



Firedrake Lace Shawl

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Reminiscent of the scales of a dragon, this lace pattern is bold enough to stand out- even when worked in a self-striping yarn. Tassels and semi-precious stone beads dress up this shawl, and as an added bonus, add weight to the ends to keep the shawl in place.

Sizes

One size, can easily be customized to be smaller or larger as desired

Finished Measurements

approximately 60" wide and 30" from top edge to point before blocking and 66" wide X 31" from top edge to point after blocking

Notes for customizing size: Repeat Rows 6-9 fewer or more times to adjust size. If you choose to add more rows, you will need more yarn.

Materials

- Approximately 795 yards of light worsted or dk weight acrylic or wool yarn
- US G [4.25 mm] crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Yarn Needle
- 6 large beads, with hole large enough for 8 strands of yarn to pass through. I used 4 amethyst and 2 tiger-eye stone beads purchased here:
<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07D6JS5Z3>
- Piece of cardboard that measures 4" wide (for tassel)



Abbreviations

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| Beg = beginning |
| Ch(s) = chain(s) |
| DC = double crochet |
| SC = single crochet |
| Sk = skip |
| Sp(s) = space(s) |
| St(s) = stitch(es) |
| Tr = treble crochet |

Yarn Used for Shawl Shown

Yarnspirations Caron Skinny Cakes (light worsted weight, 100% Acrylic; 795 yards [250 grams]: Plum Pudding #18021, 1 skein

Gauge

Work through Row 5, piece measures 7.75" wide after blocking (measures about 7" before blocking)

Notes

Shawl is worked top down, center out, in turned rows. Turning chains count as a stitch.

Steam blocking your shawl will make a huge difference in appearance and drape, for best results do not skip this step.

Instructions

Shawl:

Row 1: Ch 4 (counts as a ch-1 and first tr of row), 8 tr into the 4th ch from hook. 9 sts.

Row 2: Ch 5 (counts as first tr, ch-2 of row here and throughout) turn, 2 SC into each of next 2 tr, ch 2, sk next tr, [DC, ch 4, DC] in next tr, sk next tr, ch 2, 2 SC into each of next 2 tr, ch 2, tr in top of ch-4. 2 tr, 4 ch-2 sps, 8 SC, 2 DC, and 1 ch-4 sp, for a total of 24 sts.

Row 3: Ch 3 (counts as first tr of row here and throughout), turn, [DC, ch 1, 2 DC] in next ch-2 sp, DC in next SC, ch 2, sk next 2 SC, DC in next SC, 2 DC in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, sk next DC, [3 DC, ch 4, 3 DC] in next ch-4 sp, ch 1, sk next DC, 2 DC in next ch-2 sp, DC in next SC, ch 2, sk next 2 SC, DC in next SC, [2 DC, ch 1, DC] in next ch-2 sp, tr in top of 3rd ch. 2 tr, 20 DC, 4 ch-1 sps, 2 ch-2 sps, 1 ch-4 sp, for a total of 34 sts.

Row 4: Ch 10 (counts as first tr of row, ch-7 here and throughout), turn, 3 DC in next DC, ch 1, sk next ch, DC in each of next 3 DC, ch 7, sk next ch-2 sp, DC in each of next 3 sts, ch 1, sk next ch, DC in each of next 3 DC, ch 7, [2 DC, ch 2, 2 DC] in next ch-4 sp, ch 7, DC in each of next 3 DC, ch 1, sk next ch, DC in each of next 3 DC, ch 7, sk next ch-2 sp, DC in each of next 3 DC, ch 1, sk next ch, 3 DC in next DC, ch 7, tr in top of ch-3. 2 tr, 6 ch-7 sps, 28 DC, 4 ch-1 sps, 1 ch-2 sp, for a total of 78 sts.

Row 5: Ch 3, turn, 10 DC in next ch-7 sp, sk next 3 DC, SC in ch-1 sp, sk next 3 DC, 12 DC in next ch-7 sp, sk next 3 DC, SC in ch-1 sp, sk next 3 DC, 12 DC in next ch-7 sp, sk next 2 DC, SC in ch-2 sp, sk next 2 DC, 12 DC into next ch-7 sp, sk next 3 DC, SC in next ch-1 sp, sk next 3 DC, 12 DC in next ch-7 sp, sk next 3 DC, SC in next ch-1 sp, sk next 3 DC, 10 DC in next ch-7 sp, tr in 3rd ch (of beg ch-10). 2 tr, two 10-DC arches, 5 SC, four 12-DC arches, for a total of 75 sts.

Row 6: Ch 5, turn, sk next 2 DC, SC into each of next 4 DC, ch 2, sk next 4 DC, [tr in next SC, ch 2, sk next 4 DC, SC into each of next 4 DC, ch 2, sk next 4 DC] to center SC, [tr, ch 4, tr] in center SC, [ch 2, sk next 4 DC, SC into each of next 4 DC, ch 2, sk next 4 DC, tr in sc] to last DC-arch, ch 2, sk next 4 DC, SC into each of next 4 DC, ch 2, sk next 2 DC, tr in top of ch-3. 8 tr, 12 ch-2 sp, 24 SC, and 1 ch-4 sp, for a total of 60 sts.

Row 7: Ch 3, turn, [DC, ch 1, 2 DC] in next ch-2 sp, DC in next SC, ch 2, sk next 2 SC, DC in next SC, 2 DC in next ch-2 sp, [ch 1, sk next tr, 2 DC in next ch-2 sp, DC in next SC, ch 2, sk next 2 SC, DC in next SC, 2 DC in next ch-2 sp] across ending just before center ch-4 sp, ch 1, sk next tr, [3 DC, ch 4, 3 DC] in center ch-4 sp, [ch 1, sk next tr, 2 DC in next ch-2 sp, DC in next SC, ch 2, sk next 2 SC, DC in next SC, 2 DC in next ch-2 sp] across ending with last ch-loop, [ch 1, DC] into same (last) ch-loop, tr into 3rd ch of turning ch. 2 tr, 44 DC, 8 ch-1 sps, 6 ch-2 sps, and 1 ch-4 sp, for a total of 70 sts.

Row 8: Ch 10, turn, 3 DC in next DC, ch 1, sk next ch, [DC in each of next 3 DC, ch 7, sk next ch-2 sp, DC in each of next 3 sts, ch 1, sk next ch] across ending with 3 DC remaining before center ch-4 sp, DC in each of next 3 DC, ch 7, [2 DC, ch 2, 2 DC] in center ch-4 sp, ch 7, DC in each of next 3 DC, ch 1, sk next ch, [DC in each of next 3 DC, ch 7, sk next ch-2 sp, DC in each of next 3 DC, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp] across to last DC, 3 DC in next DC, tr in top of ch-3. 2 tr, 52 DC, 8 ch-1 sps, 10 ch-7 sps, 1 ch-2 sp, for a total of 134 sts.

Row 9: Ch 3, turn, 10 DC in next ch-7 sp, sk next 3 DC, [SC in ch-1 sp, sk next 3 DC, 12 DC in next ch-7 sp, sk next 3 DC] across until one ch-sp remains before center ch-2 point, SC in ch-1 sp, sk next 3 DC, 12 DC in next ch-7 sp, sk next 2 DC, SC in ch-2 sp, sk next 2 DC, 12 DC in next ch-7 sp, sk next 3 DC, [SC in ch-1 sp, sk next 3 DC, 12 DC in next ch-7 sp, sk next 3 DC] across until one ch-1 sp remains, SC in ch-1 sp, sk next 3 DC, 10 DC in next ch-7 sp, tr in top of 3rd ch (of beg ch-10). 2 tr, two 10-DC arches, 9 SC, eight 12-DC arches, for a total of 127 sts.

Rows 10-37: Repeat Rows 6-9 seven more times. (Work fewer or more repeats of Rows 6-9 here to change the size of shawl). Note each repeat of Row 9 adds 4 more 12-DC arches (two on each side), compared to the previous repeat of Row 9.

Row 38: Repeat Row 6. 40 tr, 76 ch-2 sps, 152 SC, and 1 ch-4 sp, for a total of 348 sts.

Row 39: Ch 3, turn, [DC, ch 1, 2 DC] in next ch-2 sp, DC in next SC, ch 2, sk next 2 SC, DC in next SC, 2 DC in next ch-2 sp, [ch 1, sk next tr, 2 DC in next ch-2 sp, DC in next SC, ch 2, sk next 2 SC, DC in next SC, 2 DC in next ch-2 sp] across ending just before center ch-4 sp, ch 1, sk next tr, 6 DC in center ch-4 sp, [ch 1, sk next tr, 2 DC in next ch-2 sp, DC in next SC, ch 2, sk next 2 SC, DC in next SC, 2 DC in next ch-2 sp] across ending with last ch-loop, [ch 1, DC] into same (last) ch-loop, tr into 3rd ch of turning ch. 2 tr, 236 DC, 40 ch-1 sps, and 38 ch-2 sps, for a total of 354 sts.

Row 40: Ch 10, turn, 3 DC in next DC, ch 1, sk next ch, [DC in each of next 3 DC, ch 7, sk next ch-2 sp, DC in each of next 3 sts, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp] across ending with 3 DC left before center 6-DC, DC in each of next 3 DC, ch 7, DC in each of next 3 DC, ch 1, sk next ch, [DC in each of next 3 DC, ch 7, sk next ch-2 sp, DC in each of next 3 DC, ch 1, sk next ch] across to last DC 3 DC in next DC, tr in top of ch-3. 2 tr, 240 DC, 40 ch-1 sps, and 41 ch-7 sps, for a total of 569 sts.

Row 41: Ch 3, turn, 10 DC in next ch-7 sp, sk next 3 DC, [SC in ch-1 sp, sk next 3 DC, 12 DC in next ch-7 sp, sk next 3 DC] across until one ch-1 sp remains, [SC in ch-1 sp, sk next 3 DC, 10 DC in next ch-7 sp] across, tr in top of 3rd ch (of beg ch-10). 2 tr, two 10-DC arches, 40 SC, thirty-nine 12-DC arches, for a total of 530 sts.

Fasten off.

Finishing

Weave in ends. Steam block.

**Tassels (Make 2)**

Cut 2 strands of yarn to match tassel color at 30" long. Cut 2 more pieces, in a contrasting color, at 30". Set all 4 pieces aside. Wrap yarn around cardboard 60-70 times. Slide 2 pieces of matching color (held together as one) under loops on cardboard. Pull the 2 strands toward the top edge of cardboard and tie tight knot. Cut loops along bottom edge of cardboard.



Using yarn needle, thread all 4 ends of 30" yarn strands (the ones that were used to tie the tassel together) through 3 beads, then through ch-1 sp at corner point of shawl.



Then back through the three beads.

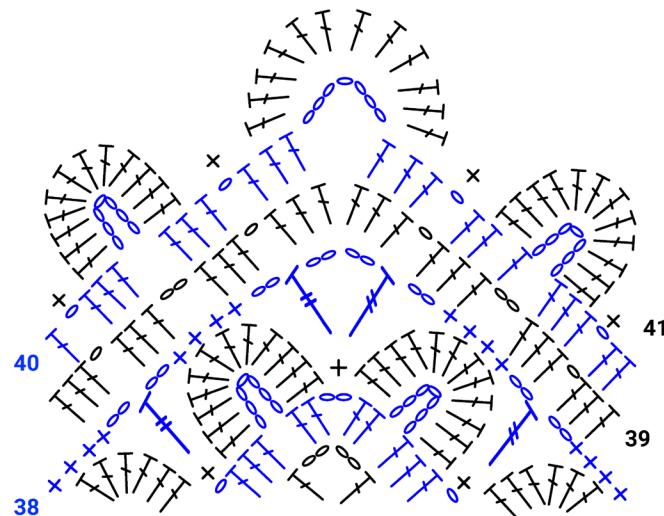


Divide tassel in half along tied division line and tie strands around tassel in a tight knot.

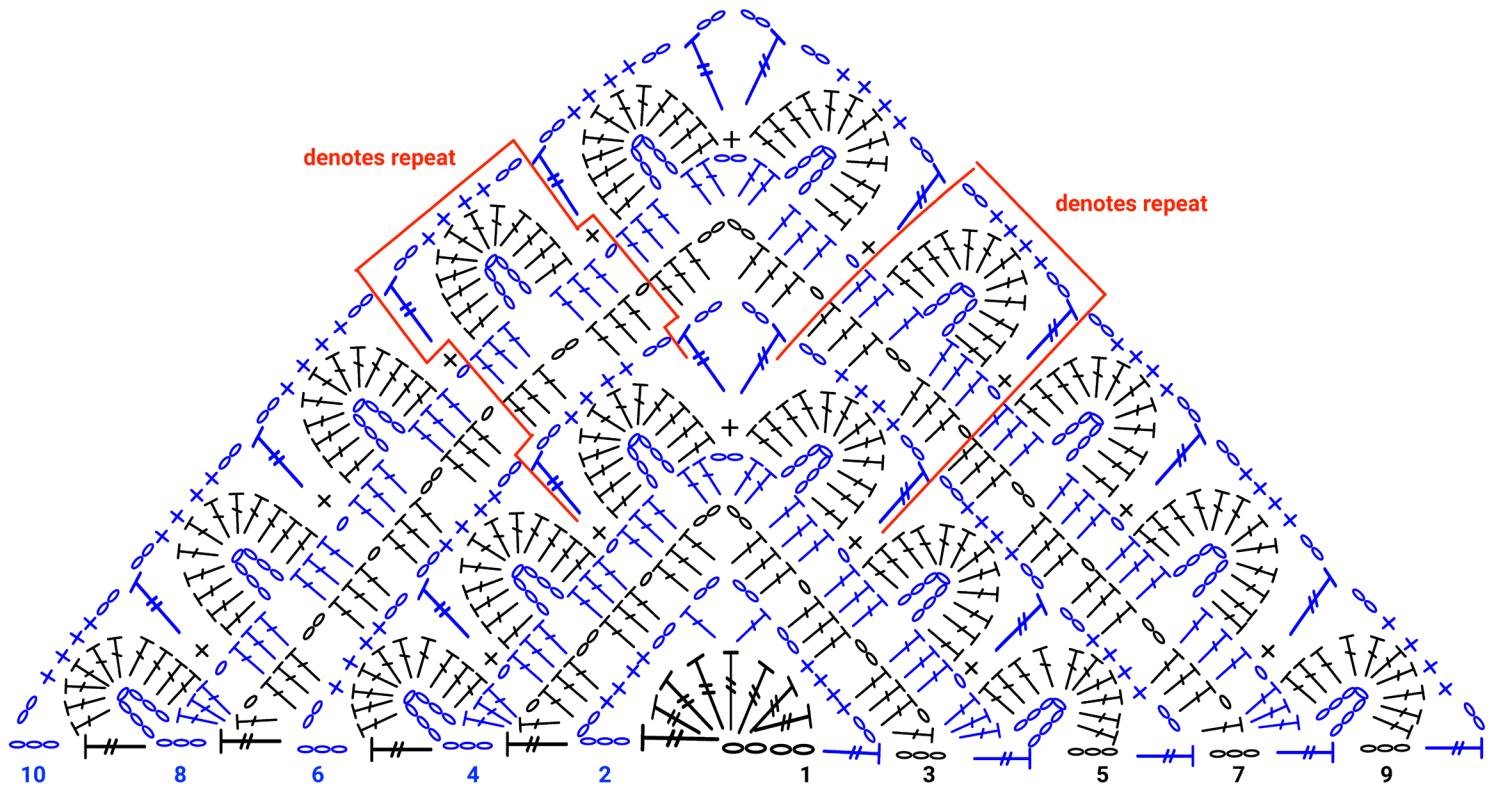
Gather all strands of tassel together. Holding two strands of contrasting yarn together as one, tie strands in a tight knot around tassel about .75" away from the top of the tassel. Wrap contrasting strands around tassel a few times, and tie in knot again. Use yarn needle to tuck ends into top of tassel. Trim ends. Repeat directions for second tassel.



Firedrake Lace Chart



Reduced sample showing last 4 Rows of shawl.
Note difference in pattern at center point.



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My Notes

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