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*Knitting isn't just amazing yarns, stitches and movements of the needles. It is a sense of community, friends - people with whom we share moments of joy and sorrow. Friendship inspired the Knit Love Unite shawl. Tiina from Titityy and Jonna from Laine got to know each other years ago and have since listened and encouraged each other, and knitted hundreds of sweaters. "Knitting has given us so much, above all you; the wonderful knitting community. Let this shawl serve as a sign of that. It is a touch of sun-yellow retro feel, with the much needed peace and love that we breathe."*

## Materials

Yarn: Tukuwool Fingering, total 250 g

Tiina's colors: A: Sake 50 g, B: Kimo 100 g, Polte: 100 g

Jonna's colors: A: Sake 50 g, B: Havu 100 g, Taate: 100 g

Needles: 4 mm/ US 6

Other: Stitch markers

## Gauge

17 sts x 40 rows measured from the finished shawl, in garter stitch.

## Size

Width 176 cm, length from the tip of the shawl 77 cm.

## Pattern:

Knit Love Unite triangle shawl is knitted top down. It combines garter stitch with traditional Latvian braids and either stranded knitting or mosaic knitting – it's your choice!

## STRIPE 1.

The shawl begins with a garter tab:

Cast on 3 sts with color A.

Knit 7 rows in garter stitch.

Next row: Turn the work 90 degrees and pick up 3 sts from the long edge of the work (pick up a stitch at each purl ridge). Turn the work again 90 degrees and pick up 3 more sts from the bottom of the work (the cast on edge). There are now 9 sts in total.

For more instructions about how to knit a garter tab, see this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=60eSifHjMow>

**Setup row with color A (WS):** K4, pm, k1, pm, k4. Please note that the first and last 3 sts of the shawl are border stitches.

**Row 1 (RS):** K3, M1L, k until marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, k until 3 sts left, M1R, k3. (if you want you can place a stitch marker or a piece of scrap yarn to the right side of the shawl. It makes it easier to see if you are on the right or wrong side of the work. You can remove this after finishing the first Latvian braid. It's easy to know after that section which one is the right side.)

**Row 2 (WS):** K to end. Move stitch markers from the left needle to the right as you come to them.

Repeat round 1 and 2, 19 more times. There are now 40 rows (+ the Setup row). You can count them easily from the purl ridges; there are now 20 of them.

**89 sts (44+1+44).**

## 1st Latvian braid

Pick up color B and start the Latvian braid. The Latvian braid is worked over 3 rows. The braids on this shawl are worked so that the "arrows" that are formed point to the center of the shawl on both sides of the center stitch. The arrows on the right side lean to the left, and the arrows on the left side lean to the right. A tutorial on how to work a Latvian braid flat can be found here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7H-ZaFN\\_A0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7H-ZaFN_A0)

**Row 1 (RS):** With color B, k3, M1L. Then alternate colors A and B (after the increase, knit the stitch with color A, next stitch with color B and so on) until 1 st before the marker. Knit the last stitch before marker with color A, leave yarn A to rest. **M1R, sm, k1, M1L (color B)**, now alternate colors A and B (knit the last stitch before border sts with color A) until you have 3 sts left, M1R, k3 (**color B**).

**Row 2 (WS):** You are now on the wrong side of the shawl. Because the left side latvian braids should point to the right, to the center of the shawl, start the row as follows:

With color B, k3 (border sts), with color A, knit all A color stitches, and with color B, knit all B colored stitches until marker. Change color **so that the new yarn comes from the top**. Note, the yarns will get tangled, but do not worry about this, they will untangle on the second half of the shawl.

Now you are at the stitch marker in the middle of the shawl. Bring color A to the front, sm, k1 (color B), sm, bring color A to the back. Knit the second half of the shawl the same way as the first part,

alternating color A and B, **except** now the new color comes from below the previous color (this way the arrows point left). When there are 3 sts left, leave color A and knit the border stitches with color B.

**Row 3 (RS):** This is the last round of the Latvian braid. You are on the right side of the shawl, and at the beginning of the right half of the shawl. With color B K3. *Note, no increases on this round!* Bring both yarns to the front of the work and purl, alternating the yarns until marker. Purl so that the yarn comes from below the previous one. Once you reach the 1st marker, move both yarns to the wrong side of the shawl, sm, k1 (**color B**), sm and bring both yarns to the front of the work. Purl the other half of the shawl, alternating the yarn so that the new yarn comes from the top of the previous one. When you have 3 sts left, bring color A to the back side of the work and knit the stitches with color B. Break both yarns.

Now you are done with the first Latvian Braid.

## STRIPE 2.

Start with color B on the right side of the shawl, from the right half. *Note!* When you get to the center increases of the shawl, remember to lift the increases in color B.

**Row 1 (RS):** K3, M1L, knit until marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, knit until 3 sts left, M1R, k3.

**Row 2 (WS):** Knit all sts.

Repeat rows 1 and 2, 19 more times. There are now 40 rows knitted in color B. **173 sts (86+1+86).**

## 2nd Latvian braid

Work the Latvian braid like the 1st one, except start with color C (the second color is B.)

## STRIPE 3

**Knit like the previous stripe, but with color C.**

Repeat rows 1 and 2 a total of 20 times. There are now 40 rows knitted in color C.

**257 sts (128+1+128).**

## 3rd Latvian braid

Work the Latvian braid like the 1st one, except start with color B (the second color is C).

## STRIPE 4

**Knit like the previous stripe, but with color B.**

Repeat rows 1 and 2 a total of 20 times. There are now 40 rows knitted in color B.

**341 sts (170+1+170).**

## 4th Latvian braid

Work the Latvian braid like the 1st one, except start with color A (the second color is B.)

## STRIPE 5

Begin as before (like the previous stripe), but with color A.

**Row 1 (RS):** K3, M1L, knit until marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, knit until 3 sts left, M1R, k3.

**Row 2 (WS):** Knit to end.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 one more time (a total of 4 rows). Increase 2 sts on the last row (1 st around the half point of each half of the shawl).

**355 sts (177+1+177).**

Begin working the chart (color A is MC, color C in CC). You can either work the stranded colorwork chart or the mosaic knitting chart.

## WORKING THE STRANDED COLORWORK CHART

*Note! If you choose to work the colorwork chart, the yarn will get tangled on the wrong side and you need to untangle them. However, there are only a few wrong side colorwork rows! Remember to knit loosely enough, so that the floats are not too tight. Work the stitches outside of the chart with the main color.*

**Row 1 (RS):** K3, M1L, pm to mark the beginning of the chart, work chart row 1, repeating chart 3 times, pm to mark end of chart, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, pm to mark the beginning of the chart, continue with chart from row 1, repeating the chart 3 times, pm to mark end of chart, M1R, k3.o.

**Row 2 (WS):** Knit until 1st marker, sm, work next row from chart 3 times, sm, knit until marker, sm, k1, sm, knit until next marker, work next row from chart 3 times, sm, knit until 3 sts left, k3.

**Row 3 (RS):** 3K3, M1L, knit until 1st marker, sm, repeat next row from chart 3 times, sm, knit until next marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, knit until next marker, sm, repeat next row from chart 3 times, sm, knit until 3 sts left, M1R, k3.

Repeat rows 2 and 3 a total of 3 more times, then row 2 once more. 10 rows in total (all rows from the chart are worked). Remove chart markers on the last round. **375 sts (187-1-187)**.

Knit the rest of the rows with color A.

**Row 1 (RS):** K3, M1L, knit until marker, sm, k1, sm, knit until 3 sts left, M1R, k3.

**Row 2 (WS):** Knit all stitches.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 once more (in total 4 rows).

**383 sts (191+1+191)**. Break color A.

Move on to work the I-cord edge.

## WORKING THE MOSAIC CHART

Knitting mosaic is an easy way to knit colorwork. You work each row with one color only. One row from the chart equals 2 knitted rows; first you knit from right to left (RS), then repeat the same row from left to right (WS). You can see from the border of the chart which color you are meant to be working with. For example the first row is worked with the contrast color (black boxes) and the main color stitches are slipped without knitting them. The second row (WS) is worked with the contrast color as well and main color stitches are again slipped without working them. Third and fourth rows are worked with the main color (white boxes).

The chart repeats 3 times on each half of the shawl. There is a good technique video about mosaic knitting here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WY9YrQCk4Tc>

*Note! Increases are only worked on the main color right side rows. Work all stitches not charted with the main color. On the first and second row, you'll have two stitch markers next to each other, by the central stitch, and increases are worked between them starting from row 3.*

**Row 1 (RS, CC):** K3, pm to mark the beginning of the chart, work chart row 1, repeating chart 3 times, pm to mark end of chart, sm, k1, sm, pm to mark the beginning of the chart, continue with chart from row 1, repeat chart 3 times, pm to mark end of chart, k3.

**Row 2 (WS, CC):** K3, sm, work chart row 2 a total of 3 times, sm, knit until marker, sm, k1, sm, knit until marker, sm, work chart row 2 a total of 3 times, sm, k3.

**Row 3 (RS, MC):** *Note! This is an increase row.* K3,

M1L, knit until marker, work chart row 3 a total of 3 times, sm, knit until next marker, M1R, sm, k1, sm, M1L, knit until marker, sm, work chart row 3 a total of 3 times, sm, M1R, k3.

**Row 4 (WS, MC):** Knit as row 2.

Continue working as set in these 4 rows (remember to increase on rnd 3!) until you have worked all chart rows. Remove chart markers on the last round.

**375 sts (187-1-187)**.

Knit the rest of the rows with color A.

**Row 1 (RS):** K3, M1L, knit until marker, sm, k1, sm, knit until 3 sts left, M1R, k3.

**Row 2 (WS):** Knit all stitches.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 once more (in total 4 rows).

**383 sts (191+1+191)**. Break color A. Move on to

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## I-CORD EDGE

Use color C for the I-cord edge. Continue on the right side of the shawl as follows:

Cast on 3 sts using cable cast-on. Here is a tutorial:

[https://youtu.be/rUCkRq0r\\_0A](https://youtu.be/rUCkRq0r_0A)

Start the I-cord

**Step 1:** Knit 2 sts, k2togtbl.

**Step 2:** Move the 3 sts just worked back to the left needle.

Repeat steps 1 and 2 until only 3 sts remain.

K1, k2togtbl; 2 sts remain, k2togtbl. Break yarn and pull it through the last stitch.

## FINISHING TECHNIQUES

Sew in all yarn ends to the wrong side. Place the shawl into lukewarm water for 15 minutes, use wool detergent if available. Gently pick up the shawl, so that it won't stretch too much, and squeeze out excess water. Place the shawl into a towel and press it. Block to measurements and lay flat to dry.

### Abbreviations

K Knit

K2togtbl Knit 2 stitches together through back loops

M1L make 1 left; pick up the bar between the stitch you knit and the one you're about to knit, bringing the needle from front to back. Place it onto

your left hand needle. Knit through the back loop.

M1R      Make 1 right; pick up the bar between the stitch you knit and the one you're about to knit, bringing the needle from back to front. Place it onto your left hand needle. Knit through the back loop.

p      purl  
pm      place marker  
sm      slip marker  
st(s)      stitch(es)

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