Chaukor

Chaukor (pronounced chalk + ore) is a rectangular shawl featuring a grid-like, textured lace pattern. The stitch pattern (worked over a multiple of 15 stitches and 18 rows) was inspired by the beautiful tie-and-dye fabrics of Rajasthan, India, as well as the state's breathtaking architecture – haveli windows in particular.

The pattern includes both written instructions and a chart.

To knit the shawl, you cast on a total of 81 stitches, including 6 border stitches (3 on either edge) that are knit on every row and 75 stitches (15 x 5) between the borders that are worked in the Chaukor stitch pattern.

Yarn – Two skeins of Cascade Heritage Solids or approximately 850 yards of any fingering weight yarn that blocks well and has good stitch definition. I used a little less than 2 skeins of the Cascade Heritage Solids in the "Moss" color (5612).

Needles:

- US size 6 (4 mm) for knitting
- US size 7 (4.5 mm) for casting on loosely (optional).

Gauge in pattern stitch (after blocking) :

- 4 inches = 24 stitches and 28 rows

Abbreviations:

- k – knit
- p - purl
- YO – yarn over
- k2tog – knit 2 together
- ssk – slip, slip, knit

Notions:

- Tapestry needle to weave in ends
- 6 stitch markers (if using)
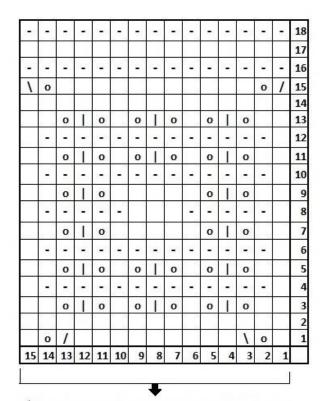- Blocking pins (and wires, if using)

Finished Dimensions:

- Length - 71 inches, Width - 13 inches

- s2-k1-psso – slip 2 stitches as if to knit together, knit 1, passed slipped stitches over the knit stitch (2 stitches decreased)
- PM – place marker
- SM – slip marker
- RS – Right side
- WS – Wrong side

Chaukor Stitch Pattern (Worked over a multiple of **15 stitches** and **18 rows**)

- **Row 1 (RS)** – *k1, YO, ssk, k9, k2tog, YO, k1*; repeat from * to *
- **Row 2 (WS)** – purl all stitches
- **Row 3** – *k2, (YO, s2-k1-psso, YO, k1) three times, k1*; repeat from * to *
- **Row 4** – *p1, k13, p1*; repeat from * to *
- **Row 5** – same as row 3
- **Row 6** – same as Row 4
- **Row 7** – *k2, YO, s2-k1-psso, YO, k5, YO, s2-k1-psso, YO, k2*; repeat from * to *
- **Row 8** – *p1, k5, p3, k5, p1*; repeat from * to *
- **Row 9** – same as row 7
- **Row 10** – same as row 4
- **Row 11** – same as row 3
- **Row 12** – same as row 4
- **Row 13** – same as row 3
- **Row 14** – purl all stitches
- **Row 15** – *k2tog, YO, k11, YO, ssk*; repeat from * to *
- **Rows 16, 17 and 18** – Knit all stitches

Chaukor Chart

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Row
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Symbol Key:

- ☐   Knit on RS or odd-number rows, and Purl on WS or even-number rows
- **-**   Knit on WS or even-number rows
- **o**   Yarn over
- **/**   k2tog (knit 2 together)
- ****   ssk (slip, slip, knit)
- **|**   s2-k1-psso [slip 2 stitches as if to knit together, knit 1, pass slipped stitches over the knit stitch (2 stitches decreased)]

Abbreviations:
RS - Right Side
WS - Wrong side

(All odd number rows are right side rows
All even number rows are wrong side rows)

Work 5 repeats between garter stitch borders

Instructions to knit the scarf:

Loosely cast on 81 stitches *(75 pattern stitches and 6 border stitches – 3 on either side)* using the long-tail cast on and the larger needle (or your preferred cast-on method).

Switch to smaller needles.

- Knit 6 rows
- Row 7 – knit 3 stitches, place marker (PM); work Row 1 of the Chaukor stitch pattern five times, placing stitch markers after every repeat; knit the last 3 stitches. 6 markers placed.

From this point on, the first and last 3 stitches will always be knit to form a garter stitch border, and the Chaukor stitch pattern will be worked over the center 75 stitches (15 x 5).

- Row 8 - On the next row, knit 3 stitches, slip marker; work Row 2 of the stitch pattern five times, slipping markers as you go; knit the last 3 stitches.
- Continue to work rows 3-18 of the Chaukor stitch pattern between the garter stitch borders, as established above.
- Repeat these 18 pattern rows 26 more times (or fewer or more, depending on how long you want the shawl)

To end:

- Knit 3 rows (the last row you knit will be a right side row).
- Loosely cast off all stitches knit-wise on the wrong side.

Block to desired measurements. Weave in ends.