

The Changeling Scarf or Shawl

This scarf weighs one ounce and is made of a handspun yarn that gently changes from Flax, to silk, to cotton, to angora, to alpaca. It can be made with any fiber combination. Choose your fibers for color and texture variations.

Instructions: Assemble five fibers of your choice. Quantity is not important. The more you spin, the larger your scarf/shawl will be. I would not spin more than one ounce of each fiber. Lay out in order of softness. In the case of this scarf, the fibers went in the following order:

Flax
Silk
Cotton
Angora
Alpaca

Divide your fibers in half and spin one half in the listed order onto one bobbin, and the other half in the same order on a second bobbin.

Ply together.

Then wind onto niddy noddy or swift, tie off and pull off to wash. Hang with weights to set the twist, then enjoy knitting the scarf/shawl.



As you knit, the fibers gradually change from one fiber to another, and it is fun to watch the change in texture and color.

Pattern Directions:

Knit the scarf from the softer fiber first, in this case, the alpaca.

Gauge is unimportant for this scarf/shawl. You knit it with the yarn and needles you prefer. It is a great pattern to use up those left overs, too. Since you are starting with one stitch and working your way out, you make the scarf/shawl as large as you want, and you will use up the yarn you have with no waste.

Begin:

Cast on one stitch with a slip knot.

Row one: Increase to three stitches by knitting into the front, the back and the front of the stitch. Mark the center stitch.

Row two: (RS) YO, knit to center stitch, knit into the front, the back and the front of the marked stitch. Move marker to the center stitch. Knit to end of row.

Row three: (WS)YO, knit to end of row (moving marker up to keep track of center stitch).

Repeat rows two and three to the end, unless you desire to add eyelet rows. Eyelet rows should be done in place of row 3 as desired.

Eyelet rows: (WS) YO, K1, *YO, K2tog* repeat from * to * until you reach the last st, k1, turn.

Finishing: There are three alternatives for finishing this item:

- 1) You can do two rows of eyelets for the edge trim, bind off, and you will be done.
- 2) Or you can bind off and then knit on any edge of your choice.
- 3) OR you can bind off and simply add fringe.

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