



Swift Yarns



Petals & Picots

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Petals and Picots is a light spring lace cowl pattern knitted flat with the two ends grafted together to create a loop. Using just one skein of fingering weight yarn, in this case, Swift Simple, it is a great project for those beautiful hand dyed yarns especially those with gorgeous speckles. Cowl can be further enhanced with beading if desired. Makes a lovely, wearable handmade item.

Pattern written for adult sizes. Sample made with 1 skein of Swift Simple in Passion Fruit and size 6.0 Miyuki beads.

Finishing Measurements:

- ♦ Measurements taken blocked.
- ♦ Cowl Diameter Approximate Sizes: Small Adult 24", Medium Adult 27", Large Adult 30"

Gauge:

4" = 15 stitches blocked

Materials:

Yarn:

1 skein Swift Simple fingering weight yarn 400 yds /100 grams.

Needle:

Suggested needle size. Adjust to achieve desired gauge. US #4/ 3.5 mm circular needle or straight needles.

Notions:

1. *Darning needle* - to weave in ends and for kitchener stitch to weave ends of cowl together
2. *Waste yarn* - for provisional cast on
3. *Crochet needle* - for provisional cast on

Abbreviations and Skills:

k	knit
p	purl
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together
ssk	slip slip knit
pssso	pass the slipped stitch over
yo	yarn over
sl1	slip one stitch

knitted cast on

for help with this cast on this video is very useful:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lzVy8fRfOw0>

provisional cast on (crochet chain version)

for help with this type of provisional cast on this video is very useful:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3OGG0AiJ3XE>

and for a picture tutorial I like Tin Can Knits diagrams:

<https://blog.tincanknits.com/2013/03/10/crochet-chain-provisional/>

If you have another provisional cast on you prefer by all means use what you are comfortable with!

kitchener stitch (grafting stockinette stitch style)

for help with the kitchener stitch this video is very useful:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q-jEGCUed0s>

and for a pictorial tutorial:

<http://www.wikihow.com/Do-Kitchener-Stitch-or-Grafting>

Pattern

Cowl is knit flat. Two ends are then grafted together to create a mobius. Seed beads size 6.0 can be used to accentuate the cowl. You will need approximately 575-650 beads. Stitches with beads are marked in **pink** and worked as follows: work the stitch as instructed, place newly worked stitch back onto left needle, put bead on stitch with small crochet needle size 11, then place it back on right hand needle. View this tutorial for more assistance:

<http://fluffyknitterdeb.blogspot.com/2005/08/by-special-request-beading-made-easy.html>

- **Provisionally cast on 43 stitches.**
- **Start with Row 2 in Lace Pattern (see below) then knit rows 3-8.**
- **Repeat Rows 1-8 of Lace Pattern: 43 more times for small size, 46 more times for medium size, 49 more times for large size.**

Lace Pattern

- ♦ **Row 1 (WS):** knitted cast on 3 stitches, bind off 3 stitches, purl to end.
- ♦ **Row 2 (RS):** k1, *yo, ssk, k1, k2tog, yo, **k1** (repeat from *) *Do not place the last bead in this row.*
- ♦ **Rows 3, 5 and 7 (WS):** purl
- ♦ **Row 4 (RS):** k1, *yo, k1, sl1, k2tog, pssso, k1, yo, k1 (repeat from *)
- ♦ **Row 6 (RS):** k1, *k2tog, yo, **k1**, yo, ssk, k1 (repeat from *)
- ♦ **Row 8 (RS):** knitted cast on 3 stitches, bind off 3 stitches, k1, pass 1st stitch on right needle over 2nd stitch, *(k1, yo) twice, k1, sl1, k2tog, pssso, repeat from * to last 5 stitches, (k1, yo) twice, k1, ssk.

- **Knitted cast on 3 stitches and bind off 3 stitches. Do not continue in pattern. Leave live stitches on needle or scrap yarn. Weave in all ends. Block fairly aggressively to open lace and to achieve desired size.**
- **Kitchener stitch ends together. Weave in yarn tails.**

I hope you enjoy your new beautiful easy to wear spring cowl.

If you need any assistance please email me at swift yarns@gmail.com.