

Moonlight Sonata Shawl



Size about 70" long (not including fringe)
to desired width

Yarn 7 skeins of Morehouse Merino Lace
in 7 miscellaneous colors,
225 yards per skein

Needle #8 or #9 circular needle, 29" or longer

Gauge not important

Shawl is knit in the round (after binding off, you cut shawl to open it up into a rectangle and then you unravel stitches for fringe).

Cast on using one of the colors; use yarn double for cast on row and cast on 230 stitches loosely. Continue with yarn single. Join and knit 2 rounds with same color as cast-on. Break off yarn. Switch to a second color (the sequence of the colors is up to you—switch colors randomly, rather than following the same color sequence for stripes). When starting new color, tie yarn end of color you just finished with together with beginning of new yarn color. Don't worry how it looks where you switch colors—it will all be unraveled for fringe.

Knit 3 to 5 rounds with each color. Knit shawl to desired width—from 15" to 25".

End shawl with 2 rounds in a color; bind off in next round as follows: use yarn double for bind off, knit the first 15 stitches, then bind off the next 200 stitches very, very loosely (bind-off round should be as stretchable and elastic as knit shawl). Pull yarn through last bind-off stitch. Drop remaining 15 stitches from needle together with the first 15 stitches. Carefully unravel stitches between bind-off all the way to first round (this will turn into your fringe). Stretch out unraveled yarn and cut straight through the middle. This will open the shawl. Pull fringe slightly to tighten stitches at edge of shawl.

Finishing: soak shawl in warm water for a few minutes. Squeeze out as much water as possible and lay shawl flat to dry stretching it to final size. Straighten and separate fringe, if necessary, with a knitting needle. Trim fringe evenly.

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