

Little Shells

(adapted from <http://newstitchaday.com/little-shell-stitch/>)



Size **8** needles. Acrylic worsted (#4) yarn – works well with Caron One Pound solid colors.

Finished size should be 7" wide x 9" tall.

Cast on 30 stitches. Be sure to leave an 18" tail at the beginning.

K1 P1 repeat between * to the end of the row for one row and then *P1 K1* repeat between * to the end of the row for a second row (two seed stitch rows).

Pattern set:

Row 1: Knit across (right side)

Row 2: Purl across

Row 3: K2, *yo, P1, P3tog, P1, yo, K2; rep from * to end

Row 4: Purl all stitches

STOP! Check the width to make sure it is 7". If not, change needle size to get the appropriate width.

Repeat rows 1-4 for ~13 complete pattern sets.

STOP! Check the length to make sure it will not exceed 9". Adjust the final length by reducing the number of complete pattern sets and/or eliminating the seed stitch rows at the end. The example shown has 14 complete pattern sets with two seed stitch rows at the beginning and at the end of the block.

Last two rows: *K1 P1* repeat between * to the end of the row for one row and then *P1 K1* repeat between * to the end of the row for a second row while binding off.

Be sure to leave an 18" tail at the end.

Now, knit another one since having two blocks in the same color and pattern is great for making shawls!

Knitting abbreviations:

K: Knit | P: Purl | yo: yarn over | P3tog: Purl three stitches together to make one stitch