



# Miniball Shawl Shapes

**Yarn:**

10x10g JC Rennie miniballs - Approx 500m of 4ply yarn in assorted colours

**Needles and notions:**

4mm circular needle, long enough to accommodate a large number of stitches (the sideways triangle can be knit on straight needles)

Stitch markers (2 are needed for the top-down triangle, 8 for the semi-circle, none for the sideways triangle. Small loops of yarn can be used)

Darning needle

**Size:** Top down triangle: 60"/150cm by 20"/50cm, Sideways triangle: 80"/2m by 15"/38cm, Semi circular: 60"/150cm by 18"/46cm

Tension: 18 sts per 10cm over stocking stitch after blocking.

Miniballs are a great way of playing with colour. Pick 10 of your favourite colours and make up a striking shawl very simply! This yarn is very sticky, it will easily spit-splice or russian join. Often I will just hold the old and new strands together and knit with both for a few stitches. The miniballs have come directly from the cone so should be washed twice with detergent once you are finished.

## Top-down triangle:

### Garter Stitch Tab:

In first colour cast on 4 sts. Knit 6 rows.  
Pick up and knit 3 sts from side of square, 4 sts along cast on edge. 11 sts.

- 1: WS: K4, YO, P to last 4 sts, YO, K4 (13 sts)
- 2: RS: K4, YO, K2, YO, PM, K1, PM, YO, K2, YO, K4 (17sts)
- 3: K4, YO, P to last 4 sts, YO, K4 (19 sts)
- 4: K4, YO, K to marker, YO, SM, K1, SM, YO, Knit to last 4 sts, YO, K4 (23 sts)

Repeat rows 3 and 4, changing colour as you run out or when desired. Be aware that since the first rows are very short and the last rows are very long you will need more yarn to do a similar size stripe at the end than at the beginning.

When you are down to your last colour knit the garter stitch border. K every stitch for 6 rows then cast off loosely. A Russian cast off is ideal. Weave in ends, wash and block.

The YO on the wrong side makes for a wider, shallower triangle. It also encourages the tips to curve upwards. If you prefer you can omit the WS YOs and only increase 4 sts on each RS row. This will give your triangle a flat top-edge.

## Semi-circle:

### Garter stitch tab:

- In first colour cast on 4 sts. Knit 8 rows.  
Pick up and knit 4 sts from side of square, 4 sts along cast on edge. 12 sts.  
Set up row 1: K4, (M1, K1) x4, M1, K4 (17sts)
- 2: K4, P9, K4
  - 3: K4, (PM, K1)x4, K1, (K1, PM) x4, K4
  - 4: as 2
  - 5: K4, (SM, M1, K1) x4, K1, (K1, M1, SM)x4, K4 (25sts)
  - 6: K4, P to last 4 sts, K4
  - 7: K

8: as 6

9: K4, (SM, M1, K to next marker) x4, (M1, SM, K to next marker)x3, M1, SM, K4 (8 sts increased)

Repeat rows 6-9 changing colour as you run out or when desired. Be aware that since the first rows are very short and the last rows are very long you will need more yarn to do a similar size stripe at the end than at the beginning.

When you are down to your last colour knit the garter stitch border. K every stitch for 6 rows or as many as you have yarn for then cast off loosely. A Russian cast off is ideal. Weave in ends, wash and block.

## Sideways garter triangle:

With first colour cast on 3 sts.

- 1: K
- 2: Kfb, K to end
- 3-4: K

Repeat rows 1-4, changing colour as desired, until half your yarn is used, or the shawl is half the length required.

- 5: K
- 6: SSK, K to end
- 7-8: K

Repeat rows 5-8, changing colour as desired, until you have 3 sts left. Cast off these 3 sts. Weave in ends, wash and block.

## Abbreviations:

- K - Knit
- P - Purl
- Sts - Stitches
- WS/RS - Wrong side/right side
- YO - Yarn over
- PM - Place marker
- SM - Slip marker
- M1 - Make one
- Kfb - Knit into the front and the back



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