

Rosie Knits

VLADIVOSTOCK SHAWL

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This is a simple and delicate stole inspired by the more complex Russian Orenberg lace shawls. The city of Vladivostock is located in the far east of Russia, north of the Sea of Japan. It is an interesting crossroads of culture, very cold and with negative population growth. I thought it deserved a little attention.

FINISHED SIZE:

36" x 72"

MATERIALS:

800 yards of laceweight mohair
#3 needles
2 ring markers

GAUGE:

6 sts = 1 inch in pattern.

ABBREVIATIONS:

yo: yarn over.

ssk: slip 2 sts one at a time, knitwise; insert point of left ndle from back to front into the slipped sts; k the 2 slipped sts tog.

k2tog: knit 2 together.

s2kp: slip 2 sts together knitwise, k1, pass slipped sts over.

STITCH PATTERN:

(multiple of 8 sts plus 5)

Row 1 (RS): K1; (k3, yo, ssk, k1, k2tog, yo) to last 4 sts, k4.

Row 2 and all wrong-side rows: Knit.

Row 3: K1; (yo, s2kp, yo, k1) across.

Rows 5 and 7: K1; (yo, s2kp, yo, k5) to last 4 sts, yo, s2kp, yo, k1.

Repeat rows 1 through 8 for pattern.

PATTERN:

Cast on 129 sts. Knit 20 rows. On last row place markers as follows: K6, place marker, k117, place marker, k6. Work in stitch pattern on center 117 sts, always knitting the first and last 6 sts of each row.

Row 1: K6; work Row 1 of Snowdrop Pattern over next 117 sts; k6.

Row 2: K6; work Row 2 of Snowdrop Pattern over next 117 sts; k6.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until piece measures 71" (or 1" less than desired length), ending with Row 8.

Knit 20 rows. Bind off.

