More than 50 patterns give knitters all kinds of options and ideas

Features over 50 patterns and 8 pages of full-color photos!

Knitting Patterns for Dummies

This pattern book gives knitters scores of new, rewarding ways to have fun with needles and yarn, creating basic ponchos and pullovers, felted bags and slippers, cabled sweaters, soft baby items, home accessories, and more. With line drawings, knitting tips, and 8 pages of color photos showing finished projects, this book will keep knitters inspired and busy!

In stores October 2007

Available in October 2007 at dummies.com or wherever books are sold.
The Most Basic Shawl Ever

Materials and vital statistics

- **Yarn:** Colinette Giotto (50% cotton, 40% rayon, 10% nylon); 153 yards (140 meters) per 100 grams; 4 hanks; color: Lichen
- **Needles:** US 15 (10 mm) circular needle, 36-inch length or longer, or the size needed to match gauge
- **Size:** 60 inches wide by 40 inches long from tip to top (without fringe)
- **Gauge:** 10 stitches and 20 rows per 4 inches in garter stitch

Variation: Changing up your yarn

This basic shawl lends itself well to some variations and substitutions in yarns.

For example:
- Choose any ribbon or tape yarn and a very large needle size to achieve a lacy look. If you’re substituting a thicker yarn, use size US 17 or larger needles.
- Consider knitting with one yarn and fringing with a second color or texture to vary the look of your shawl. Or you can leave the fringe off all together for a sleeker look.

Variation: Making a poncho

If you’re more of a poncho person, make two shawls, each with a hypotenuse of about 45 inches. Lay the shawls out so they make a square. Now simply seam the two hypotenuses together from the points toward the center, leaving a 10-inch wide slit in the center for the neck opening.

Directions

1. Cast on 2 sts.
2. Row 1 (RS): k1, yo, k1.
3. Row 2: k1, yo, k2.
4. Row 3: k1, yo, knit to end.
5. Repeat Row 3 until shawl measures 60 inches wide, or desired width.
7. Finishing: Weave in any ends. Cut 2 20-inch lengths of yarn for each eyelet, and then use these pieces to make fringe.