



Seaweed Shawl Pattern

This pattern creates a beautiful lacy shawl from less than 200g of seaweed yarn, and as it is worked on 6mm needles it knits up very quickly.

The finished dimensions are 50cm x 140cm approx - due to the lacy texture it can be pulled longer and thinner or shorter and wider but when naturally laid down it is 140cm x 50cm.

You can make the shawl bigger or smaller as we have indicated how much yarn you will need for your bind off.



You will need;

- 6mm knitting needles
- 180g of thin seaweed yarn - you can find it here - <https://www.veganyarn.co.uk/product-category/yarn-base-material/seaweed/thin-seaweed/>
- 3 stitch markers - one lockable (or 1 place holder)
- Needle for weaving in ends

Pattern

Cast on 87 stitches using the 'Picot cast on' method, then cast on 1 additional stitch - total 88 stitches

(The Picot cast on method is detailed here - <https://www.allfreeknitting.com/Knitting-Tutorials/Picot-Cast-On>)



You should now work every row as follows -
K3, (YO, K2tog)* until last 3 stitch, S3wyif

A fuller explanation is to -

Knit the first 3 stitches, then do a yarn over and knit the next 2 stitches together. Repeat the yarn over, then knitting 2 stitches together until you have 3 stitches left. Now move the yarn to the front of your work (as if to purl) and slip the last 3 stitches to your right needle without knitting them.

At this point you may find it helpful to add stitch markers after the first 3 stitches and before the last 3 stitches as a reminder. We also recommend putting a locking stitch marker/place holder onto the right side of your work so that you will know which side is which when it comes to binding off.

(Tip: when you begin to knit your 3rd lacy row, the right side is facing you)

The first and last 3 stitches are creating an I-cord along both long sides of the shawl to help maintain its shape.

The yarn over and knit 2 together part is creating the lacy pattern.

(Tip: as you are knitting the stitches will need a gentle pull so that they open out properly, otherwise you may struggle to get the needle into the yarn over - gently! Pull each row away from the needle (in a downwards motion) as you knit. This will make much more sense when you do it.)

We have not counted the rows knitted to achieve the length of 140cm which is the length of our shawl - its very easy to lose count and very time consuming to keep counting - so we would suggest that you keep an eye on your yarn and bear in mind **you will need 10m** (we used 8.2m) **for the picot bind off.**

(Tip: this is around 4g of yarn. If you have made your skein into a cake you can access the opposite end and mark this at any point. If you have hand your yarn around something just bear in mind that once you are nearly at the end to unravel whats left to check you have enough. Digital scales (weighing to 0.00g) are great for this and cost around £10).

Once your shawl is the desired length/ you have 10m of yarn left, with right side facing, you cast off 87 stitches using the 'Picot bind off' then cast off the last stitch as usual .

The Picot bind off method can be found here -
<https://www.jimmybeanswool.com/secure-html/onlineec/instructionalArticle.asp?iaid=35>

Now weave in your ends and you have a beautiful shawl!



Blocking - as we knit we pulled the stitches gently to open them out. If you by hand go and do the same to all the picot points on the shorter edges you shouldn't need to block. The shawl shown is unblocked.

If you really do want to block the seaweed then treat as recycled cotton - reshape whilst damp.

Aftercare - Seaweed is machine washable however due to the lacy nature of the pattern we would recommend hand wash. If you do machine wash, please put inside a laundry bag so that nothing catches on your delicate yarn overs.

Drying in direct sunlight can cause the colours to fade.



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