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MAGIC SHAWL COTTON

FALLING LEAVES SHAWL (COTTON)

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A beautiful shawl designed to take advantage of the planned colour changes in Magic Shawl Cotton. Knit using simple stitches and short rows, this shawl makes a good intermediate project!

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SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approximately 190 cm (75") wide x 72 cm (28.5") tall
Note that due to the construction of this shawl, this measurement can vary from ball to ball.

MATERIALS

- 1 Ball of Estelle Magic Shawl Cotton
50% Cotton, 50% Acrylic
Approx. 200g and 800m per ball
Cover shown in Colour Q40502 (Lagoon)
- 4.0mm (US 6) 32" Circular Needle
- Measuring Tape (optional)
- Yarn Needle

GAUGE

17 sts and 24 rows = 4" in Stockinette Stitch

ABBREVIATIONS

K – Knit

K2tog – Knit the next two stitches together (1 st decreased)

P – Purl

RS – Right Side

St(s) - Stitch(es)

WS – Wrong Side

W&T – Wrap and Turn (short rows)

With the yarn in front, slip the next st to the right hand needle purl-wise. With the yarn in back, slip the same stitch back to the left hand needle purl-wise. Turn the work to begin the next row, leaving any remaining sts unworked.

PATTERN NOTES

This shawl pattern is based on colour changes in the yarn. Because it may be necessary to work occasional extra rows to use up a given colour in the sequence, exact stitch counts are not provided or necessary.

If using a different yarn, two 100g skeins of fingering weight in different colours for the Leaf and Plain Section, or a ball of Estelle Yarns Rainbow Autumn would also provide great results. This may change the shape, unless you work fewer short rows while making the leaves.

INSTRUCTIONS

Measure out a 90" tail. If you don't have a tape measure handy, you can measure against your 32" needle three times.

Using the long-tail cast on method, cast on 138 sts. Continue to knit every row until the colour has just begun to change, or about to change.

In the sample this was 10 rows, but this may be different for individual knitters.

LEAF

Each time the yarn changes to this contrasting colour, work a Leaf as follows:

Row A (RS): Knit 69 sts, W&T.

Row B (WS): Knit to 4 sts before end of row, W&T.

Row C: Knit to 3 sts before previous wrapped st, W&T.

Row D: Knit to 3 sts before previous wrapped st, W&T.

Continue to repeat Rows C & D until 5 or fewer sts remain unwrapped in the center of the leaf, ending after having worked Row D.

Note: When working short rows, you would normally be instructed to knit each wrap together with its stitch in the following section. In this pattern it is not necessary.

Row E (RS): Knit to first wrapped st, knit 3 more sts, W&T.

Row F (WS): Knit to first wrapped st, knit 3 more sts, W&T.

Repeat Rows E & F until there are 3 or fewer sts left after the last W&T on Row F, or until approximately 5 yards of the leaf colour remains - whichever comes first.

Tip: 1 yard is approximately the same length as the needle. To avoid needing the tape measure, measure the yarn against the needle 5 times.

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Row G (RS): Knit to first wrapped st, knit 3 more sts, W&T.

Row H (WS): Knit to end of row.

Row I: Bind off 12 sts, knit to last 2 sts, K2tog.

Row J: Knit.

If the colour of the yarn has just changed, or is about to change, proceed to the Plain Section. If there is still 1-2 yards of the leaf colour left, work the following two rows:

Row K (RS): Knit to last 2 sts, K2tog.

Row L (WS): Knit.

PLAIN SECTION

Row M: Knit to last 2 sts, K2tog.

Row N: Purl.

Repeat rows M & N, until the colour has started to change during Row N, ending with Row N completed.

After the final Row N, turn the work so that the RS is facing.

Using the Knitted or Cabled cast-on method, cast on 22 additional sts before starting the next leaf, then proceed back to the Leaf section.

Continue to alternate between the Leaf and the Plain Section, until only one final leaf colour remains. This will be the same colour that the first leaf was.

Note: If using a different yarn, there should be 10 leaves at this point.

FINAL LEAF

Work as for all other leaves, ensuring that you stop repeating Rows E & F when 10 yards of yarn remain. Work Row G and H once.

Final Row (RS): Knit.

With WS Facing, bind off all sts knit-wise, taking care not to work the bind off tightly.

Wet or steam block the finished shawl, stretching it's width to help even out the tension of the leaves.

The top edge will have a point in the middle - when wearing it, place either side of this point around your neck and shoulders!



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