

Carol D's Self-fringing shawl



Materials:

#19 needles — or needles appropriately sized for yarn.
ribbon yarn (shown), or desired “glitzy” yarn— about 175 yards
Wedding ring (Carol’s ring marker of choice)

Pattern Stitch: Garter (reversible, non rolling)

Optional: Stockinette (Collar forming, curling long edge) Note: Purl on Row 2.

*Note: The fringe as written is about 5-6 inches long.
Consider swatching to check and attain desired fringe length.*

Directions:

Cast on 6 stitches

1. K 4, place marker, K to end. Turn.
2. K to last stitch before marker, Inc 1 (knit into front and back of stitch for a tight increase), move marker, K last 4 stitches.

Repeat increase rows rows, to desired depth — or until you have knit approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ of the yarn. NOTE: To be safe, let remaining yarn always be a few yards more than the yarn used for the increase rows.

Now, begin to decrease as follows:

1. K 4, place marker, K to end. Turn.
2. K to 2 stitches before marker, K2 tog, move marker, K last 4 sts.

Repeat decrease rows until reaching 6 stitches.

At the “triangle” increase/decrease edge, bind off two stitches. Remove marker and cut yarn. Drop the last 4 stitches from the needle and unravel to form the fringe.

To secure fringe, tie overhand knots up close to the knitting, at the top of each fringe.

Option: Slip a bead or two onto fringe loops. Tie a knot at the fringe tip to secure. The beads add weight so begin adding them symmetrically to the first few loops at each narrow edge, then move toward the midpoint. Try on shawl as you proceed to check for desired drape.

When finished, block if necessary to shape.