

# Novella and Novella II

**Novella** is a small, triangular shawl constructed sideways from tip to tip with an eyelet spine in the center. Novella is designed to use novelty yarn in garter stitch but provide more interest than a basic rectangular scarf.

This pattern is particularly suited to yarns with poor stitch definition because of the difference in appearance that would be evident between the increase and decrease halves of the shawl using a smooth yarn.



The increase rows increase with a yarn over that provides a simple eyelet border. To match this on the decrease rows, the pattern uses a yarn over followed by a double decrease.



**Novella II** is similar in construction to Novella but more suited to smooth yarns. The construction is tip to tip like Novella but the shawl is sideways stockinette stitch with a garter stitch border.

## **Finished Measurements:**

56" from tip to tip  
20" down the spine

## **Materials:**

- Either shawl can be made from approximately 500 yards of light worsted weight yarn.
- Substitutions may be made freely using more of a lighter weight yarn or less of a heavier weight yarn. The Novella II shawl shown was made using approximately 370 yards of heavy worsted weight yarn.

- 1 set of US size 7 needles for light worsted weight yarn.

## **Gauge**

Gauge is not very important - the drape of the shawl is. For Novella, swatch to find a garter stitch fabric that you like, for Novella II, swatch in stockinette as the drape of the body is most important.

*Novella shawl shown in Fiesta Yarns Rayon Boucle, colorway Poppies*

*Novella II shawl shown in Artful Yarns Fable, colorway Little Red Riding Hood*

## Novella Instructions:

### Increase half:

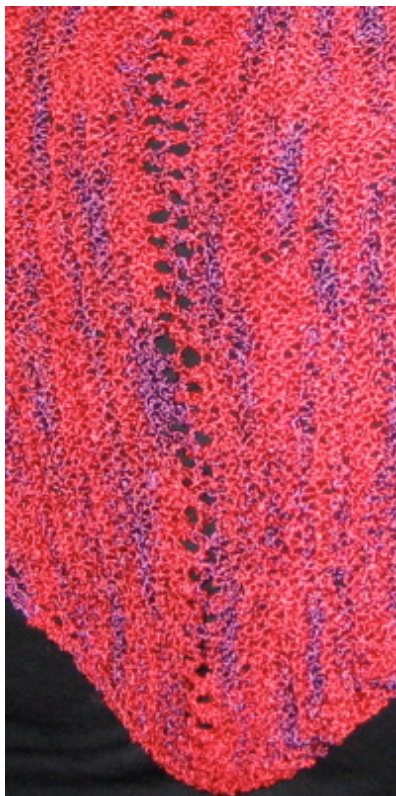
Cast on five stitches

Rows 1 and 2: knit all stitches

Row 3: K first two stitches, YO, K remaining stitches

Row 4: K all stitches

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until shawl measures approximately 27 inches along the straight edge (this will be the top of the shawl when completed).



### Spine:

Row 1: K2, YO, K2tog, K remaining stitches

Row 2 and all even numbered rows K all stitches

Row 3: Repeat row 1

Row 5: K2, YO, K2tog to last stitch, (K last stitch if there is a leftover stitch after the last K2tog. There may not be a leftover stitch - this depends on the stitch count you arrive at when piece measures 27 inches.)

Row 7: Repeat row 5

Row 9 and 11: Repeat row 1

Row 12: K all stitches

### Decrease half:

Row 1: K2, YO, Slip 1, K2tog, Pass slipped stitch over, K remaining stitches

Row 2: K all stitches

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until there are 6 stitches remaining on the needle. On the next row:

K2, K2tog, K2 (5 stitches remain on needle)

Knit 2 more rows of 5 stitches each, bind off, weave in ends.

## Novella II Instructions:

### Increase half:

Cast on five stitches

Rows 1 and 2: Knit all stitches

Row 3 (RS): K first two stitches, knit into the front and back of third stitch, K remaining stitches

Row 4 (WS): K all stitches

Rows 5 - 17: repeat rows 3 and 4. (13 stitches on needle)

Row 18(WS): K 6, P1, K6

Row 19: repeat row 3

Row 20 and all wrong side rows: K6, P to last 6 stitches on needle, K6

Repeat rows 19 and 20 until shawl measures approximately 27 inches along the straight edge (this will be the top of the shawl when completed.)

### Middle section:

Row 1 (RS): K all stitches

Row 2(WS): K6, P to last 6 stitches on needle, K6

Rows 3-12: repeat rows 1 and 2

### Decrease half:

Row 1 (RS): K first two stitches, slip the third stitch, knit the fourth stitch, pass the slipped stitch over the fourth stitch, K remaining stitches.

Row 2(WS): K6, P to last 6 stitches on needle, K6

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until 12 stitches remain on the needle.

With 12 stitches remaining, continue to repeat Row 1 on the right side and K all stitches on wrong side rows until 5 stitches remain on needle.

Knit two more rows of 5 stitches each, bind off, weave in ends

