

Entrelac Shawl

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Adapted from Criminy Jickets Garterlac Washcloth pattern (<http://criminyjickets.blogspot.com/>)

Entrelac is a form of knitting where first triangles are made, then squares are built onto them to make a pathwork like design. Entrelac is also called patchwork knitting. It is then finished off with triangles to mirror the beginning triangle set.

Materials :

5 Skeins of Miner Creek Alpaca yarn Color#112 Fiesta
(100 grams, 250 yards)

Needles:

One pair US5 16" circular
Crochet Hook Size G

Gauge: 24 sts = 4" or 10 cm

Finished Dimensions: 12" x 95"

Abbreviations:

K -- Knit

K-FB -- Knit into the front of the next stitch and, before removing it from the needle, knit into the back of the same stitch

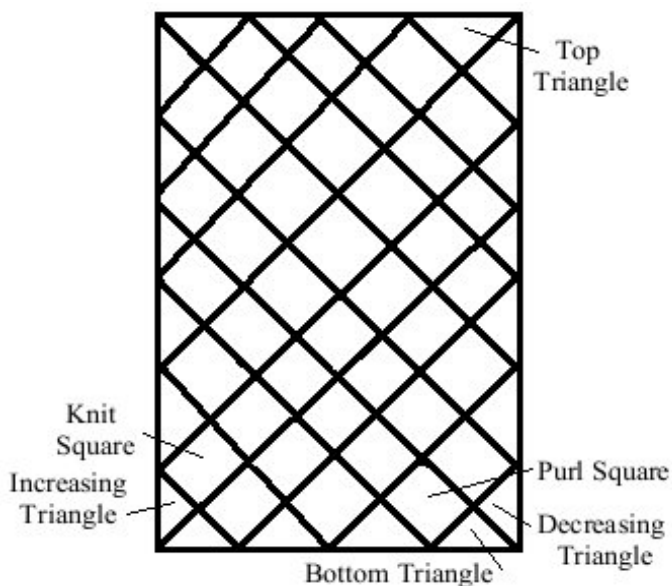
P2tog -- Purl two stitches together

SKP -- Slip one stitch purl-wise, knit 1 stitch, pass slipped stitch over

SPP -- Slip one stitch purl-wise, purl 1 stitch, pass slipped stitch over

Turn -- Put the stuff in your right hand into your left hand and the stuff that used to be in your left hand into your right hand

Pick up -- Insert right hand needle from front to back into side of previous layer, wrap the yarn around the needle and pull a stitch through



Directions:

Cast On 48 stitches.

Bottom Triangle:

K 1, turn, P 1, turn.
 K 2, turn, P 2, turn K 3, turn, P 3, turn.
 K 4, turn, P 4, turn.
 K 5, turn, P 5, turn.
 K 6, do not turn.

Repeat the directions for the Bottom Triangle all the way across – eight triangles in total. They look a little twisted right now, which is perfectly normal Turn and start making Tier 1:

**TIER 1:****Increasing Side Triangle:**

P 1, turn, K-FB, turn.
 P 1, SPP, turn, K-FB, K 1, turn.
 P 2, SPP, turn, K 1, K-FB, K 1, turn.
 P 3, SPP, turn, K 2, K-FB, K 1, turn.
 P 4, SPP, turn, K 3, K-FB, K 1, turn.
 P 5, SPP, do not turn.

Now make a Purl Square.

Purl Square:

Pick up 6 stitches along the side of the previous row, turn.
 * K 6, turn, P 5, SPP, turn. *
 Repeat between the *s until there are no more sts to SPP, do not turn.

Make another Purl Square. Continue until you reach the edge of the piece. There should be 7 squares. Then begin a decreasing side triangle:

Decreasing Side Triangle:

Pick up 6 stitches along the side of the previous row, turn, K 6, turn.
 P 4, P2tog, turn, K 5, turn.
 P 3, P2tog, turn, K 4, turn.
 P 2, P2tog, turn, K 3, turn.
 P 1, P2tog, turn, K 2, turn.
 P2tog, turn.



TIER 2:

You are left with one stitch on the left hand needle. Transfer it to the right-hand needle. Pick up a further 5 stitches down the side of the previous row so you have 6 stitches in total, turn, and continue with the directions for a Knit Square.

Knit Square:

Pick up 6 stitches along the side of the previous row, turn.

* P 6, turn, K 5, SKP, turn. *

Repeat between the *s until there are no more sts to SKP, do not turn.

Make another Knit Square. Continue until you reach the edge of the piece. There should be 8 squares.

Repeat Tiers 1 & 2 until you have your desired length. For this scarf it should measure 90". End on a Tier 1.

Now it is time to make triangles along the top. Transfer the remaining stitch to your right hand needle and proceed with Top Triangle.

Top Triangle:

Pick up 5 stitches along the side of the previous row, turn.

P 4, P2tog, turn, K 4, SKP, turn

P 3, P2tog, turn, K 3, SKP, turn

P 2, P2tog, turn, K 2, SKP, turn

P 1, P2tog, turn, K 1, SKP, turn

P2tog, turn, SKP.

K 1 and pass the second stitch on the right-hand needle over the first. You are left with one stitch on the right-hand needle.

Make 7 more Top Triangles, fasten off last stitch.

Finishing

Using your crochet hook, single crochet loosely around entire shawl. This finishes it nicely and gives the edges stability. Sew in ends and block shawl to size.

Making your own Entrelac

These instructions are the basic instructions for making entrelac. The only thing that changes are the number of squares in the middle. The side triangles are always the same (other than varying in size). To make your own entrelac choose a number of stitches. I chose 48 because I needed it to be 12" across. 48 is divisible by 4, 6, 8, & 12, which are all good numbers for entrelac. I chose 6, which means each one of my square are 6 sts long and 12 rows tall.

So, for example, if I wanted a scarf that was 6" wide and I had the same gauge I would cast on 24 sts. 24 is divisible by 3, 4, 6, & 8. So I could choose any of those numbers. If I chose 6, then I would keep the pattern the same, with just less squares across. If I chose 8 then I would knit the bottom triangles until there were 8 sts and continue the same way with less squares and more stitches for each of the triangles and squares. It actually is pretty easy once you try it and if you have any questions feel free to ask them. I am more than willing to answer any that you may have.