

Embellished Knitted Wrap

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Many of us have fond memories of sitting near the fire or travelling on a bus or train and happily whiling away the hours by knitting. The great news is knitting is now back in vogue, so why not get the best of both worlds with this gorgeous knitted shawl. It was great for Jenny to meet and catch up with Jenny Bellew from Cleckheaton and to find she is still the driving talent behind knitting ideas from Cleckheaton and Panda yarns and she was delight to collaborate in a project including knitting and machine embroidery. It's an ideal beginner's knitting project and also features lovely lace embellishments to test your machine embroidery skills.

This lovely wrap measures approximately 144cm x 30cm (56 1/2in x 12in)

Materials

- * Embroidery machine
- * Embroidery machine and design software
- * *Victorian Lace* CD by Pfaff
- * Two, 50g balls of Cleckheaton Bell yarn
- * One pair of 15mm knitting needles
- * Microtex 80 machine needle
- * Zipper foot
- * Romeo or Aqua Magic soluble stabiliser
- * Rayon-40 embroidery thread
- * Fine, pre-wound bobbin
- * 2-3m x 4cm (2-3yd x 1 1/2in) drop beads or fringe
- * Helmar Quilt Basting Spray
- * Darning needle

Knitting

Note: This wrap is knitted with a tension of 5 stitches and 11 rows measuring 10cm (4in).

- 1 Using 15.00mm needles, cast on 8 stitches.
- 2 Knit 6 rows.
- 3 Cast on 8 stitches at beginning of next 2 rows, 24 stitches.
- 4 Repeat last 8 rows 3 times, 72 stitches.
- 5 Knit 6 rows.

Cast off very loosely then use the darning needle to sew in cast on/off ends.

Embroidery

Note: All embroidery uses a Microtex 80 needle threaded with rayon-40 embroidery thread, a pre-wound bobbin, embroidery foot and Romeo or Aqua Magic stabiliser in the hoop and over the knitted wrap.

1 Select any lace design from the *Victorian Lace* CD; you may use your software to enlarge the design for the centre back of the wrap, as shown in this project.

2 Hoop the soluble stabiliser, spray with Helmar's, carefully place the centre back of the wrap over the stabiliser and gently press in place.

3 Place a layer of soluble stabiliser over the top of the knitting then embroider the lace design.

4 Remove stabiliser and embroidered knitting from the machine and repeat step 3 for each end of the wrap, using a smaller version of the design.

5 Cut away excess stabiliser from around the embroidery, then wash/soak in warm soapy water, rinsing frequently until all the stabiliser has been removed from the knitting and it is soft to touch.

Attaching Beaded Fringe

6 Use the zipper foot and matching thread to attach the ribbon header of the beaded fringe to the edge of the wrap. The header should go to the underside of the wrap, with the beading dropping from the edge.

7 The beading emphasises the curved edge of the wrap, and also weights it down. The beads hold the wrap down in place when worn over a jacket, coat, sweater or blouse. This stunning accessory can be dressed up or down, depending on your mood!

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