

Design: Angelique den Brok

Proposed yarns: *Malabrigo Finito*, 4 skeins — we used colorway 033, *Cereza*
 or *Malabrigo Mechita*, 2 skeins — we used colorway 247, *Whales Road*
 or *DROPS Baby Merino*, 4 balls — for example colorway 39, *purple orchid*

Other materials: Circular needles 80 cm, 3.5–4 mm (US 4–6) — see notes below
 One stitch marker

Gauge is not critical, but if you make a swatch, also work a few rows in seed stitch. The goal is to get a knitted fabric that is not too stiff, but with a nice and visible stitch definition in seed stitch.

Although Malabrigo Finito and Mechita have almost the same yardage, Finito blooms more after knitting, so we used needles one size bigger.

Our shawl in *Finito* was worked on needles size 4 mm (US 6) and the gauge after blocking is approximately 20 sts per 10 cm. The finished size of the shawl is 180 cm (70.5") wide and 60 cm (23.5") high in the middle.

Our shawl in *Mechita* was worked on needles size 3.5 mm (US 4) and the gauge after blocking is approximately 23 sts per 10 cm. The finished size of the shawl is 162 cm (63.5") wide and 53 cm (21") high in the middle.



Seed stitch:

Always knit above the purl stitches and purl above the knit stitches.

Due to the increases made with the yarn overs, check carefully how you start each seed stitch row – after a few stitches you can check that your stitches are always knit above purl and purl above knit.

Borders and center stitch:

The 3 stitches on either side of the shawl will be knitted throughout. **Make sure to knit the first stitch of every row very loosely!**

The middle stitch, after the marker, will be worked in stocking stitch throughout.

Abbreviations:

K.....knit
Ppurl
St(s).....stitch(es)
YOyarn over
PM.....place marker
SM.....slip marker

**Sections:**Stocking Stitch Section (2 rows, 6 sts inc after 2 rows):

Row 1 (RS): K3, YO, knit to marker, YO, SM, k1 (center st) YO, knit to last 3 sts, YO, K3.

Row 2 (WS): K3, YO, purl to marker, slip marker, purl to last 3 sts, YO, K3.

Seed Stitch Section (8 rows, 24 sts inc after 8 rows):

Row 1 (RS): K3, YO, knit to marker, YO, SM, k1 (center st), YO, knit to last 3 sts, YO, K3.

Row 2 (WS): K3, YO, knit to 1 st before marker, p1 (center st), SM, knit to last 3 sts, YO, K3.

Row 3 (RS): K3, YO, [k1, p1] to 1st before marker, k1, YO, SM, k1 (center st), YO, [k1, p1] to last 4 sts, k1, YO, K3.

Row 4 (WS): K3, YO, seed st to 1 st before marker, p1 (center st), SM, seed st to last 3 sts, YO, K3.

Row 5 (RS): K3, YO, seed st to marker, YO, SM, k1 (center st), YO, seed st to last 3 sts, YO, K3.

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- Row 6 (WS):** K3, YO, seed st to 1 st before marker, p1 (center st), SM, seed st to last 3 sts, YO, K3.
- Row 7 (RS):** K3, YO, seed st to marker, YO, SM, K1, YO, seed st to last 3 sts, YO, K3.
- Row 8 (WS):** K3, YO, knit to 1 st before marker, p1 (center st), SM, knit to last 3 sts, YO, K3.

Directions:

Setup:

Cast on 3 sts.

Knit 6 rows. Do not turn the work after the last row, but rotate the work 90 degrees to the right.

Pick up and knit 3 sts down the left side of the work – one st in each garter ridge. Rotate the work 90 degrees to the right again. Pick up and knit 3 sts from the cast on edge.

— 9 sts

If this seems weird to you, don't worry, look at the video linked on the next page for this method. It's not at all difficult, but it can seem odd when you do this for the first time.

Work the starting row once:

Starting row (WS): K3, YO, P2, PM, P1, YO, K3. — 11 sts

Work pattern repeat 1 to 6:

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| Pattern repeat 1: | 8× Stocking Stitch Section (16 rows) | — 59 sts |
| | 1× Seed Stitch Section (8 rows) | — 83 sts |
| Pattern repeat 2: | 8× Stocking Stitch Section (16 rows) | — 131 sts |
| | 1× Seed Stitch Section (8 rows) | — 155 sts |
| Pattern repeat 3: | 8× Stocking Stitch Section (16 rows) | — 203 sts |
| | 1× Seed Stitch Section (8 rows) | — 227 sts |
| Pattern repeat 4: | 8× Stocking Stitch Section (16 rows) | — 275 sts |
| | 1× Seed Stitch Section (8 rows) | — 299 sts |
| Pattern repeat 5: | 8× Stocking Stitch Section (16 rows) | — 347 sts |
| | 1× Seed Stitch Section (8 rows) | — 371 sts |
| Pattern repeat 6: | 8× Stocking Stitch Section (16 rows) | — 419 sts |
| | 1× Seed Stitch Section (8 rows) | — 443 sts |

Finishing:

Last row (RS): Work one row from the right side according to the Stocking Stitch Section. — 447 sts

Bind off with Picots (WS): Start in the first stitch and cast on 3 sts, following the knitted cast on method (see explanation and link to video on the next page).
*Bind off 6 sts. Slip the stitch that is now on the right hand needle back to the left hand needle. Cast on 3 sts from this stitch. Repeat from * to the end of the row.

Blocking:

Soak the shawl in lukewarm water for 20 minutes, roll it in a towel to lose excess water (do not press too hard) and lay it out to dry. You don't have to use pins, just stretch the upper edge of the shawl and lay it out nicely.

Tips and experiences from Marina and Angelique:

Marina does not like circular needles, she can work with them, but they slow her down. So she managed to work the whole shawl on straight needles. It can be done if you also prefer this method.

This pattern works well for all thin yarns or ones with a good stitch definition. Apart from the recommended yarns on the first page DROPS Fabel with 3 to 4 balls is another great choice.

Knitted cast on, in words (essential for binding off with Picots):

Insert the right hand needle into the next stitch as if to knit, yarn over needle and pull the yarn through the stitch, to the front of the work. Elongate the loop and insert the left hand needle into the back of the loop. You have cast on one stitch. Continue like this and make the new stitch into the stitch you just made.

Useful videos:

Casting on a triangular shawl: <http://vimeo.com/48543068>

Knitted cast on: <http://vimeo.com/60166809>

