

# Summer Mystery Shawlette - Preliminary Information

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## Materials:

**Yarn:** 350 – 400 yards fingering weight yarn.

**Needles:** US size 5 (3.75mm), or size to get gauge, and for the cast-on only, a U.S. size 7 (4.5mm), or a needle two or three sizes larger than the size you use for the shawl. I recommend knitting this shawl back and forth on a circular needle at least 24" long.

**Notions:** stitch markers in two colors, tapestry needle for weaving in ends, blocking wires (optional) and t-pins for blocking.

## Gauge:

Gauge worked in stockinette stitch using the smaller needle, unblocked, is about 5 stitches to 1 inch. Remember that gauge is not terribly important when knitting lace. If your gauge is dramatically off, however, it will affect the finished size of your shawl as well as the amount of yarn you need.

## Size:

The unblocked shawl measures approximately 40" across the top and 20" down the center back. Blocked it measures approximately 54" across and 25" down the center back. These measurements are approximate because they depend on how severely you block your piece.

## Abbreviations:

K – knit

P – purl

K2tog – knit 2 together

P3tog – purl 3 together

PM – place marker

PSSO – pass slipped stitch over

RS – right side

SL – Slip

SSK – slip one stitch as if to knit, then slip the next stitch as if to purl.

Insert left needle into the front loops of the slipped stitches and knit them together from this position (through the back loops)

YO – yarnover

WS – wrong side

## Set up the shawl:

Using the larger needle, cast on 241 stitches, using either a long-tail cast-on or a lace cast-on. Change to the smaller needle and knit 2 rows.

*The next installment of the pattern will be posted Tuesday, May 17, 2010 on [wendyknits.net](http://wendyknits.net)!*

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