

CENTER SQUARE

With longer cir needle, CO 2 sts.

Row 1: Yo, k2—3 sts.

Row 2: Yo, knit to end—1 st inc'd.

Rep Row 2 until there are 234 sts on needle.

Next row: Yo, k3tog, knit to end—1 st dec'd.

Rep last row until 2 sts rem.

Next row: K2tog—1 st rem. Leave rem st on needle.

INNER BORDER

Picking up in the yo loops along the sides of the center square, pick up and knit (see Glossary) around all 4 edges of the square as foll: Pick up and knit 117 sts along first side (118 sts total, including starting st on needle), *place marker (pm), pick up and knit 118 sts along next side of center square; rep from * 2 more times, pm for end of rnd—472 sts; 118 sts each side.

Next rnd: *K1f&b (see Glossary), [k2, k1f&b] 39 times, slip marker (sl m); rep from * 3 more times—632 sts; 158 sts each side.

Establish patt from Rnd 1 of Inner Border chart (page 35) as foll: *Work the st before the patt rep box once (inc it to 2 sts as shown), work the 13-st patt rep 12 times, work the st after the patt rep box once (inc it to 2 sts as shown), sl m; rep from * 3 more times for rem 3 sides of shawl—2 sts inc'd on each side. Work Rnds 2–14 of chart—688 sts; 172 sts each side.

THISTLE AND FERN BORDER WITH CORNERS

Establish patts from Rnd 1 of both Thistle and Fern chart (page 36) and Corner chart (page 37) as foll: *Work 39-st patt rep of Thistle and Fern chart 4 times, then work 13 sts after patt rep once, pm for start of corner, work 3 sts of Corner chart once, sl m; rep from * 3 more times for rem 3 sides of shawl.

Next rnd: *Work Rnd 2 of Thistle and Fern chart to m before corner sts, sl m, work Rnd 2 of Corner chart over next 3 sts (inc them to 4 sts as shown), sl m; rep from * 3 more times—1 st inc'd in each marked corner section.

Cont in patt, work Rnds 3–46 of charts—884 sts total; 169 sts each thistle and fern section; 52 sts each corner section.

Corner Extensions

Note: Each corner extension is worked back and forth in rows to the end of the Corner chart.

*Work Rnd 47 of Thistle and Fern chart to corner, sl m, work Rnd 47 of Corner chart, turn—50 sts in corner section. Mark first and last st of corner row just completed with scrap yarn. Working back and forth in rows on corner sts only, work Rows 48–92 of Corner chart—2 corner sts rem. Break yarn and place sts on holder.

With WS facing and using shorter cir, beg at scrap yarn marker, sl needle tip into 23 yo loops along one side of corner extension, then into 1 selvedge loop just before held sts, sl 2 sts from holder onto needle, then sl needle tip into 23 yo loops from second side of corner extension onto needle, ending at second scrap yarn marker; these sts are just picked up and placed on the needle and are not picked up and knit—49 corner sts on shorter cir needle. Turn piece so RS is facing and rejoin yarn to beg of picked-up corner sts. Using main cir needle, work corner extension sts as yo, k23, yo, [work (k1, p1, k1) all in same st, yo] 2 times, k24—57 corner sts.*

Rep from * to * for next 3 sides and 3 corner extensions—904 sts total; 169 sts each Thistle and Fern section; 57 sts each corner section.