Cowrie Shawl

YARN

Kinross 4ply 2x50g (410m) – sample shown in Seashell
Optional contrast border takes approx. 40m (10g) – sample shown with Navy border.

TENSION

15 sts per 4"/10cm over mesh stitch.

NEEDLES AND NOTIONS

4mm hook
Darning needle for weaving in ends.

SIZE

Wingspan – 180cm/6ft, Depth at middle point – 40cm/15.5" - after blocking

Set up rows:

Chain 6

1: Tr in 6th ch from hook, turn (1tr + ch5 loop)

2: Ch3, (does not count as tr) tr in 1st tr, ch 1, tr into ch5 loop, turn

3: Ch6 (always counts as ch6 loop), tr in next tr, ch1, tr into last tr, turn

4: Ch3, tr in 1st tr, [ch1, tr in next tr] to end – last tr will be into ch6 loop, turn

5: Ch6, tr in next tr, [ch1, tr in next tr] to end, turn

Rep rows 4 and 5 a further 3 times until you have 6 tr plus ch6 loop.

Start pattern:

Continue to turn at the end of each row.

12: Ch3, tr in next tr, Skip 1 tr, 7 tr in next tr, skip 1 tr, tr in next tr, [ch1, tr in next tr] to end
- last tr will be in the ch6

13: Ch6, tr in first tr, [ch1, tr in next tr] x2, ch3, cluster st in next 7 tr (see instructions at end), ch3, tr in last tr

14: Ch3, tr in next tr, ch1, tr in ch3, ch1, tr in cluster st, ch1, tr in ch3, [ch1, tr in next tr] to end

15: as row 5

16: Ch3, tr in next tr, [ch1, tr in next tr] 3 times, skip 1 tr, 7 tr in next tr, skip 1 tr, tr in next tr, ch1, tr in Ch 6

17: Ch6, tr in first tr, ch1, tr in next tr, ch3, cluster st in next 7 tr, ch3, tr in next tr, [ch1, tr in next tr] to end

18: Ch3, tr in next tr, [ch1, tr in next tr] 3 times, ch1, tr in ch3, ch1, tr in cluster st, ch1, tr in ch3, [ch1, tr in next tr] to end

19: as row 5

20: ch3, tr in next tr, Skip 1 tr, 7 tr in next tr, skip 1 tr, tr in next tr, [ch1, tr in next tr] to end

21: Ch6, tr in first tr, [Ch1, tr in next tr] x6, ch3, cluster st in next 7 tr, ch3, tr in last tr

22: Ch3, tr in next tr, [ch1, tr in next tr] to end, putting the tr in the ch3 or cluster st when appropriate

23: as row 5

24: Ch3, tr in next tr, [ch1, tr in next tr] x3, Skip 1 tr, 7 tr in next tr, skip 1 tr, tr in next tr, [ch1, tr in next tr] to end

25: Ch6, tr in first tr, [ch1, tr in next tr] x4, ch3, cluster st in next 7 tr, ch3, tr in next tr, [ch1, tr in next tr] to end

26: as row 18

27: as row 5

28: Ch3, *tr in next tr, Skip 1 tr, 7 tr in next tr, skip 1 tr, tr in next tr, [ch1, tr in next tr] x2 – Rep from * until fewer than 7 tr remain, [ch1, tr in next tr] to end

29: Ch6, tr in first tr, [Ch1, tr in next tr] until 2 tr before 7trs, *[ch1, tr in next tr] x2, ch3, cluster st in next 7 tr, ch3, tr in next tr, repeat from * until end

30: as row 22

31: as row 5

32: Ch3, tr in next tr, *[ch1, tr in next tr] x3, Skip 1 tr, 7 tr in next tr, skip 1 tr, tr in next tr, rep from * until fewer than 7 tr remain, [ch1, tr in next tr] to end

33: Ch6, tr in first tr, [Ch1, tr in next tr] until 7trs, *ch3, cluster st in next 7 tr, ch3, tr in next tr, [ch 1, tr in next tr] x2, repeat from * until end, tr in last tr.

34: as row 22

35: as row 5

Rows 28-35 sets pattern. Continue to increase as set. Clusters are started on even (Ch3) rows and closed on odd (Ch6) rows. Clusters are placed three tr apart, and alternate between one and four tr from start.

Continue increasing until you have 45 tr (6 clusters), or until you have used slightly less than 50% of your yarn.

Start the decrease section, keeping cluster pattern as set.

On even rows start ch3 as before but work until the last tr, do not work tr into the ch6 loop of the row below. On odd rows start ch6 as before (to give the loopy edge) and skip the first tr. Work to end as before.

Continue until you can no longer fit clusters in, then continue in plain tr/ch1 stitch until only one hole is left.

Optional border worked in contrast colour. Turn work and work into the ch6 loops. Work 6 dc into each ch6 loop until both shorter sides are worked. Break yarn, weave in ends and block.

Abbreviations and special stitches:

Cluster Stitch:
Yo, insert hook in next st, yo, draw yarn through st, yo, draw yarn through two loops on hook, Repeat for next 6 tr, then yo, draw yarn through all 8 loops on hook.

St – stitch
Ch – chain
tr- treble crochet (American Double Crochet)
dc – double crochet (American Single Crochet)

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