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A Little Jazz Designed by Samantha Roshak

Is it a mini shawl? A scarf? Introducing A Little Jazz! Whatever you want to call it, the long half-moon shape and unique construction combine to create a versatile and interesting knit. There is no picking up stitches for the ruffle, no holes down the middle and no need for a pin to keep it on your neck (they sure are cute, though)!

Size 42" wide at top border by 8" down center

Materials

1 skein fingering weight yarn, approx. 440 yds. Shown in Fiesta Baby Boom: 440 yds. per 4oz skein, 90% superwash merino, 10% nylon 1 US size 5 (3.75mm) circular needle, 32" or longer, or size needed to obtain gauge

1 US size 7 (4.50mm) needle or 2 sizes larger than the needle needed to obtain gauge, for bind off

Tapestry needle

Gauge

20 sts and 36 rows per 4 inches in garter stitch with smaller needle

Notes

A Little Jazz is worked from the top down using no wrap short rows. If you make a mistake and do not have the correct number of stitch groups on each side, don't panic. As long as you even it out (adding or subtracting 1 st per row) before the last 18 sts, and end in the middle, it won't show.

The first stitch of all short row rows is slipped purlwise with the yarn in front. This makes the stitch a tiny bit smaller, to help prevent holes, and turns the stitch sideways so it's easier to see and feel the gaps.

A Little Jazz is knit flat; the circular needle is used to hold the large number of sts.

Abbreviations

cg: close gap. Pick up the left leg of stitch to the right side of the gap from back to front (it's the stitch below the last stitch you knit with the left needle and knit it. If you've picked it up correctly it will be twisted.

eor: end of row

gap: space left between rows where you turn around before the end of a row

m1 l: make one left. Pick up and knit through the stitch two stitches below the first stitch on the right needle. You want the stitch from the last full row knit, not the stitch you just knit through.

m1 r: make one right. Pick up and knit through the stitch below the last stitch on your left needle.

rep: repeat

sl 1: slip 1 stitch purlwise with the yarn held in front

sts: stitches

working sts: the stitches in the middle section that remaining body section rows will be knit on. Stitches left on the sides from the short rows are waiting for the ruffle section and are not working stitches.

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A Little Jazz (continued)

Instructions

With smaller needle, cast on 190 sts.

BODY

Knit 2 rows.

K 188 sts (2 sts short of the eor), turn. Do not wrap (188 working sts).

SI 1, k to 2 sts short of the eor, turn (186 working sts remain). Repeat last row 14 times (total of 16 short rows). You will have 158 working sts in the middle and 16 sts (8 groups of 2) on each side separated by gaps.

SI 1, k to 3 sts short of the eor, turn.

Repeat last row 19 more times (98 working sts remain).

You will have 10 groups of 3 sts on each side.

SI 1, k to 4 sts short of the end of the row, turn. Repeat last row 19 more times (18 working sts remain). You will have 10 groups of 4 sts on each side.

SI 1, k to 6 sts short of the eor, turn. Repeat last row (6 working sts remain). You will have 1 group of 6 sts on each side.



RUFFLE:

K 6, *cg (see Abbreviations for full details), k to next gap, rep from * until last gap is closed, k 2. All gaps on one side of your project are closed and you are at the end of the row.

K to 3 sts before next gap, place marker (this is the center), *k to next gap, cg, rep from * until last gap is closed, k 2. All gaps are now closed and you are at the eor.

Knit 1 row.

* K 2, m1 r repeat from* until you reach the center marker, remove marker, k 2, *m1 l, k 2, repeat from * until eor. The increase stitches in this row create the ruffle. If you make a mistake and forget an increase or add an extra one, don't get stressed out. As long as you work an increase about every 3rd stitch, and switch from right leaning to left leaning increases close to the center, it's all good.

Knit until ruffle is 2", your desired width, or you just can't stand to knit anymore. Bind off loosely using larger size needle. If you bind off too tightly the ruffle will pull in at the edges. Elizabeth Zimmermann's sewn bind-off is a nice alternative if you are familiar with it.

Weave in ends. Block if desired.

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