Jhumka

Jhumka, which means earring (dangler) in Hindi / Urdu, is a jewelry-inspired rectangular shawl featuring a lace pattern worked over a multiple of 22 stitches and 28 rows. You cast on a total of 74 stitches, including 66 main pattern stitches (22 x 3) in the center and 8 border stitches – 4 on either side. The shawl can be made wider or narrower, longer or shorter by adding or leaving out one or more pattern repeats.

The pattern includes both a chart and written instructions.

Yarn

- I used approx. 2 skeins or 550 yards of the Cascade 220 Fingering in the Goldenrod 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:

- 2-4 Stitch markers (if using)
  – Blocking pins / wires
  – Tapestry needle to weave in ends

Gauge (after blocking)

- 20.5 stitches and 27 rows = 4 inches, measured over the Jhumka lace pattern

Finished dimensions

- 14.5 inches wide and 61 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, psso) – slip two stitches together as if to knit; knit 1 stitch; pass slipped stitches over the knit stitch (2 stitches decreased)

Jhumka stitch pattern *(worked over multiples of 22 stitches and 28 rows; chart on page 4)*:

*(Note: Rows 1-14, that make up the diamonds in the pattern, can be further broken down into smaller 11-stitch repeats, but I have not done that and have written all rows as 22-stitch repeats to maintain consistency. Please refer to the chart for more clarity.)*

- **Row 1 (RS)** – *k3, k2tog, YO, k1, YO, ssk, k6, k2tog, YO, k1, YO, ssk, k3*, repeat from * to * for pattern
- **Row 2 (WS) and all WS rows** – purl all stitches
- **Row 3** – *k2, k2tog, YO, k3, YO, ssk, k4, k2tog, YO, k3, YO, ssk, k2*, repeat from * to *
- **Row 5** – *k1, (k2tog, YO) twice, k1, (YO, ssk) twice, k2, (k2tog, YO) twice, k1, (YO, ssk) twice, k1*, repeat from * to *
- **Row 7** – *[k2tog, YO] twice, k3, (YO, ssk) twice] repeat twice *, repeat from * to *
- **Row 9** – *[k2, YO, ssk, YO, (s2, k1, psso), YO, k2tog, YO, k4, YO, ssk, YO, (s2, k1, psso), YO, k2tog, YO, k2*, repeat from * to *
- **Row 11** – *[k3, YO, ssk, k1, k2tog, YO, k6, YO, ssk, k1, k2tog, YO, k3*, repeat from * to *
- **Row 13** – *[k4, YO, (s2, k1, psso), YO, k8, YO, (s2, k1, psso), YO, k4*, repeat from * to *
- **Row 15** – *[k5, (YO, ssk) twice, k4, (k2tog, YO) twice, k5*, repeat from * to *
- **Row 17** – *[k6, (YO, ssk) twice, k2, (k2tog, YO) twice, k6*, repeat from * to *
- **Row 19** – *[k4, (k2tog, YO) twice, k6, (YO, ssk) twice. k4*, repeat from * to *
- **Row 21** – *[k3, (k2tog, YO) twice, k8, (YO, ssk) twice, k3*, repeat from * to *
- **Row 23** – same as row 15
- **Row 25** – same as row 17
- **Row 27** – same as row 19
- **Row 28 (WS)** – purl all stitches

Repeat rows 1 to 28 for pattern
Pattern Instructions:

- Loosely cast on 74 stitches using the larger needle (if using). I used the long-tail method to cast on.
- Switch to smaller needles. Knit 7 rows.
- On row 8 (WS), knit 4 stitches, purl 66 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 Jhumka stitch pattern will be worked over the center 66 stitches (22 x 3).

Stole body:

- On row 9 (RS), knit 4 stitches; work row 1 of the Jhumka chart /stitch pattern 3 times (placing stitch markers between every repeat if you want); knit the last 4 stitches.
- On the next row (WS), knit 4 stitches; purl 66; knit the last 4 stitches (all WS rows are worked this way).
- Continue, as above, to knit rows 3 to 28 of the Jhumka pattern, maintaining a garter stitch border throughout.

Repeat rows 1 to 28 of the Jhumka stitch pattern a total of 14 times. Then knit rows 1 – 14 of the pattern once more (ending with row 14 - a WS row).

(You can work fewer or more repeats of the pattern to make the stole shorter or longer. Just remember to end with row 14.)

To finish:

- Knit 7 rows
- Loosely bind off all stitches knitwise (on the WS).
- Block to desired measurements. Weave in ends.

See larger version of the chart on page 4
Jhumka Chart

Symbol Key:

- knit on RS, purl on WS

- Yarn Over (YO)

- 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)]

( - All odd number rows are RS or right side rows.
- All even number rows are WS or wrong side rows, and are purled)

repeat 3 times between borders