VALANCY

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One of my favorite books is The Blue Castle by Lucy Maud Montgomery. It's a romantic story of Valancy Stirling, a girl who has never been loved (or in love). She has always been terrorised by her family and relatives. But she has her own place, her imaginary Blue Castle where everything is beautiful and romantic... This shawl got its inspiration from Valancy's story.



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Yarn

Malabrigo Sock (100 % merino wool, 100 g / 400 m) Two skeins color Ivy

Needles

4-4.5 mm or to obtain gauge

0.5 mm crochet hook (for placing the beads)

Gauge

19 sts and 30 rows = 10 cm. Gauge is not important, but knitted fabric should not be too tight.

Notions

Darning needle

2 stitch markers

beads, size 6/0, about 130 pcs



Notes

Beads are placed with tiny crochet hook. Place the bead *after* knitting the stitch (slip the bead to the crochet hook and pull the stitch through the bead).

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Beginning

CO 3 sts. Knit 7 rows. Turn 90 degrees to right and pick up and knit 3 sts from the long edge of the piece. Pick up and knit 3 sts from the CO edge. = 9 sts.

Next row: k 3, YO, p 3, YO, k 3

Next row: k 3, YO, k 2, YO, PM, k 1, PM, YO, k 2 , YO, k 3

Body part (stockinette st)

row 1: k 3, YO, purl until 3 sts left, yo, k 3

row 2: k 3, YO, knit to first marker, YO, SM, k 1, SM, YO, knit until 3 sts left, YO, k 3

Repeat rows 1-2 until you have 287 sts on the needle.

Lace edging

Start knitting by the charts. Work like this: k 3 (edge sts), work right side chart repeating the box appropriate times, k 1 (center st), work left side chart repeating the box appropriate times, k 3 (edge sts). Work rows 1-36 once. Proceed then to bind off.



About placing the beads: green square means beading. You will be plancing a bead on every other green square, not all of them! Start placing a bead on first green square. Next square will be without a bead. Next beading row: Don't place a bead on first green square – place the bead on next green square. Like this beads will be alternating in the lace parts.

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Bind off

Bind off sts on the right side as follows: knit 2, * slip left needle back to these two sts, knit them together, knit 1 *

Repeat until all sts are bound off.

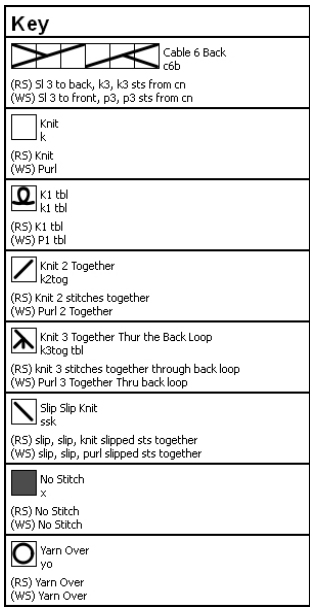
And then...

Weave in ends. Wet-block well.



Abbreviations

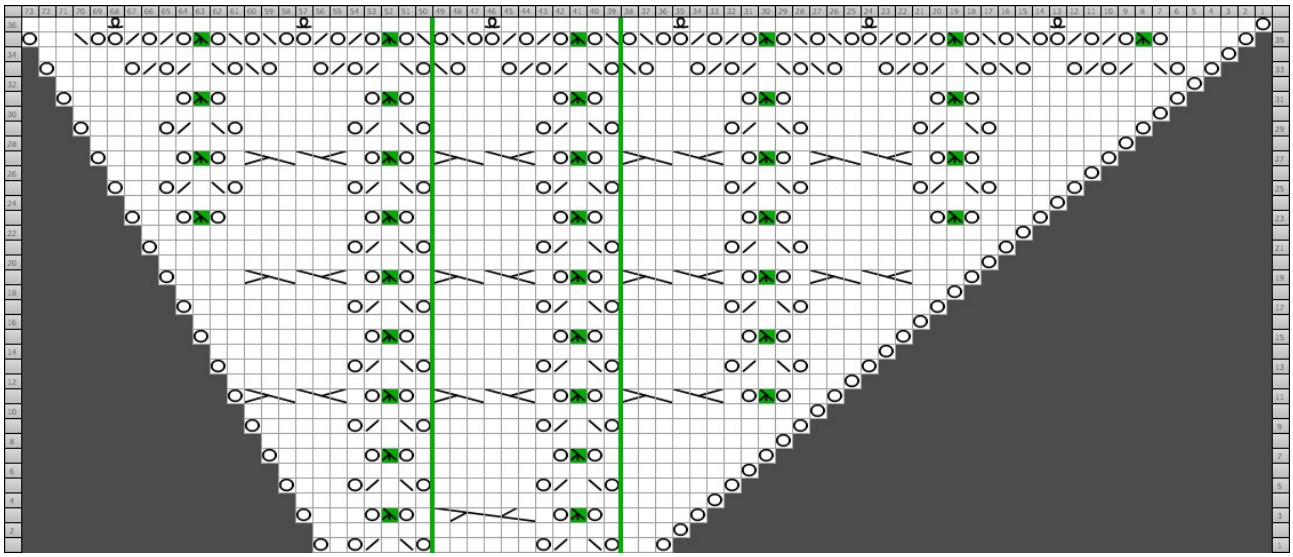
k	knit
p	purl
YO	yarn over
PM	place marker
SM	slip marker



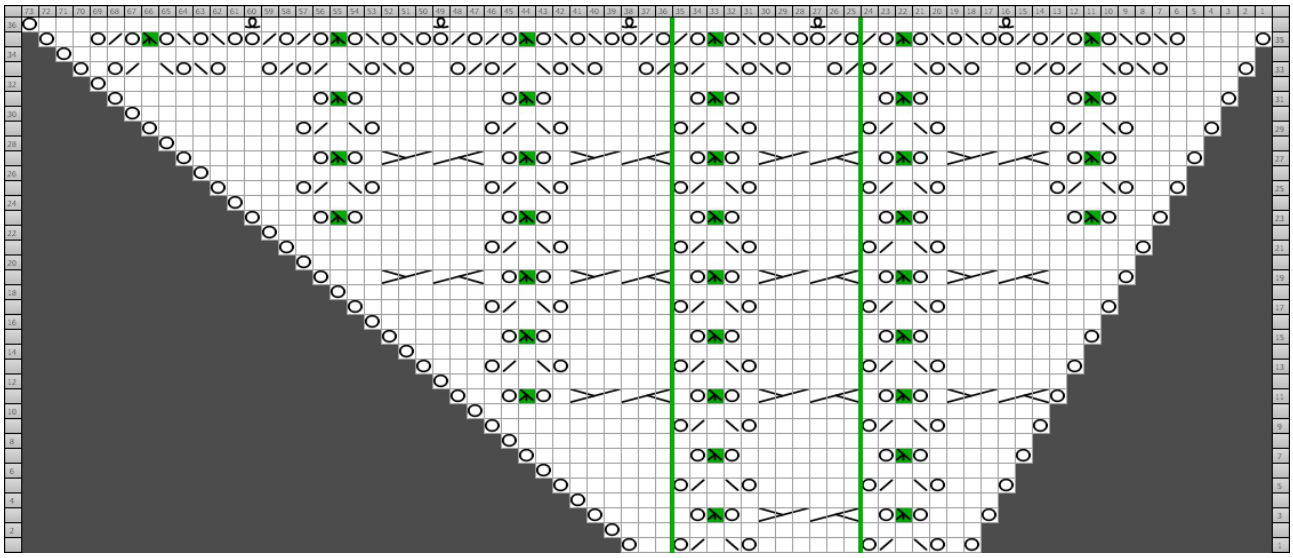
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Charts

Right side of the shawl



Left side of the shawl



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