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Here be dragons, or so says the legend – though when you climb Drachenfels today you'll find only the ruins of an ancient stronghold.

Stave off the chill wind with this cosy shawl, which pays homage to the dragon of lore with a slipped garter colorwork pattern that hints of scales.

It's worked in garter stitch from tip to edge, then neatly finished with I-cord bind-off.

Asymmetrical increases create an elongated triangle shape, and Rosy Green Wool Cheeky Merino Joy will keep you toasty warm.



Yarn

Rosy Green Wool Cheeky Merino Joy (100% Merino; 100 g / 350 yds [320 m])

- 1 skein in 056 Coffee Bean (color A)
95 g / 333 yds [304 m] used for sample
- 1 skein in 057 Wild Mallow (color B)
86 g / 301 yds [276 m] used for sample
- 1 skein in 050 Ruby (color C)
95 g / 333 yds [304 m] used for sample

Needles

- US 6 [4.00 mm] circular needles (40" [100 cm]) for the shawl
- US 8 [5.00 mm] double pointed or circular needles for the I-cord bind-off

or size to obtain gauge

Gauge

11 sts x 19 rows = 2" x 2" [5 cm x 5 cm] in garter stitch on smaller needles, blocked

Finished measurements

83" [210 cm] wingspan along top edge and 25.5" [65 cm] width (see schematic)

Abbreviations

k - knit

k2tog - k 2 sts together (*1 st decreased*)

kfb - k front and back of st (*1 st increased*)

kfbf - k front, back and front of st again (*2 sts increased*)

RS / WS - right side / wrong side

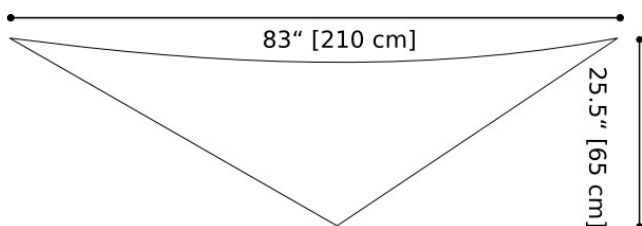
sl - slip

st(s) - stitch(es)

wyib / wyif - with yarn in back / front

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Notes

1. The shawl is worked flat from the upper right tip towards the left edge.
2. There is a double increase at the beginning and a single decrease at the end of most RS rows. WS rows are worked with no increases or decreases.
3. It's easy to modify this shawl to be larger or smaller: Simply knit more or fewer repeats of each section!

Cast-on

With smaller needles, cast on 6 sts in color A using the long-tail cast-on method.

Set-up

Row 1 (WS): k to end (6 sts)

Begin shawl

The first part of the shawl is done by working repeats of section 1 and 2:

Work section 1 thirteen times. (58 sts)

Work section 2 once. (64 sts)

Work section 1 five times. (84 sts)

Work section 2 once. (90 sts)

Work section 1 five times. (110 sts)

Work section 2 once. (116 sts)

Work section 1 five times. (136 sts)

Section 1

With color A

Row 1 (RS): k1, kfbf, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 (1 st increased)

Row 2: k to end

Rows 3-4: same as rows 1-2 (1 st increased)

Row 5: k1, kfbf, k to end (2 sts increased)

Row 6: k to end

Section 2

With color B

Row 1 (RS): k1, kfbf, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 (1 st increased)

Row 2: k to end

With color A

Row 3: k1, kfbf, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 (1 st increased)

Row 4: k to end

With color B

Row 5: kfb, [sl 1 purlwise wyib, k1] repeat to last st, k1 (1 st increased)

Row 6: k2, [sl 1 purlwise wyif, k1] repeat to last st, k1

With color A

Row 7: k1, kfbf, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 (1 st increased)

Row 8: k to end

With color B

Row 9: k1, kfbf, k to end (2 sts increased)

Row 10: k to end



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Begin striped section

The next part of the shawl is done by working striped garter stitch ridges while maintaining the rate of increases from Section 1:

1st ridge (same as Section 1, Rows 1-2): On the RS, k1, kfbf, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 (*1 st increased*). On the WS, k to end

2nd ridge (same as Section 1, Rows 1-2): On the RS, k1, kfbf, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 (*1 st increased*). On the WS, k to end

3rd ridge (same as Section 1, Rows 5-6): On the RS, k1, kfbf, k to end (*2 sts increased*). On the WS, k to end

Repeat these three ridges all the time, alternating colors for each single ridge as follows:

Ridge 1-15: alternate colors B and A (*156 sts*)

Ridge 16-18: use colors C, B and A (*160 sts*)

Ridge 19-33: alternate colors B and A (*180 sts*)

Ridge 34-57: alternate colors C and B (*212 sts*)

Approximately 17 g of color C are needed for the edging. From now on, weigh your yarn from time to time to make sure you have enough for the edging. If you run close, you can simply knit fewer repeats of the following ridge, stopping after ridge 75 or 72 or 69.

Ridge 58-78: use color C (*240 sts*)

Begin edging

With color B

Row 1 (RS): kfb, [sl 1 purlwise wyib, k1] repeat to last st, k1 (*1 st increased, 241 sts*)

Row 2: k2, [sl 1 purlwise wyif, k1] repeat to last st, k1

With color C

Row 3: k1, kfbf, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 (*1 st increased, 242 sts*)

Row 4: k to end

With color B

Row 5: kfb, [sl 1 purlwise wyib, k1] repeat to last st, k1 (*1 st increased, 243 sts*)

Row 6: k2, [sl 1 purlwise wyif, k1] repeat to last st, k1

With color C

Row 7: k1, kfbf, k to end (*2 sts increased, 245 sts*)

Row 8: k to end

With color B

Row 9: k1, kfbf, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 (*1 st increased, 246 sts*)

Row 10: k to end

With color C

Row 11: k1, kfbf, k to end (*2 sts increased, 248 sts*)

Row 12: k to end

With color B

Row 13: kfb, [sl 1 purlwise wyib, k1] repeat to last st, k1 (*1 st increased, 249 sts*)

Row 14: k2, [sl 1 purlwise wyif, k1] repeat to last st, k1

With color C

Row 15: k1, kfbf, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 (*1 st increased, 250 sts*)

Row 16: k to end



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With color B

Row 17: kfb, [sl 1 purlwise wyib, k1] repeat to last st, k1 *(1 st increased, 251 sts)*

Row 18: k2, [sl 1 purlwise wyif, k1] repeat to last st, k1

With color C

Row 19: k1, kfbf, k to end *(2 sts increased, 253 sts)*

Row 20: k to end

With color B

Row 21: k1, kfbf, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 *(1 st increased, 254 sts)*

Row 22: k to end

With color C

Row 23: k1, kfbf, k to end *(2 sts increased, 256 sts)*

Row 24: k to end

With color B

Row 25: kfb, [sl 1 purlwise wyib, k1] repeat to last st, k1 *(1 st increased, 257 sts)*

Row 26: k2, [sl 1 purlwise wyif, k1] repeat to last st, k1

With color C

Row 27: k1, kfbf, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 *(1 st increased, 258 sts)*

Row 28: k to end

With color B

Row 29: k1, kfbf, k to end *(2 sts increased, 260 sts)*

Row 30: k to end

I-Cord bind-off

Switch to larger needles for the bind-off.

Row 1 (RS): cable cast on 3 sts, [k2, k2tog through the back loop, slip 3 sts back to left needle] repeat to last 3 sts. Knit 3 sts together through the back loop, cut yarn and pull through.

Finishing

Weave in and secure all ends. Wash and block gently.

