

Shetland Pi Shawl KAL – Part Five

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You have completed Part Four and have 576 stitches on your needle.

Work 1 round as follows: [k2tog, yo] around.

Knit 2 rounds.

Work **Chart E**, repeating the 9 stitches of the chart 64 times over the 576 stitches on your needles. Work Chart E 1 time, for a total of 16 rounds of lace worked.

Note: If you find yourself running short of yarn, you can work Chart E through Row 10 and leave off the last 6 rounds.

Chart E

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| | | | ○ | λ | ○ | | | | | 15 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | ○ | λ | ○ | | | | | 13 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | ○ | λ | ○ | | | | | 11 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | ○ | λ | ○ | | | | | 9 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | ○ | λ | ○ | | | | | 7 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | ○ | λ | | λ | ○ | | | | 5 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ○ | λ | ○ | λ | ○ | λ | ○ | | | 3 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| λ | ○ | | ○ | λ | ○ | | ○ | λ | | 1 |
| 9 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 1 | | | | | | |

Chart Key

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| | K |
| ○ | YO |
| λ | K2tog |
| λ | SSK |
| λ | Sl 1, k2tog, pssso |

Chart E Pattern in Words

Round 1: [k2tog, yo, k1, yo, sl1 k2tog, pssso, yo, k1, yo, ssk] repeat 64 times.

Round 2 and all even-numbered rounds: knit all stitches.

Round 3: [k1, yo, ssk, yo, sl1 k2tog, pssso, yo, k2tog, yo, k1] repeat 64 times.

Round 5: [k2, yo, ssk, k1, k2tog, yo, k2] repeat 64 times.

Round 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15: [k3, yo, sl1 k2tog, pssso, yo, k3] repeat 64 times.

After you finish working 16 rounds of Chart E, work 1 round as follows: [k1 yo] around. You now have 1152 stitches on your needle.

Bind off as follows: K2, slip these 2 sts back to the lefthand needle, k2tog through the back loops, *K1, SL 2 sts on righthand needle back to the lefthand needle, k2tog through the back loops *. Repeat from * to * until one stitch remains. Cut your working yarn and pull it through the last stitch to bind off.

Weave in all ends.

Blocking

For your shawl to achieve maximum beauty, I advise you to wet-block it. Fill your sink with warm water and pour in a tablespoon or so of woolwash, or a mild detergent. If you are blocking an animal fiber (such as wool) that you want to soften up a bit, put a bit of hair conditioner in the water. (What is wool, after all, except sheep's hair?)

Soak the knitted piece in the water for fifteen minutes or so. You can swish it around gently, but remember that many fibers will felt with too much agitation in warm water. Rinse the piece in clear water of the same temperature and gently squeeze out any excess water. You can roll your piece in a towel to do this.

Spread the piece out on your blocking surface. If you are blocking on a bed or carpet, you can put down towels or plastic sheeting first.

Stretch the piece as needed to open up the lace pattern and pin it down, stretching out each point that is formed by the double decrease of Chart E and pinning that out. Then pull out a point in-between each double-decrease point you have pinned, as shown in the close-up photo below.



You will find a tape measure very helpful to measure the diameter of the piece from time to time as you block, ensure that not only are you are blocking your piece to the appropriate size, but you are blocking evenly. Use rust-proof T-pins to hold the knitted piece in place and let it dry completely. After it is completely dry, un-pin your piece. It will retain the shape that you gave it.

Congratulations! You have finished your shawl!

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