



Ever Increasing Circles



Finished size: Wingspan roughly 52" when blocked, depth 20"

Needles: 4mm 80cm circular needle (or long enough to accommodate 220sts)

Notions: 14 stitch markers – two to mark the border stitches (these are optional as it's easy to see the first and last three stitches) then 4 of three different types, e.g. 4 red, 4 blue, 4 green. If you are stuck for this many markers then try tying small loops of three different colours of yarn. Tapestry needle for weaving in ends

Yarn: 300m of heavy laceweight or 4ply. Sample shown in Wee County Yarns Shetland 2ply laceweight (300m/50g)

Tension: 16sts per 10cm after blocking.

This pattern appears long-winded, but really it's very straight forward. It's a semi-circle where you increase 4 sts every right side row, with holes that get bigger as they get further away from the centre. The increases are in the holes, the small holes increase the stitch count by one per hole so there are four in a row, the larger increase by more so there are fewer per row. Therefore the stitch markers help you know where to put the holes. I've written it out row by row as I think this is the easiest way to explain it, the only charted section is the initial M1 increases. It's very easy to extend for a larger shawl, just add more repeats of any of the sizes of holes.

You may find you get a smoother edge to your larger holes by purling into the front and back of the YO's rather than ribbing them, although it is rather fiddly to achieve.

Garter Stitch Tab:

Cast on 3 stitches, knit eight rows.

Pick up 4 sts along edge (one in each garter stitch ridge) and 3 stitches along cast on edge (10 sts)

K3, P4, K3

Start working from setup chart at row 1 (RS) or from written instructions as follows:

1: K3, PM, M1, K4, M1, K3 (12sts)

2 and all WS rows: K3, SM, P to marker, SM, K3

3: K3, SM, [M1, K2] x3, M1, SM, K3 (16sts)

5: K3, SM, M1, K3, M1, K4, M1, K3, M1, K3 (20sts)

7: K3, SM, M1, K5, M1, K4, M1, K5, M1, SM, K3 (24sts)

9: K3, SM, [M1, K6] x3, M1, SM, K3 (28sts)

11: K3, SM, M1, K7, M1, K8, M1, K7, M1, SM, K3 (32sts)

13: K3, SM, M1, K8, M1, K10, M1, K8, M1, SM, K3 (36sts)

Marker set up row: you will be placing 12 markers across the 26 body stitches (excluding the border stitches) every two stitches. Place them in the following order; [type 3, type 2, type 1] four times across.

14: K3, SM, P4, [PM,P2] x 12, PM, P4, SM, K3
Slip all markers before YOs.

15: K3, SM, K4, SM, YO, [K to next Type 1 marker, SM, YO] x3, K to end (40sts)

16/18/20: K3, P to last 3 sts slipping markers as you come to them, K3

17: K3, SM, [K to first Type 2 marker, SM, YO] x4, K to end (44sts)

19: K3, SM, [K to first Type 3 marker, SM, YO] x4, K to end (48sts)

21: K3, SM, K4, SM, YO x2, [K to next Type 1 marker, SM, YO x2] x3, K to end (don't count your stitches here as you will drop one of the double YOs)

22/24/26: K3, P to last 3 sts – purl once into the double YO and drop the extra one, K3

23: K3, SM, [K to first Type 2 marker, SM, YO x2] x4, K to end

25: K3, SM, [K to first Type 3 marker, SM, YO x2] x4, K to end

27: K3, SM, K4, SM, YO x2, K to third Type 1 marker, SM, YO x2, K to end (64sts)

28/30/32/34/36/38: K3, P to last 3 sts – [K1, P1] into double YOs – K3

29: K3, SM, K to first Type 2 marker, SM, YO x2, K to third Type 2 marker, SM, YO x2, K to end (68sts)

31: K3, SM, K to first Type 3 marker, SM, YO x2, K to third Type 3 marker, SM, YO x2, K to end (72sts)

33: K3, SM, K to second Type 1 marker, SM, YO x2, K to fourth Type 1 marker, SM, YO x2, K to end (76sts)

35: K3, SM, K to second Type 2 marker, SM, YO x2, K to fourth Type 2 marker, SM, YO x2, K to end (80sts)

37: K3, SM, K to second Type 3 marker, SM, YO x2, K to fourth Type 3 marker, SM, YO x2, K to end (84sts)

39: K3, SM, K4, SM, YO x3, K2tog, K to third Type 1 marker, SM, YO x3, k2tog, K to end (88sts)

40/42/44/46/48/50: K3, P to last 3 sts – [P1, K1, P1] into triple YOs – K3

41: K3, SM, K to first Type 2 marker, SM, YO x3, K2tog, K to third Type 2 marker, SM, YO x3, K2tog, K to end (92sts)

43: K3, SM, K to first Type 3 marker, SM, YO x3, K2tog, K to third Type 3 marker, SM, YO x3, K2tog, K to end (96sts)

45: K3, SM, K to second Type 1 marker, SM, YO x3, K2tog, K to fourth Type 1 marker, SM, YO x3, K2tog, K to end (100sts)

47: K3, SM, K to second Type 2 marker, SM, YO x3, K2tog, K to fourth Type 2 marker, SM, YO x3, K2tog, K to end (104sts)
49: K3, SM, K to second Type 3 marker, SM, YO x3, K2tog, K to fourth Type 3 marker, SM, YO x3, K2tog, K to end (108sts)
51: K3, SM, K4, SM,SSK, YO x4, K2tog, K to third Type 1 marker, SM, SSK, YO x4, k2tog, K to end (112sts)
52/54/56/58/60/62: K3, P to last 3 sts – [P1, K1, P1, K1] into quadruple YOs – K3
53: K3, SM, K to first Type 2 marker, SM, SSK, YO x4, K2tog, K to third Type 2 marker, SM, SSK, YO x4, K2tog, K to end (116sts)
55: K3, SM, K to first Type 3 marker, SM, SSK, YO x4, K2tog, K to third Type 3 marker, SM, SSK, YO x4, K2tog, K to end (120sts)
57: K3, SM, K to second Type 1 marker, SM, SSK, YO x4, K2tog, K to fourth Type 1 marker, SM, SSK, YO x4, K2tog, K to end (124sts)
59: K3, SM, K to second Type 2 marker, SM, SSK, YO x4, K2tog, K to fourth Type 2 marker, SM, SSK, YO x4, K2tog, K to end (128sts)
61: K3, SM, K to second Type 3 marker, SM, SSK, YO x4, K2tog, K to fourth Type 3 marker, SM, SSK, YO x4, K2tog, K to end (132sts)
63: K3, SM, K4, SM, YO x4, K to end (136sts)
64/66/68/70/72/74/76/78/80/82/84/86: K3, P to last 3 sts – [P1, K1, P1, K1] into quadruple YOs – K3
65: K3, SM, K to second Type 1 marker, YO x4, K to end (140sts)
67: K3, SM, K to third Type 1 marker, YO x4, K to end (144sts)
69: K3, SM, K to fourth Type 1 marker, YO x4, K to end (148sts)
71: K3, SM, K to first Type 2 marker, YO x4, K to end (152sts)
73: K3, SM, K to second Type 2 marker, YO x4, K to end (156sts)

75: K3, SM, K to third Type 2 marker, YO x4, K to end (160sts)
77: K3, SM, K to fourth Type 2 marker, YO x4, K to end (164sts)
79: K3, SM, K to first Type 3 marker, YO x4, K to end (168sts)
81: K3, SM, K to second Type 3 marker, YO x4, K to end (172sts)
83: K3, SM, K to third Type 3 marker, YO x4, K to end (176sts)
85: K3, SM, K to fourth Type 3 marker, YO x4, K to end (180sts)
87: K3, SM, K4, SM, SSK, YO x6, K2tog, K to end (184sts)
88/90/92/94/96/98/100/102/104/106/108/110: K3, P to last 3 sts – [P1, K1, P1, K1, P1, K1] into sextuple YOs – K3
89: K3, SM, K to second Type 1 marker, SSK, YO x6, K2tog, K to end (188sts)
91: K3, SM, K to third Type 1 marker, SSK, YO x6, K2tog, K to end (192sts)
93: K3, SM, K to fourth Type 1 marker, SSK, YO x6, K2tog, K to end (196sts)
95: K3, SM, K to first Type 2 marker, SSK, YO x6, K2tog, K to end (200sts)
97: K3, SM, K to second Type 2 marker, SSK, YO x6, K2tog, K to end (204sts)
99: K3, SM, K to third Type 2 marker, SSK, YO x6, K2tog, K to end (208sts)
101: K3, SM, K to fourth Type 2 marker, SSK, YO x6, K2tog, K to end (212sts)
103: K3, SM, K to first Type 3 marker, SSK, YO x6, K2tog, K to end (216sts)
105: K3, SM, K to second Type 3 marker, SSK, YO x6, K2tog, K to end (220sts)
107: K3, SM, K to third Type 3 marker, SSK, YO x6, K2tog, K to end (224sts)
109: K3, SM, K to fourth Type 3 marker, SSK, YO x6, K2tog, K to end (228sts)
111: K to end **112:** K3, P to last 3 sts, K3

