

Orenburg Style Shawl

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Yarn: Handspun gossamer weight cashmere, plied with 2/100 silk – approx. 4 oz of cashmere was needed for my shawl. Finished weight is 6.5 oz.

Needles: size 0 circular or long dpn with endcap, or size which gives the desired fabric.

Finished size: about 50” square, unblocked; about 68” square, after blocking.

Work 40 teeth for the bottom border. Use your favorite border, or mine is below. Each “tooth” has 16 rows – 8 increases and 8 decreases, making a “point” or tooth.

Cast on 17 sts.

Row 1: (foundation row): Sl 1 as if to purl, k2, yo, k2, k2 tog, yo, k1, yo, k2 tog, k7.

Row 2: Sl 1 as if to purl, k to end.

Now the pattern:

Row 1: Sl 1 as if to purl, k2, yo, k2, k2 tog, yo, k3, yo, k2 tog, k6.

Row 2: Sl 1 as if to purl, k to end.

Row 3: Sl 1 as if to purl, k2, yo, k2, k2 tog, yo, k5, yo, k2 tog, k5.

Row 4: Repeat row 2.

Row 5: Sl 1 as if to purl, k2, yo, k2, k2 tog, yo, k3, yo, k2 tog, k2, yo, k2 tog, k4.

Row 6: Repeat row 2.

Row 7: Sl 1 as if to purl, k2, yo, k2, k2 tog, yo, k3, (yo, k2 tog) twice, k2, yo, k2 tog, k4.



Row 8: Repeat row 2.

There! Every pattern row has increased 1 stitch, and now we'll start decreasing 1 stitch each wrong side row:

Row 9: Sl 1 as if to purl, k3, yo, k2 tog, k2, yo, k2 tog, k2, yo, k2 tog, k1, k2 tog, yo, k5.

Row 10: Sl 1 as if to purl, k to 2 sts before end, k2 tog.

Row 11: Sl 1 as if to purl, k3, yo, k2 tog, k2, yo, k2 tog, k3, k2 tog, k2 tog, yo, k6.

Row 12: Repeat row 10.

Row 13: Sl 1 as if to purl, k3, yo, k2 tog, k2, yo, k2 tog, k1, k2 tog, k2 tog, yo, k7.

Row 14: Repeat row 10.

Row 15: Sl 1 as if to purl, k3, yo, k2tog, k2, yo, k3 tog, yo, k8.

Row 16: Repeat row 10.

That's all there is to the border. You can vary what happens in the middle, any pleasing zig-zag type pattern is lovely. Repeat these 16 rows 39 more times.

Turn corner, then pick up 320 sts along the straight edge of the border – One st for every 2 rows, using the lovely slipped sts. Turn 2nd corner, and k back, increasing 1 st for a total of 321 pattern sts. (Note: Corner-turning is explained in detail in Galena Khmeleva's book, *Gossamer Webs*. In short, you knit another tooth, but with short rows, so that there is only 1 more sl st on the pickup side of the border.) Place markers between the edging and pattern sts.

Only the right-side rows are charted. All wrong-side rows are knit across, as for plain garter stitch.

3 symbols in the chart. \ = K2tog
 O = YO
 ^ = K3tog



There are typos in the pattern. I've corrected all the ones I can find, but I lost my notes from the first knit-through, and I won't be knitting another test shawl. Remember that there should always be one decrease for each yarn-over – If you find a yo hanging out by itself, most likely it's missing its k2tog partner. Sometimes there are 2 YOs and a k3tog; this is balanced.

The pattern pages are assembled across, then down. If you want to get started right away, go to the very LAST page, bottom-right-hand corner ... there is Row One, Stitch One.

When you've finished the pattern, the final border is knit sideways across the top, turn the last corner, and join or graft with the side border.

Wash and block severely, using fishing wire and a square blocking frame, or a very large blocking board. The finished size will be 30% larger than the unblocked shawl.

Have fun!

