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# Kaipuu

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Knitting keeps me afloat. Especially when caught up in the currents of everyday life, all I can do is knit my emotions into different shapes and surfaces, stitch by stitch. I allow my feelings to take hold of me, and use every last drop of energy to turn yarn into a delicate lace or a rough stockinette surface. While I was knitting this shawl, I kept thinking of moments of longing and missing someone, and of grief too. I went back to those dark moments when knitting was the only thing I was capable of doing. I have heard dozens of stories of desperate gloom, when knitting is the only thing to keep our heads above water. The softness of the yarn brings us comfort, and the familiar rhythm of our needles has a strengthening, calming effect. These are the thoughts that brought forth Kaipuu – a shawl to wrap yourself in to escape the woes of the world.

## Notifications

The pattern has been changed a bit after knitting the model. There is more increases so the shawl is a bit wider than the original. If you want bigger size shawl you can add more repeats from the lace pattern. Chart is multiplied with 7 + edge stitches and increases.

## Pattern

### Materials

Isager Alpaca 2 color A approximately 60 g , color B 50 g

needles 3.5 - 4 mm / 100 cm

gauge 18 s x 35 krs

CO 3 sts. Knit 7 rows garter stitches. Rotate the knit 90 degrees right (do not turn!) and pick up and K 3 sts from the each purl garter bomb. Rotate another 90 degrees, pick up and K 3 sts from the CO edge.

Set up row:

WS: k 2, [yo, p1] 3 times, [p1, yo] 2 times, k2. = 14 sts.

Row 1 (RS): k 2, yo, kfb, knit until 3 sts left, kfb, yo, k2. = 18 sts

Row 2 (WS): k2, yo, purl until 2 sts left, yo, k 2. = 20 sts

Repeat rows 1-2 10 times more = 80 sts.

Eyelet row:

k 2, yo, kfb, [k1, k2tog, yo] rep [-] until 5 sts left, k 2, kfb, yo, k 2. = 84 sts

Work row 2. Repeat rows 1-2 11 times. = 152 sts.

Work eyelet row = 156 s.

Work row 2. Repeat rows 1-2 11 times. = 220 sts.

Work eyelet row = 228 s.

Repeat rows 2-1 9 times, ending with right side row. Continue knitting 5 garter stitch rows and remember to increase on the edges as before. Increase 4 stitches on the last garter row = 300 s. (Chart is multiplied with 7 + edge stitches and increases - this helps if you want to modify the size)

### Lace edge, color B

*NOTICE! The edge stitches and increases are not in the chart, work them every row before and after the chart as follows:*

*RS: k 2, yo, kfb repeat chart, kfb, yo, k 2.*

*WS: k 2, yo, repeat chart, yo, k 2.*

### CHART A.

Row 1 (RS): k 2, yo, kfb, [repeat row 1 from the chart and the lace patterns stitches 17-23 all together 41 times], kfb, yo, k 2.

Row 2 (WS): k 2, yo, p 2, k 1 [repeat row 2 from the chart until 5 sts left], k 1, p 2, yo, k 2.

Work rows 3-8 from the chart.

chart A

	38	37	36	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
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Continue workin chart B increasing in the edges like before and repeating the 7 sts lace pattern.

chart B

	45	44	43	42	41	40	39	38	37	36	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
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Continue repeating 7 sts and 8 rows lace pattern all together 40 rows (= 5 x 8 row repeats). Start working new lace repeats in the edges when you have increased

enough stitches for the lace. There is no longer charts in the pattern, the repeat of the lace and increases doesn't match so there is no repeating row pattern. After knitting chart A and B you know how to knit the lace in the edges, I'm sure :)

Notice that there is 6 x 8 rows (= 48 rows) in the sample shawl but I have changed the pattern after knitting. This way your yarn should be enough if you want 250 m to be enough. If you seem to run out of yarn sooner (this may happen if you are a loose knitter) don't worry, you can end the lace pattern sooner and it will look nice then too. Start the picot edge then earlier. On the other hand if you have more yarn, you can knit more repeats to end up with bigger shawl.

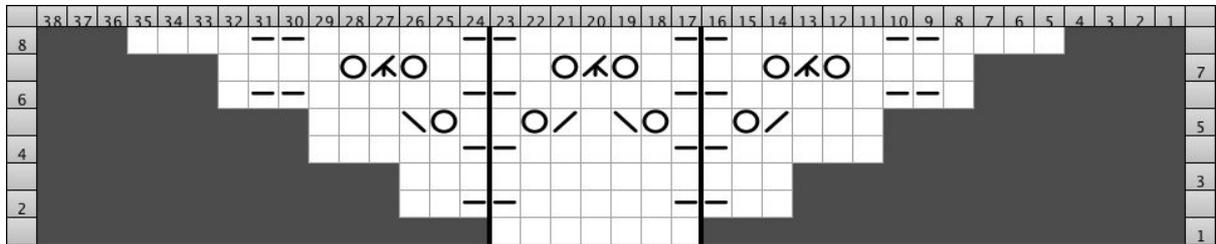
### **Picot edge, color A**

BO 1 st, move the stitch to left needle, [CO 3 sts using knitting cast on, BO 6 sts], repeat [-] until 1 st left, BO 1 s. Sew the ends. Wash and block the shawl.

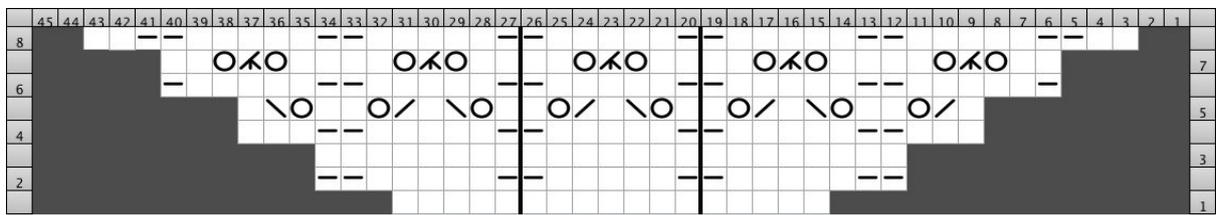
### **Abbreviations**

st	stitch
sts	stitches
CO	cast on
BO	bind off
rep	repeat
k	knit
p	purl
yo	yarn over
kfb	knit front and back of the loop = 2 stitches increased

### Chart A



### Chart B



-  purl
-  yarn over
-  knit 2 stitches together
-  slip, slip, knit
-  knit 3 stitches together

White box is knit stitch on right side, purl on wrong side, black box is empty stitch.



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