

# NORWEGIAN PEARL

This design came about following a wonderful “special” birthday cruise to the beautiful Norwegian fjords with one of my closest friends. The last destination was the beautiful town of Bergen, where I found a fabulous yarn store with a lovely chatty young lady who was only too happy to assist in my purchases.

The blues in the yarn I’ve chosen remind me of the glorious blues of the Norwegian seas and the stunning clarity and beauty of the country itself, as well as the charm of its inhabitants – hence why I’ve called the pattern Norwegian Pearl.

Although I’ve used a sock weight, this pattern can translate into any weight you like – you would just need to amend the number of repeats in order to get the length and depth of shawl you require.



You will need:

Any sock weight yarn with approximately 350m (360 yards) length coverage. I have used Sandnes Garn Tynn Merinoull, a beautiful 100% merino sock weight yarn produced in Sandnes, Norway. This yarn works at a gauge of 27 stitches = 10cm/4 inches

The finished shawl should be approximately 50 inches (127cm) long and 16 inches (41cm) deep using this yarn.

\*Gauge is not important as you can adapt to whatever yarn you have in your stash and want to use.

4mm needles

The pattern takes the form of an 8 row repeat with the lace edging on one side of your marker, the garter stitch main body on the other.

The lace border follows a simple repeat, but you will have a different number of stitches beyond your marker on each row, which I have indicated in brackets below.

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Cast on 17 stitches

K11. PM k to end

**Row 1:** k1, yrn, p2tog, k2tog, k1(= 5 stitches) sm, ssk, k1, yo, k2tog, k to last 4 stitches yo, k2tog, kfb, k1

**Row 2:** k1, kfb, k to marker, sm, yo, k2, yrn, p2tog, k1 (= 6 stitches)

**Row 3:** k1, yrn, p2tog, k1, yo, k2 (= 7 stitches) sm, ssk, k1, yo, k2tog, k to last 4 yo, k2tog, kfb, k1

**Row 4:** k1, kfb, k to marker, sm, yo, k4, yrn, p2tog, k1 (= 8 stitches)

**Row 5:** k1, yrn, p2tog, k3, yo, k2 (= 9 stitches) sm, ssk, k1, yo, k2tog, k to last 4 yo k2tog kfb k1

**Row 6:** k1, kfb, k to marker, sm, yo, k2tog, k2tog, k2, yrn p2tog, k1( = 8 stitches)

**Row 7:** k1, yrn, p2tog, k2, k2tog, k1(= 7 stitches) sm, ssk, k1, yo, k2tog, k to last 4 yo, k2tog, kfb, k1

**Row 8:** k1, kfb, k to marker sm, yo, k2tog, k2tog, yrn, p2tog, k 1 (= 6 stitches)

These 8 rows form the pattern

Continue until you have 132 stiches on your needle, finishing on Row 8

Next Row: K to last 4 stitches, yo, k2tog, kfb, k1 (133 stitches)

Next row: knit across whole row

Next row: k1, (yo, k2tog,k1) repeat to the end of the row

Next row: knit across whole row

Next 2 rows: knit across whole rows (ending on wrong side row)

Cast off- use a picot cast off (Cast on 2, cast off 5) – repeat to end of row.





Abbreviations:

PM – place marker

KFB – knit 1 in the front of the stitch, then 1 into the back of the same stitch (increase 1 stitch)

K2tog – knit 2 stitches together

P2tog – purl 2 stitches together

SSK – slip 2 stitches knitwise, knit these 2 stitches together through the back of the loop

YO – yarn over

YRN – yarn round needle