



Brazen Sheep Original Pattern

Asymmetrical Shawl

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Technical: This pattern is appropriate for beginners who can cast on, increase/decrease, and pick up stitches along an edge. Also fun for intermediate and advanced knitters. Knitter will have to make choices for yarn and embellishment placement. This is half the fun.

Measurements: Bottom back edge measures 20" across. Front panels are each 10" wide. Right front panel is 26" from shoulder line; left front panel is 20" from shoulder line. Back is 24" from hemline to shoulder line. Neck opening is 8" across at widest point.

Prototype: this original pattern was knit with a boucle yarn bought in Belgium and dyed by renowned designer Valentina Devine (purchased from her about 20 years ago!)

You will want to select a yarn with easy drape, knit on needles large enough to give good ease but not so large as to let finished product stretch out of shape. This pattern will work **with heavy worsted weight on a #11 needle; or double strands of DK on a #11 needle.**

Supplies: Main color: 18 oz.; Trim color: 100 grams sport weight (prototype used a blend of baby alpaca/linen)

Main color: #11 (or size to gauge) circular with 47" and 60" cables; Trim color: #8

Yarn sewing needle, tape measure

Gauge: Shawl: 3 stitches = 1" and 5 rows = 1" Trim: whatever gauge that comes with double strand sport weight on #8 needle. Don't worry,

PATTERN

At back, bottom edge, cast on 60S. Garter stitch for 23", ending with wrong side row. Next R: K18, K2tog in front, K2; bind off 16S, K2, K2tog in back of stitches, K18. Place right shoulder stitches on holder. Now work the remainder of left shoulder and **left front panel**. K WS row. RS row: K2tog in back of S, K across. Repeat decrease 2 more times at neck edge [18S remain].

Work even on 4 rows, ending WS row. Next row: K16, increase 1S in next stitch, K2. Repeat increases until 22S ending RS row. Cast on 8S on working needle. Turn to wrong side and K across all 30S. Continue until front panel measures 20" from shoulder line (midway between the 4R you worked between decrease and increase rows. Bind off 30S.

Right shoulder and right front panel: Place holder stitches onto working needle with wrong side facing. K across to armhole edge. RS row: K across, decreasing 1S each RS row until 18S remain. Work even on 4 rows, ending in WS row. Next row: K16, increase 1S in next stitch, K1. Increase each RS row until 22S, ending RS row. Cast on 8S on working needle [30S]. Work even on 30S until front panel measures 26" from shoulder line. Bind off 30S. You have now completed the basic pattern.

EMBELLISHMENTS

Pocket

With double strand of Trim color cast on 30S. Work in K2, P2 ribbing for 1". Switch to stockinette stitch and work 4" more. Bind off 30S. If your shawl and pocket are too loose to hold anything in your pocket, you will want to line it with some soft, silky fabric. Affix pocket wherever suits you.

If you wish to add additional pieces to your shawl (as appear in prototype), simply garter stitch a piece to your own specifications. Sew carefully to shawl. Pictured is a long strip of combined garter stitch (3S wide) interspersed with I-Cord and a tassel on one end. Sew carefully to shawl.

BORDER

This is the most difficult part of the pattern. You will need the 60" circular needle and double strand of Trim color. With right side facing, start at the middle of neck back (working toward the left) pick up stitches along outer edge of shawl all the way around. Be careful to pick up 3 stitches then skip a space around neck and down front edge. This allows for different gauge ratio between stitches and rows. Also remember to increase 2-3 stitches at each corner to make a neat turn. Pick up 30S across bottom left front. Continue to pick up (3, skip 1)

along left side of shawl; then 60S across back edge. Pick up stitches along right edge in 3/skip 1 ratio. Pick up 30S on bottom right edge then up front right panel in 3/skip 1 ratio and around right neck edge. That's a lot of stitches!! Starting with stitch #1 on left needle, P around whole shawl twice. Then on third row bind off all stitches. Be careful to not bind off too tightly as you will scrunch up shawl edges.

CLOSURE

Shown is a leather closure by Jul Designs, retailing for about \$19. This can be removed with ease and used on other garments. However, a simple frog from a sewing store can be used or make a closure of your choice.

Happy knitting!

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