



VENEZIA SHAWL

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ABOUT THIS SHAWL: The Italian multicolor Opera yarn mandates this shawl have an Italian name. The mirrored patterns reminds me of reflections in bodies of water, so the name Venezia seems appropriate. The triangle shawl is done in 3 colors and various pattern stitches that repeat in the opposite color from the first presentation. The Opera yarn adds a touch of elegance without overdoing, and the Blue Sky Fibers Alpaca Silk adds luxury, softness, and warmth but breathability with the open pattern stitches and natural fiber benefits.

YARNS:

- A 1 sk Filatura di Crosa Opera (Blue, or color #5 in picture) 53% cotton, 25% extrafine merino, 10% polyamide, 4% viscose, 10% polyester
- B 1 sk Blue Sky Fibers Alpaca Silk (Blueberry in picture), 100% baby alpaca
- C 1 sk Blue Sky Fibers Alpaca Silk contrast/complimentary color (Ice in picture) 100% baby alpaca

EQUIPMENT:

Knitting needles circular size 5 and 60" cable. May start with smaller cable and increase as needed to accommodate stitches.

Markers

Yarn needle

ABBREVIATIONS

CO	cast on
K	knit
P	purl'
inc	increase
Sl	slip one
K2tog	knit 2 together

NOTES: Intermediate knitting pattern. The shawl starts at bottom corner and increases at right and left sides on odd numbered rows only, making increases in 2nd st and 2nd from last stitch. These increases are done for every stitch pattern except starting with 3rd row of open honeycomb stitch pattern where increases are added at the end of odd rows with the yarn over and ending with K2. For a nice edge, S1 at beginning of all rows.

FINISHED DIMENSIONS: Blocked to top edge of 54" x 39" for side edges

GAUGE 4" square = 18 sts, 15 rows in stockinette stitch. Strict gauge not important, but may affect yarn needed.

DIRECTIONS:

CO 3 stitches

GARTER STITCH PATTERN – in color A for 30 rows

Row 1: S1, inc in next stitch, K1 (4 sts).

Row 2: S1, knit across.

Row 3: S1, inc in next stitch, K to last 2 stitches, inc in 2nd to last stitch, K1 (6 st).

Row 4: repeat row 2.

Repeat rows 3 and 4 for 26 more rows. (32 stitches, 30 rows)

OPEN HONEYCOMB PATTERN – in color B for 20 rows

Row 31: S1, K across increasing in 2nd and 2nd to last stitch.

Row 32: S1, P across.

Row 33: S1, inc in next st, *yo, k2 tog*. Repeat between ** across to last 2 sts., yo, K2. The last yo becomes your increase stitch at the end of the row for this pattern.

Row 34: S1, purl across.

Repeat rows 33 and 34 for 16 more rows (total rows 50).

STOCKINETTE STITCH PATTERN – in color A for 20 rows

Row 51: S1, inc in next st, K across to last 2 st, inc in next st, K1.

Row 52: S1, P across.

Repeat rows 51 and 52 for 18 more rows (total rows 70)

SLIP STITCH PATTERN – in color C for 22 rows

Row 71-74: Garter stitch (knit all rows) with increases in odd numbered rows in 2nd and 2nd to last stitch.. S1 at beginning of rows for nice edge.

For odd numbered rows, S1, inc in next stitch, knit to last 2 stitches, increase in next stitch and K1. Even numbered rows, S1, knit across.

Row 75: S1, inc in next st, *K1, yo x 2*. Repeat across to last 2 sts; inc in next st, K1.

Row 76: S1, inc in next st, K1, drop yo x 2 from needle. Repeat across, ending with K3.

Repeat rows 71-76 3 times.

Repeat rows 71-74. (total rows 92).

DOUBLE ROW STRIPE PATTERN – 20 rows

Knit 4 rows each of A, then B, then C, then B, then A with increases on odd numbered rows in 2nd and 2nd to last stitch. 20 rows total in double row stripe pattern (total rows 112).

SLIP STITCH PATTERN – in color B for 22 rows

Repeat slip stitch pattern in color B (total rows 134).

STOCKINETTE STITCH PATTERN – in Color A for 20 rows

Repeat stockinette stitch pattern in color A (total rows 154).

OPEN HONEYCOMB PATTERN - in color C for 20 rows

Repeat honey comb pattern using color C for 20 rows (total rows 174).

GARTER STITCH PATTERN – in color A for 30 rows

Repeat garter stitch pattern in color A (total rows 204).

STRIPE EDGE PATTERN: 14 rows

K 2 rows each of color A, B, C, B, A, B C, increasing in odd numbered rows in 2nd and 2nd to last stitch. (total rows 218, total stitches 220).

FINISHING: Bind off all stitches loosely. Weave in any loose ends. Wet block to 54" x 39" x 39". Wear and get ready for compliments! Optional: Add a closure and wear as a capelet.

CARE: Hand wash with natural fiber wash. Re-block and dry out of direct sunlight.