

Kanak



Kanak is a crescent-shaped shawl featuring a textured lace stitch pattern. I used approximately 550 yards of KnitPicks Capretta and US size 5 needles to knit my sample, but any fingering-weight yarn with good stitch definition should work. The size of the shawl can be adjusted by working more or fewer repeats of the pattern. To get a drapier fabric, you could go up a needle size or two. Conversely, to get more well-defined, denser texture, you could go down a needle size, which will also increase the yarn requirement.

The pattern is a simple 12-row repeat with mostly knits and purls, and a few eyelets that appear only once every 6 rows.

Yarn:

600 yards of Knitpicks Capretta or any fingering weight yarn with good stitch definition

Needles:

US size 5 or 3.75mm needles (32" circular needles or longer to accommodate the 500-plus stitches that you'll finally end up with)

Notions:

Blocking pins

Finished dimensions:

Wingspan – 70”

Depth at Centre – 13”

Gauge:

19 sts and 36 rows = 4 inches measured over texture pattern after blocking

Other than the yarn and needles you use, the way you block the shawl will also affect the gauge and finished dimensions of the shawl significantly.

Abbreviations:

- k – knit
- p – purl
- pfb – purl into the front and back of the stitch (1 stitch increased)
- kfb – knit into the front and back of the stitch (1 stitch increased)
- YO – yarn over
- k2tog – knit 2 together
- ssk – slip, slip, knit
- RS – Right side
- WS – Wrong side
- sts - stitches

Kanak Textured Lace Pattern

- **Row 1 (RS):** (k1, yo) 2 times, kfb, k to last 3 sts, kfb, (yo, k1) 2 times
- **Row 2 (WS):** k3, p to last 3 sts, k3
- **Row 3:** (k1, yo) 2 times, kfb, p1, k1, (p2, k1) to last 4 sts, p1, kfb, (yo, k1) 2 times
- **Row 4:** k4, p1, (k2, p1) to last 4 sts, k4
- **Row 5:** (k1, yo) 2 times, kfb, p1, yo, ssk, k2tog, yo, (p2, yo, ssk, k2tog, yo) to last 4 sts, p1, kfb, (yo, k1) 2 times
- **Row 6:** Knit all sts
- **Row 7:** Same as row 1
- **Row 8:** Same as row 2
- **Row 9:** Same as Row 3
- **Row 10:** Same as row 4
- **Row 11:** (k1, yo) 2 times, kfb, (k2tog, yo, p2, yo, ssk) to last 3 sts, kfb, (yo, k1) 2 times
- **Row 12:** knit all sts

Instructions to knit the shawl:

CO 12 sts using the long tail method

Knit 2 rows

On the next row, start working in the *Kanak* pattern stitch.

Starting with a right side row, knit rows 1-12 of the pattern 9 times or until the shawl is the desired length and depth.

(You'll be increasing 6 stitches on every RS row, and because it's a 12-row repeat (6 RS rows), you'll be adding $6 \times 6 = 36$ stitches to the shawl with every completed repeat. To see a complete stitch count chart, go to page 4 of the pattern)

After working in the stitch pattern 9 times, you should have 336 stitches on the needles.

(You could work more repeats if you want a larger shawl).

Border:

Starting with a RS row, knit as follows:

Work the first two rows of the Kanak pattern as written.

(342 sts)

On the next row:

Row 3 of the border (RS): K3, pfb, k1, [(pfb two times), k1] to last 4 sts, pfb, k3

(After this increase row, you should have 566 sts on the needle).

Row 4: k5, p1, (k4, p1) to the last 5 sts, k5

Row 5: k3, p2, k1, (p4, k1) to last 5 sts, p2, k3

Row 6: Same as row 4

Row 7: Knit all sts

Row 8: k3, p to last 3 sts, k3

Row 9: knit all sts

On the next row (WS), loosely cast off all stitches knitwise.

Block the shawl to desired measurements. Because the textured stitch makes a stretchy fabric, the final size of the shawl will depend on how aggressively you block it. If you'd like to retain the stretchiness and texture of the shawl, do not block too aggressively. If you do block it hard, you'll get a less textured but much drapier fabric, which is also nice!

You'll be increasing 6 stitches on every RS row, and because it's a 12-row repeat (6 RS rows), you'll be adding $6 \times 6 = 36$ stitches to the shawl with every completed repeat.

Stitches cast on	12
Stitches after 1st repeat	$12 + 36 = 48$
Stitches after 2nd repeat	$48 + 36 = 84$
Stitches after 3rd repeat	$84 + 36 = 120$
Stitches after 4th repeat	$120 + 36 = 156$
Stitches after 5th repeat	$156 + 36 = 192$
Stitches after 6th repeat	$192 + 36 = 228$
Stitches after 7th repeat	$228 + 36 = 264$
Stitches after 8th repeat	$264 + 36 = 300$
Stitches after 9th repeat	$300 + 36 = 336$
Stitches after 2nd row of the border	$336 + 6 = 342$
Stitches after 3rd row of the border	$342 + 224 = 566$