

Bahaar Lace Stole

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'Bahaar' is a light rectangular stole, featuring a lace stitch pattern worked over a multiple of 13 stitches and 18 rows.

I used a little more than 2 skeins, or approximately 600 yards of the Cascade 220 Fingering, to knit a 12.5-inch wide and 68-inch long stole. A slightly shorter version can easily be knit using 2 skeins.

(To make a wider shawl, just cast on more stitches and work 8 or 9 horizontal repeats of the pattern between the garter stitch borders.)



Yarn – I used approx. 2.20 skeins or 600 yards of the Cascade 220 Fingering in the 'Buff' colorway.

Needles – A pair of US size 6 (4 mm) needles for knitting; US size 8 (5 mm) needle for casting on loosely (optional)

Notions:

- 4-5 Stitch markers (if using)
- Blocking pins / wires
- Tapestry needle to weave in ends

Gauge (after blocking) – 23 stitches and 28 rows = 4 inches, measured over the Bahaar lace pattern

Finished dimensions – 12.5 inches wide and 68 inches long

Abbreviations:

- *RS* – Right side
- *WS* – Wrong side
- *YO* – yarn over
- *k2tog* – Knit 2 together
- *ssk* – slip, slip, knit the 2 slipped stitches together
- **(s2, k1, pss0)** - slip two stitches together as if to knit; knit 1 stitch; pass slipped stitches over the knit stitch (2 stitches decreased)

Bahaar stitch pattern:

- **Row 1** – *k2, [k2tog, YO] twice, k1, [YO, ssk] twice, k2*; repeat from * to *
- **Row 2 and all even number / WS rows** – purl all stitches
- **Row 3** – *k1, [k2tog, YO] twice, k3, [YO, ssk] twice, k1*; repeat from * to *
- **Row 5** – *[k2tog, YO] three times, k1, [YO, ssk] three times*; repeat from * to *
- **Row 7** – *[k2tog, YO] twice, k5, [YO, ssk] twice*; repeat from * to *
- **Row 9** – *k2, [YO, ssk] twice, k1, [k2tog, YO] twice, k2*; repeat from * to *
- **Row 11** – *k3, YO, ssk, YO, (s2, k1, pss), YO, k2tog, YO, k3*; repeat from * to *
- **Row 13** – *k2, [k2tog, YO] twice, k1, [YO, ssk] twice, k2*; repeat from * to * (same as row 1)
- **Row 15** – *k1, [k2tog, YO] twice, k3, [YO, ssk] twice, k1*; repeat from * to * (same as row 3)
- **Row 17** – *k3, YO, ssk, YO, (s2, k1, pss), YO, k2tog, YO, k3*; repeat from * to * (same as row 11)
- **Row 18** – Purl all stitches

Repeat rows 1 to 18 for pattern.

Pattern Instructions:

(See chart on page 3)

- Loosely cast on 73 stitches using the larger needle. I used the long-tail method to cast on.
- Switch to smaller needles. Knit 7 rows.
- On row 8 (WS), knit 4 stitches, purl 65 stitches, knit the last 4 stitches.

From this point on, the first and last 4 stitches will always be knit to form a garter stitch border, and the Bahaar stitch pattern will be worked over the center 65 stitches (13 x 5).

Stole body:

- On row 9 (RS), knit 4 stitches; work row 1 of the Bahaar chart /stitch pattern 5 times (placing stitch markers between every repeat if you want); knit the last 4 stitches.
- On the next row (WS), knit 4 stitches; purl 65; knit the last 4 stitches (all WS rows are worked this way).

Continue, as above, to knit rows 3 to 18 of the Bahaar pattern, maintaining a garter stitch border throughout.

- Repeat rows 1 to 18 of the Bahaar stitch pattern a total of twenty-five times, or till the scarf is approx. 2 inches shorter than the length you want.
- Then knit rows 1 – 12 of the pattern **once more**, (ending with a WS row).

To finish:

- Knit 7 rows
- Loosely bind off all stitches knitwise (on the WS).

Block to desired measurements. Weave in ends.

