

Roulotte Shawl

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Pack your bags and hop onto the caravan! The Roulotte (“caravan” in French) shawl is an epic journey through landscapes of mosaic knitting and lace. Without any purls to slow you down, the trip will simply fly by!

Yarn Requirements

Fingering weight yarn in 4 colors: three main colors MC1, MC2, MC3; one contrast color CC.

Sample used Toad Hollow Drusilla (superwash merino/nylon, 400yds/100g). Yarn totals for the shawl body:

- 360yds CC - “Nomad Life”
- 180yds MC1 - “Free Spirit”
- 260yds MC2 - “Eleutheromania”
- 260yds MC3 - “Lady Defiance”

Tassels used an additional 20 yds each.

Tools

- 40” circular needle in size needed to obtain fabric of your liking.
Suggested size: US5/3.75mm
- tapestry needle
- (optional) cardboard for making tassels
- (optional) crochet hook for fringe

Sizing/Gauge: 5 sts in 1”/2.5cm


One size. Sample measures 85”/216 cm from tip-to-tip and 24”/60cm deep after moderate blocking.

Gauge was measured in unblocked, unstretched garter stitch. It is not critical for the shawl, but a different gauge may change the yardage required or the size of the shawl.

Techniques

This pattern is suitable for an intermediate knitter. Prior to knitting this pattern, you should be familiar with casting on, knitting, slipping stitches, and basic lace involving yo, k2tog, and ssk. Some support is provided for striping yarns and reading mosaic knitting charts. For a complete list of stitches used, see Pattern Key.

Pattern Key

Charts: repeats = thick borders 

Written instructions:

repeats = *[stitches]* to specified point

Written	Description
CO	cast on
k	knit
kfb	knit front back
sl	slip stitch purlwise; wyib - “with yarn in back” or wyif - “with yarn in front”
k2tog	knit 2 together
ssk	slip slip knit
yo	yarn-over

Cast On and Set Up

With MC1, CO 4 sts. Work Set Up Rows 1-10.

Row 1 (RS): k3, kfb. (5 sts)

Row 2 (WS): k2, sl3 wyif.

Row 3: k3, kfb, k1. (6 sts)

Row 4: k3, sl3 wyif.

Row 5: k3, kfb, k2. (7 sts)

Row 6: k4, sl3 wyif.

Row 7: k3, kfb, k3. (8 sts)

Row 8: k5, sl3 wyif.

Row 9: k3, kfb, k1, k2tog, k1

Row 10: k4, kfb, sl3 wyif. (9 sts)

In Sections 1 and 2, you will be working an i-cord selvedge on one edge as follows:

RS Rows: k3, kfb, work section pattern to last 3 sts, decrease 1 st, k1.

WS Rows: k2, work section pattern to last 4 sts, kfb, sl3 wyif.

Section 1

Row 11 (RS): k3, kfb, k to 3 sts from end, k2tog, k1.

Row 12 (WS): k to 4 sts from end, kfb, sl3 wyif. (+1 st)

Repeat Rows 11 and 12 an additional 70 times, ending after a WS row. 80 sts total.

Transition to Section 2

Join CC. Using CC, work one more repeat of Rows 11 and 12. (+1 st) 81 sts total.

Section 2

In Section 2, you will be striping MC1 and CC while carrying them along the edge of the work. See **Special Techniques** for notes on carrying yarn while striping and for reading mosaic charts.

Work 2 repeats of Mosaic 1.
(+12 sts per repeat) 105 sts total.

Then, work 5 repeats of Mosaic 2.
(+4 sts per repeat) 125 sts total.

Transition to Section 3

Break MC1. Working in CC,

Next RS row: k3, kfb, k to end. (+1 st) At the end of the row, do not turn work. Instead, with RS facing, pick up and knit 1 st from every garter ridge on the left selvedge, of which there should be 120. When you reach the CO corner of the piece, turn to WS.
(+120 sts) 246 sts total.

Next WS row: Pick up and knit 3 sts in CO edge of the i-cord border. (+3 sts) K to 3 sts from end, sl3 wyif. 249 sts total.

Continuing in CC, work 6 repeats of the following Garter Row to create 3 garter ridges.

Garter Row (RS and WS): k3, kfb, k to last 4 sts, kfb, sl3 wyif. (+2 sts)

Break CC. Join MC2 and work 2 repeats of the Garter Row.
(+16 sts) 262 sts total.

For the remainder of the shawl, you will be working an i-cord selvedge on both the left and right sides of the shawl as follows:

RS Rows: k3, kfb, work section pattern to last 4 sts, kfb, sl3 wyif.

WS Rows: k3, kfb, k1, work section pattern to last 5 sts, k1, kfb, sl3 wyif.

Section 3

You should begin this section with a multiple of 6 plus 4 sts. Continuing in MC2, work 3 repeats of Lace.

(+24 sts per repeat) 334 sts total.

Then, work Rows 1-6 of Lace once more.

(+12 sts) 346 sts total.

Transition to Section 4

Work Garter Row twice in MC2. Break MC2, join CC. Work Garter Row six times in CC.

(+16 sts) 362 sts total.

Section 4

Join MC3. In Section 4, you will be striping MC3 and CC while carrying them along the edge of the work. You should begin Section 4 with a multiple of 8 plus 2 sts.

Work 2 repeats of Mosaic 3. (+48 sts per repeat) 458 sts total.

Work Rows 1-4 of Mosaic 3 again. (+8 sts) 466 sts total or 56 elongated slip sts from Mosaic 3.

Final Section and Bind Off

Break MC3. Continuing in CC, work the following rows:

Row 1 (RS): k3, kfb, k to last 4 sts, kfb, sl3 wyif. (+2 sts)

Row 2 (WS): k3, kfb, k7 (the next stitch should be above an elongated slip st), *[yo, kfb, yo, k7]* to 9 sts from end, k5, kfb, sl3 wyif.

(increased $2 + 3(56) = 170$ sts)

Row 3: k3, kfb, k to last 4 sts, kfb, sl3 wyif. (+2 sts)

Row 4: k3, kfb, k8, *[yo, k1, yo, k1, yo, k9]* to 11 sts from end, k7, kfb, sl3 wyif.

(increased $2 + 3(56) = 170$ sts)

Row 5: k3, kfb, k to last 4 sts, kfb, sl3 wyif. (+2 sts)

812 sts total.

Turn work to WS and work 4 rounds of i-cord as follows:

I-cord: K 3 sts. Keeping yarn in back, slip the 3 sts on R needle back to the L needle.

Bind-off sts on WS as follows, until there are 6 sts left on the needle.

I-cord Bind-off: k2, k2tog. Keeping yarn in back, slip the 3 sts on R needle back to the L needle. (-1 st)

At the end of the bind-off, work 3 rounds of i-cord, then graft the first 3 sts to the last 3 sts.

Finishing

Block shawl, taking care to pin out each scallop of the final section. Weave in all ends.

If desired, attach tassels or fringe as suggested in **Special Techniques**.

Stitch Pattern Instructions

Mosaic 1 Instructions

Row 1 (RS, MC1): k3, kfb, k5, *[sl1 wyib, k5]* to 6 sts from end, sl1 wyib, k2, ssk, k1.
Row 2 (WS, MC1): k4, *[sl1 wyif, k5]* to 5 sts from end, k1, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 3 (CC): k3, kfb, k2, *[sl1 wyib, k3]* to 4 sts from end, sl1 wyib, ssk, k1.
Row 4 (CC): k2, *[sl1 wyif, k3]* to 4 sts from end, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 5 (MC1): k3, kfb, k1, sl1 wyib, *[k3, sl1 wyib, k1, sl1 wyib]* to 5 sts from end, k2, ssk, k1.
Row 6 (MC1): k4, *[sl1 wyif, k1, sl1 wyif, k3]* to 7 sts from end, sl1 wyif, k2, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 7 (CC): k3, kfb, k4, *[sl1 wyib, k3]* to 4 sts from end, sl1 wyib, ssk, k1.
Row 8 (CC): k2, *[sl1 wyif, k3]* to 6 sts from end, k2, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 9 (MC1): k3, kfb, k1, *[sl1 wyib, k5]* to 8 sts from end, sl1 wyib, k4, ssk, k1.
Row 10 (MC1): k6, *[sl1 wyif, k5]* to 7 sts from end, sl1 wyif, k2, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 11 (CC): k3, kfb, k2, *[sl1 wyib, k3]* to 4 sts from end, sl1 wyib, ssk, k1.
Row 12 (CC): k2, *[sl1 wyif, k3]* to 4 sts from end, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 13 (MC1): k3, kfb, k1, *[sl1 wyib, k1, sl1 wyib, k3]* to 4 sts from end, sl1 wyib, ssk, k1.
Row 14 (MC1): k2, sl1 wyif, *[k3, sl1 wyif, k1, sl1 wyif]* to 6 sts from end, k2, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 15 (CC): k3, kfb, k2, *[sl1 wyib, k3]* to 6 sts from end, sl1 wyib, k2, ssk, k1.
Row 16 (CC): k4, *[sl1 wyif, k3]* to 4 sts from end, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 17 (MC1): k3, kfb, k3, *[sl1 wyib, k5]* to 4 sts from end, sl1 wyib, ssk, k1.
Row 18 (MC1): k2, *[sl1 wyif, k5]* to 9 sts from end, sl1 wyif, k4, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 19 (CC): k3, kfb, k4, *[sl1 wyib, k3]* to 6 sts from end, sl1 wyib, k2, ssk, k1.
Row 20 (CC): k4, *[sl1 wyif, k3]* to 6 sts from end, k2, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 21 (MC1): k3, kfb, *[k3, sl1 wyib, k1, sl1 wyib]* to 3 sts from end, ssk, k1.
Row 22 (MC1): k2, *[sl1 wyif, k1, sl1 wyif, k3]* to 5 sts from end, k1, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 23 (CC): k3, kfb, k2, *[sl1 wyib, k3]* to 6 sts from end, sl1 wyib, k2, ssk, k1.
Row 24 (CC): k4, *[sl1 wyif, k3]* to 4 sts from end, kfb, sl3 wyif.

Mosaic 2 Instructions

Row 1 (RS, MC1): k3, kfb, k1, *[sl1 wyib, k3]* to 4 sts from end, sl1 wyib, ssk, k1.
Row 2 (WS, MC1): k2, *[sl1 wyif, k3]* to 7 sts from end, sl1 wyif, k2, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 3 (CC): k3, kfb, k4, *[sl1 wyib, k3]* to 6 sts from end, sl1 wyib, k2, ssk, k1.
Row 4 (CC): k4, *[sl1 wyif, k3]* to 6 sts from end, k2, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 5 (MC1): k3, kfb, k3, *[sl1 wyib, k3]* to 4 sts from end, sl1 wyib, ssk, k1.
Row 6 (MC1): k2, *[sl1 wyif, k3]* to 5 sts from end, k1, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 7 (CC): k3, kfb, k2, *[sl1 wyib, k3]* 6 sts from end, sl1 wyib, k2, ssk, k1.
Row 8 (CC): k4, *[sl1 wyif, k3]* to 4 sts from end, kfb, sl3 wyif.

Lace Instructions

Row 1 (RS): k3, kfb, *[yo, k2tog, k4]* to 6 sts from end, yo, k2tog, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 2 (WS): k3, kfb, k1, *[sl1 wyif, k5]* to 7 sts from end, sl1 wyif, k2, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 3: k3, kfb, *[yo, k2tog, k1]* to 4 sts from end, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 4: k3, kfb, k2, *[sl1 wyif, k5]* to 4 sts from end, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 5: k3, kfb, *[yo, k2tog, k4]* to 8 sts from end, yo, k2tog, k2, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 6: k3, kfb, k3, *[sl1 wyif, k5]* to 7 sts from end, sl1 wyif, k2, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 7: k3, kfb, *[yo, k2tog, k1]* to 6 sts from end, yo, k2tog, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 8: k3, kfb, k4, *[sl1 wyif, k5]* to 4 sts from end, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 9: k3, kfb, *[yo, k2tog, k4]* to 4 sts from end, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 10: k3, kfb, k5, *[sl1 wyif, k5]* to 7 sts from end, sl1 wyif, k2, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 11: k3, kfb, *[yo, k2tog, k1]* to 5 sts from end, k1, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 12: k3, kfb, k6, *[sl1 wyif, k5]* to 4 sts from end, kfb, sl3 wyif.

Mosaic 3 Instructions

Row 1 (RS, MC3): k3, kfb, k7, *[sl1 wyib, k7]* to 7 sts from end, sl1 wyib, k2, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 2 (WS, MC3): k3, kfb, k3, *[sl1 wyif, k7]* to 5 sts from end, k1, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 3 (MC3): k3, kfb, k9, *[sl1 wyib, k7]* to 8 sts from end, sl1 wyib, k4, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 4 (MC3): k3, kfb, k5, *[sl1 wyif, k7]* to 7 sts from end, k3, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 5 (CC): k3, kfb, k4, *[sl1 wyib, k7]* to 10 sts from end, sl1 wyib, k5, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 6 (CC): k3, kfb, k6, *[sl1 wyif, k7]* to 10 sts from end, sl1 wyif, k5, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 7 (MC3): k3, kfb, k7, *[sl1 wyib, k7]* to 11 sts from end, sl1 wyib, k6, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 8 (MC3): k3, kfb, k7, *[sl1 wyif, k7]* to 5 sts from end, k1, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 9 (MC3): k3, kfb, k9, *[sl1 wyib, k7]* to 5 st from end, k1, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 10 (MC3): k3, kfb, k9, *[sl1 wyif, k7]* to 7 sts from end, k3, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 11 (CC): k3, kfb, k4, *[sl1 wyib, k7]* to 6 sts from end, sl1 wyib, k1, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Row 12 (CC): k3, kfb, k2, *[sl1 wyif, k7]* to 10 sts from end, sl1 wyif, k5, kfb, sl3 wyif.
Rows 13-24: As Rows 1-12.

Stitch Pattern Charts

Charts do not show edge stitches.

For Mosaic 1 and Mosaic 2, work i-cord selvedge along one edge as follows:

RS Row: k3, kfb, work chart to last 3 sts, ssk, k1.

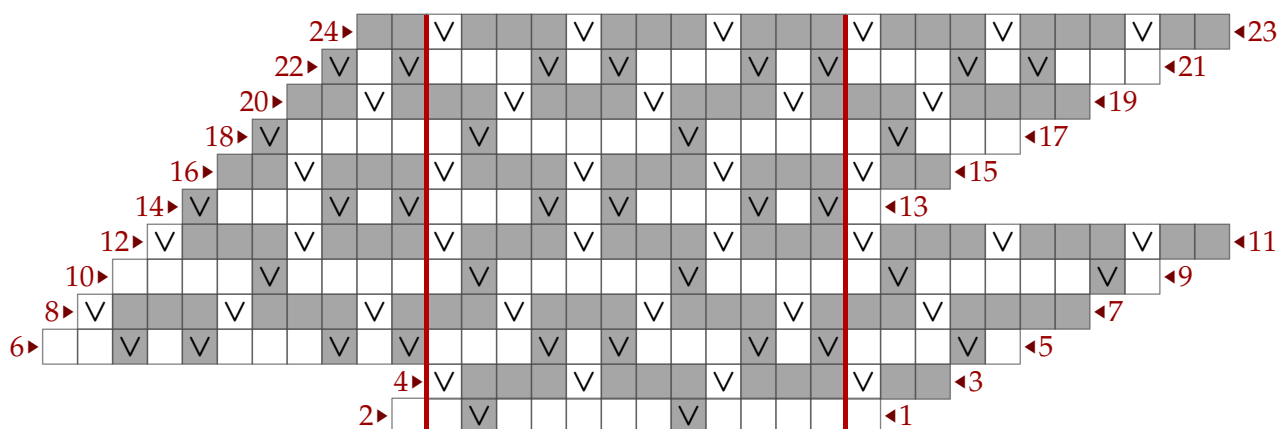
WS Row: k2, work chart to last 5 sts, k1, kfb, sl3 wyif. (+1 st)

For Lace and Mosaic 3, work i-cord selvedge along both edges as follows:

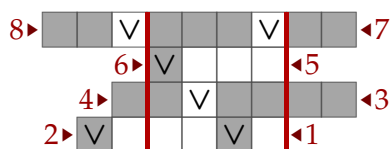
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WS Row: k3, kfb, k1, work chart to last 5 sts, k1, kfb, sl3 wyif. (+2 sts)

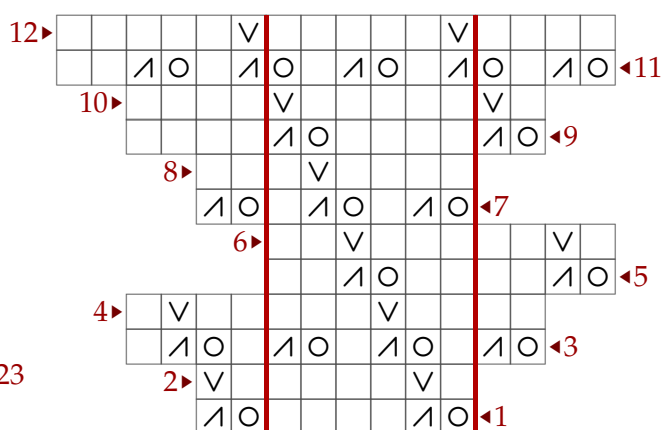
Mosaic 1 Chart



Mosaic 2 Chart



Lace Chart



Mosaic 3 Chart

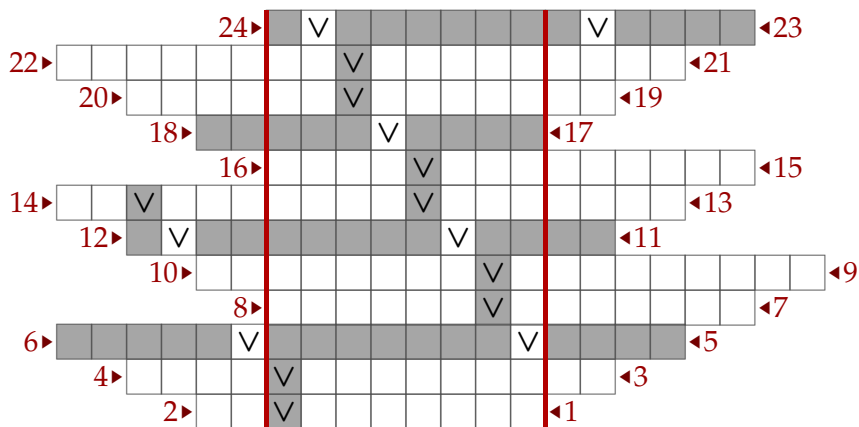


Chart Key

□ k in MC (RS and WS)

■ k in CC (RS and WS)

∇ sl1 wyib (RS); sl1 wyif (WS)

○ yo

∧ k2tog