

Christmas Lights Shawl

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(NB This is a pattern preview only - the full pattern can be purchased from <http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/christmas-lights-shawl>)



Christmas is celebrated in many different ways across the world, but one thing that's common in many cultures is the tradition of stringing Christmas lights - in the streets, around the home, and on the Christmas tree - reflections of the star of the Christmas story.

This semi-circular shawl has Christmas Trees radiating from a star, with beaded lace motifs sparkling like decorative lights.

The instructions are provided for three sizes, a shawlette, and a medium and large shawl, and are in two formats – as charts, and as written instructions.



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Pattern Details

| | Shawlette | Medium Shawl | Large Shawl |
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| Yarn requirements*: | approx 550 yards (500m) fingering weight yarn | approx 875 yards (800m) fingering weight yarn | approx 1100 yards (1000m) fingering weight yarn |
| Sample shown in: | Lush Yarn 50/50 merino/silk fingering | Saffron Dyeworks Enya Sock: Superwash Merino | Not shown |
| Needles*: | US 7 (4.5 mm) circular needle; needle 2 sizes larger for casting off; 0.75mm crochet hook for applying beads. | | |
| Gauge** (stocking stitch, before blocking): | 21 sts and 29 rows = 4 inches (10 cm) square on 4.5 mm needles | | |
| Beads - size 5 (4.5mm): | approx. 440 | approx. 900 | approx. 1280 |
| Measurements (after blocking): | Width: 49" (124cm) Depth: 22" (56cm) | Width: 75" (190cm) Depth: 37.5" (90cm) | Width: 85" (215cm) Depth: 42" (106cm) |

* **Important note about yarn requirements, needle sizes and gauge:** Every knitter has their individual preferences for fabric feel, and their preferred knitting tension. The yarn requirements listed are based on the gauge given; for most fingering weight yarns, that will create a lacier, more open fabric than normally used for clothing. If you knit more loosely than the given gauge, or more firmly than it, then you may wish to use a different sized needle. **Remember**, if your gauge is looser than the given gauge, then you will use more yarn and your shawl will be larger; if your gauge is tighter, you will use less yarn but your shawl will be smaller.

Abbreviations

k - knit

p - purl

k2tog - knit 2 stitches together

ssk - slip 2 stitches as if to knit, then knit them together through the back of the loop

yo - yarn over needle

sk2p - slip 1 stitch purl-wise, knit next 2 stitches together, pass slipped stitch over

B1 - Bead - using a fine crochet hook, slip a bead on to the next stitch, then knit the stitch

m1R - make 1 stitch, right leaning; from the back, lift loop between stitches with left needle, knit into front of loop.

m1L - make 1 stitch, left leaning; from the front, lift loop between stitches with left needle, knit into back of loop.

kfbf - double increase by knitting into the front, back, and front of next stitch

pm - place marker - place a stitch marker before the next stitch

sm - slip marker - slip the marker from your left needle to your right