

# Leher

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*Leher is a rectangular shawl featuring a wave-like lace stitch pattern, worked over a multiple of 17 stitches and 34 rows. You cast on a total of 99 stitches, including 85 main pattern stitches (17 x 5) and 14 border stitches (7 on either side). The pattern includes both a chart (with three sections) and written instructions.*

*I worked 5 horizontal and 12 vertical repeats of the pattern to get an 18-inch wide and 64-inch long shawl. (You could work 3 repeats between the right and left borders to make a scarf or work fewer vertical repeats to make a shorter version).*



**Yarn** – 3 skeins or approx. 800 yards of the Cascade 220 Fingering, or any light-fingering weight yarn that blocks well (preferably 100-percent wool). I used a little less than 3 skeins of Cascade 220 Fingering in the ‘Sage’ 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:**

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

**Gauge** – 22 stitches and 26 rows = 4 inches measured over pattern stitch (after blocking)

**Finished dimensions** – 18 inches wide and 64 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
- *PM* – Place Marker
- *SM* – Slip Marker

### **Leher Stitch Pattern** (Worked over a multiple of 17 stitches, between the right and left borders):

- Row 1 [RS] – \*k 7, [YO, ssk] 3 times, k4\*, repeat from \* to \*
- **Row 2 and all WS rows – purl all stitches**
- Row 3 - \*k 8, [YO, ssk] 3 times, k3\*, repeat from \* to \*
- Row 5 - \*k 9, [YO, ssk] 3 times, k2\*, repeat from \* to \*
- Row 7 - \*k 10, [YO, ssk] 3 times, k1\*, repeat from \* to \*
- Row 9 - \*k 7, k2tog, YO, k2, [YO, ssk] 3 times\*, repeat from \* to \*
- Row 11 - \*k 5, [k2tog, YO] 2 times, k1, [k2tog, YO] 3 times, k1\*, repeat from \* to \*
- Row 13 - \*k 3, [k2tog, YO] 3 times, k1, [k2tog, YO] 3 times, k1\*, repeat from \* to \*
- Row 15 - \*k 2, [k2tog, YO] 3 times, k1, [k2tog, YO] 3 times, k2\*, repeat from \* to \*
- Row 17 - \*k 1, [k2tog, YO] 3 times, k1, [k2tog, YO] 3 times, k3\*, repeat from \* to \*
- Row 19 - \* [k2tog, YO] 3 times, k1, [k2tog, YO] 3 times, k4\*, repeat from \* to \*
- Row 21 - \*k 1, [YO, ssk] 3 times, [k2tog, YO] 2 times, k6\*, repeat from \* to \*
- Row 23 - \*k 1, [YO, ssk] 3 times, k2tog, YO, k8\*, repeat from \* to \*
- Row 25 - \*k 2, [YO, ssk] 3 times, k9\*, repeat from \* to \*
- Row 27 - \*k 3, [YO, ssk] 3 times, k8\*, repeat from \* to \*
- Row 29 - \*k 4, [YO, ssk] 3 times, k7\*, repeat from \* to \*
- Row 31 - \*k 5, [YO, ssk] 3 times, k6\*, repeat from \* to \*
- Row 33 - \*k 6, [YO, ssk] 3 times, k5\*, repeat from \* to \*
- Row 34 - purl all stitches

### **Right border (worked over 7 stitches):**

- Row 1 (RS) – k4, YO, ssk, k1
- Row 2 (WS) – p4, k3

Repeat rows 1 and 2

### **Left border (worked over 7 stitches):**

- Row 1 (RS) – k1, k2tog, YO, k4
- Row 2 (WS) – k3, p4

Repeat rows 1 and 2

## Instructions to knit the shawl:

*(See chart on page 4)*

Loosely cast on 99 stitches (using the larger needle).

Switch to smaller needles.

Knit 5 rows.

On row 6 (WS), knit 3 stitches, purl to the last 3 stitches, knit 3 stitches.

### **You will now start working in pattern**

1. On row 7 (RS), work seven (row 1) stitches of the Right Border, place marker (PM); then work 17 (row 1) stitches of the Leher Stitch pattern five times, placing markers after every repeat; work seven (row 1) stitches of the Left Border.
2. On the next row (WS) and all WS rows, knit 3; purl 93 (slipping markers as you go); knit the last 3 stitches.

**Continue to work rows 3 to 34 of the Leher pattern between the right and left borders, as established above. Then repeat these 34 rows 11 more times (total 12)**

**On the 12<sup>th</sup> or last repeat, work only 32 rows of the Leher pattern, ending with a WS row.**

**To finish**, knit 5 rows.

Bind off all stitches loosely (knitwise) on the WS.

Block to desired measurements.

Weave in ends.

