

The Glass Fairy Shawl

Or

A Simple Shoulder Wrap Shawl



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This is a very simple shoulder shawl that I designed for my friend, Kerry the Glass Fairy. This shawl wraps around the shoulders. It has long ties that can be used as actual ties, or as a scarf. The homespun yarn creates a light lofty effect that can be warm without overheating, or cooler while still insulating. This shawl can be worn several ways. The ties can wrap around the arms like boas. The ties can be wrapped around the neck like a scarf. The ties can also be crossed and tied around the body to secure the shawl.

Samples knitted in Lion Brand Homespun, using US 17 needles.
One skein of yarn was used for each project, with a partial skein leftover.
There is no real need for gauge here due to the nature of the project.

Cast on three stitches.

Turn.

You can slip the first stitch of every row, purl-wise, to create a cleaner edge. This is what I did with the blue shawl pictured above.

Knit 1, increase, knit to end of row.

Turn.

Repeat the above row until the body of the shawl measures about 18 inches. Using a loose cast on, like a cable cast on, cast on 50 or 75 stitches, depending upon how long you want the ties, based upon your gauge for the body of the shawl. Knit across new stitches and all the way to the end of the row.

Turn work.

Repeat the last row: Using a loose cast on, like a cable cast on, cast on 50 or 75 stitches, depending upon how long you want the ties, based upon your gauge for the body of the shawl. Knit across new stitches and all the way to the end of the row.

Turn work.

Now, knit every stitch of every row for roughly 3 to 5 inches. You want the ties to remain ties, but to still be substantial enough to be useful as a scarf as well.

Bind off very loosely. Weave in any ends. Wear your shawl with pride.

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This picture shows the shawl before the ends have been woven in.

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