

# Gothic Leaf Stole

This elegant, easy-to-knit lace stole is equally effective when knit in brilliantly variegated or quiet colors.

*Courtesy of Sivia Harding Knit Design. <http://members.shaw.ca/siviaharding>*

## Materials:

- 1000 yds of Fingering/sport weight yarn
- Two 5 US/3.75 mm circular needles (or size to achieve gauge)
- Stitch markers
- Tapestry needle
- Pins or blocking wires for dressing

**Gauge:** 4.5 sts and 7 rows/in. (blocked) over lace pattern

**Dimensions:** 23" wide x 73" long

## Notes:

- Slip first st of each row purlwise with yarn in front (syif).
- Join new yarn with “spit splice” method. To do this, separate plies (or fiber if 1-ply) in the old and new ends, then splice them together. Wet the fibers slightly (saliva works great!) and roll the joined fibers together between your palms until they are slightly felted and stick together. After a few stitches are knitted, the splice will hold and will be undetectable.

NOTE: This technique only works for non-superwash wool yarn.

- Shawl is knit from both ends and grafted in the middle with Kitchener stitch. See note on Kitchener stitch at end.

## Gothic Leaf Pattern:

Row 1 (and all WS rows): Purl

Row 2: K1, \*ssk, k3, yo, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, yo, k3, k2tog, k1. Repeat from \* across.

Row 4: K1, \*ssk, k2, yo, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, ssk, yo, k2, k2tog, k1. Repeat from \* across.



*Paulette Lane*