

Summer Breeze Shawl

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Finished Measurements:

11 in wide x 42 in unblocked
11 in wide x 56 in blocked

Gauge:

Knitting gauge 14 stitches and 20 rows in stockinette stitch over 4 inches on US size 10. *Meeting this exact gauge is not crucial, but any major differences will affect the size of the finished shawl.*

Yarn:

2 skeins Alumco (Araucania) hand painted
50% Cotton, 50% viscose. 3.52 ounces/100 g
215 yards/197 m

Needles & Notions:

US 10 (6 mm) Needles
G or H crochet hook
Designer button

Abbreviations:

BO bind off
CO cast on
inc increase
K, k knit
kfb knit into front and back of st
k2tog knit 2 sts together
p purl
RS right side
ssk slip 2 sts as if to knit, then knit them together through back loops
st(s) stitch(es)
WS wrong side
yo yarnover

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Construction Notes

Ruched shoulder on one side creates an asymmetrical shawl with a designer button closure on the opposite shoulder and cascade of open edges on the upper arm. Alumco yarn is a lustrous yarn with a beautiful drape.

Pattern

NOTE: This is a slick yarn, so knotting is necessary when changing skeins. This is a one row pattern repeat. Makes a reversible fabric

Cast on 44 stitches.

Row 1: S1 as if to purl, leave yarn in front to make yo; *K2 together, yo*; repeat across row to last 3 stitches; K2 tog, K1.

Continue working Row 1 for every row until piece measures 42 inches.

Bind off loosely, treating each yo and the K stitch as 1 stitch.

Cut yarn. Weave in all yarn ends.

Finishing

Wet block to 56" in length. Fold in half by bringing short edges together, i.e. across width.

Shoulder Ruching

Attach yarn from skein to yarn needle and at folded edge, do a running basting stitch from edge toward opposite edge, stopping at 7 inches. Then do a stitch or two horizontal to long edge (approximately ½ inch), then run basting stitches back to original edge, i.e. along side of and about ½ inch away from previous row of basting stitches. Take yarn off yarn needle, leaving a tail, and pull both strands of yarn to create ruching. Double knot, cut, and weave in ends. This will be one shoulder.

Try on shawl with ruched edge on right shoulder. Place markers on the top side of the long edges (same edge as your ruching), one marker on the front piece and one marker on the back piece, where you wish to put the button closure at the left shoulder.

NOTE: If you desire a front cowl drape at the neck line, pull front of shawl toward right side until desired drape effect at the neckline and then placed markers accordingly on the front and back of shawl. Finished open short edges will not match up with cowl draping, but these edges will cascade down the arm at this shoulder, so uneven edges will not matter.

Using same yarn as your shawl and a G or H crochet hook and with right side facing, attach a loop around the stitch on the back edge of the shawl at your shoulder marker. Crochet a chain of single crochet (SC) stitches to accommodate your decorative button.

Attach the last stitch of the SC chain at a point on the shawl edge so that the single crochet chain lays relatively flat with the edge and still allows room for the button to go through this opening. Attach button to front side of shawl to correspond with this SC button loop closure. Wear in style!

Alternatively, you can sew the front to the back at this shoulder and use the button as a decorative accent, which makes this an over-the-head shawl to put on.

When you wear the shawl, the side edges of the buttoned side will cascade and drape on your upper arm. The shawl will naturally drape asymmetrically from the ruched edges toward the opposite side.