and wrong sides) rather than the usual stockinette stitch. I made a small neck scarf, but it easily may be enlarged by using larger needles or working more pattern repeats (more than one skein of yarn may be needed for a larger version).

Materials

Cascade Yarns Alpaca Lace, 100% baby alpaca yarn, laceweight, 437 yards (399.6 m)/50 gram (1.75 oz.) skein, 1 skein of #1411 Heathered Light Green
 Needles, 24-inch (61.0-cm) circular, size 1 (2.5 mm) or size needed to obtain gauge

Finished size: About 16 inches (41 cm) high from top edge to lower point and 46 inches (117 cm) wide across top edge, blocked
 Gauge: 17 sts and 25 rows = 3 inches (7.6 cm), unblocked

Instructions

Notes: When you slip 1 at the beginning of every row, slip as to purl with yarn in front; when you work a slip stitch as part of a decrease (such as sl 1, k1, pss0 or sl 1, k2tog, pss0) slip as to knit with yarn in back. The chart shows only right-side rows; work all wrong-side rows as slip 1, purl to end. The scarf increases 2 stitches every right-side row or 16 stitches for every 16 rows of pattern repeat, Rows 23–37; so each time you work Rows 23–37 there will be enough stitches to work 2 more full repeats of the pattern across.

Using the knitted method, CO 3 sts (counts as Row 1 of chart). Work Rows 2–37 of chart once, then rep Rows 23–37 *only* 11 more times, then work Rows 23–27 once more—221 sts, 218 rows completed (including CO Row 1), and 13½ diamonds up the center of the scarf. For a larger scarf, rep Rows 23–37 as desired, ending with Row 27.

Complete as foll,

Row 1: (WS) P across.

Row 2: *P2tog, yo; rep from * to last 2 sts, p2tog—220 sts.

Rows 3 and 4: K across.

Row 5: BO loosely as follows, Sl 1, *k1, k these 2 sts tog by going into the front of both from left to right with the left-hand needle; rep from * to end and fasten off last st.

Finishing

Weave in the ends and block the scarf under a damp towel. ❁

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- Key**
- k on RS
 - p on RS
 - sl 1 pwise wyf
 - k2tog
 - sl 1, k1, pss0
 - sl 1, k2tog, pss0
 - yo
 - patt rep

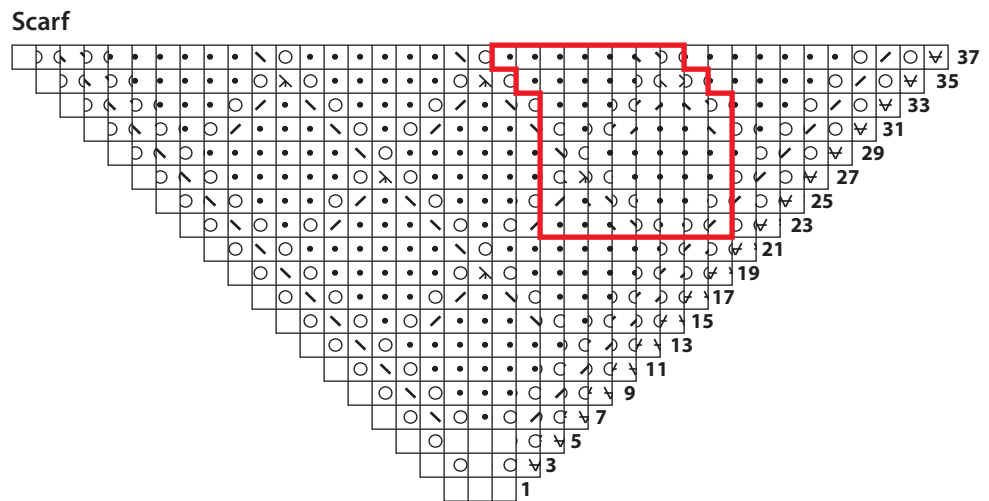


Chart may be photocopied for personal use.

OPPOSITE: Baby alpaca yarn is perfect for this light and airy scarf inspired by the traditional triangular knitted-lace shawls from Haapsalu, Estonia. Photograph by Joe Coca.