

# Ananse Spider Shawl (knit version)



## Materials

2 skeins of Sister Ananse Worsted

- color A - stormy warm
- color B - stormflower grey

Size 7 US 32" or 40" circular needles

## Finished Dimensions

approximately 58" long x 12" deep  
exact gauge is not crucial

## Abbreviations

k1fb - knit through the front and back of one stitch to create two new stitches

m1L - lift horizontal strand between stitches onto left needle from front to back, then knit into the back of it

m1R - lift horizontal strand between stitches onto left needle from back to front, then knit into the front of it

wyif - with yarn in front

## Notes

- This shawl is knit in two main sections, first in reverse stockinette stitch and then garter stitch for the border.
- When picking up stitches along the side edge on the first step, pick up full stitches (both legs of the stitch) between garter ridges.
- When slipping stitches in the strand rows, make sure your strands are plenty loose. A good way to make sure is to spread out the stitches behind the strand on your right needle before you knit the first stitch after the strand. Slip markers when you come to them while slipping stitches.

## Pattern

With color A, cast on 3 stitches and knit 23 rows. Don't turn work. Instead, rotate work 90 degrees clockwise and pick up 11 stitches along the side edge (see notes above). Rotate 90 degrees once more and pick up the 3 cast on stitches. Turn work and knit 1 WS row (17 sts).

Set-up Rows:

**Row 1 (RS):** K2, p3, pm, k1, p1, pm, p1, k1, p1, pm, p1, k1, pm, p3, k2

**Row 2:** k2, k1fb, k1fb, k1, sm, p1, k1, sm, k1, p1, k1, sm, k1, p1, sm, k1fb, k1fb, k3 (21 sts)



Begin 8-row repeat:

**Row 1, 3, 5 & 7 (RS):** K2, p to m, sm, k1, p to m, sm, p1, k1, p1, sm, p to 1 st before m, k1, sm, p to last 2 sts, k2

**Row 2:** k2, k1fb, k1fb, k to m, sm, p1, k to m, m1L, sm, k1, p1, k1, sm, m1R, k to 1 before m, p1, sm, k to last 5 sts  
k1fb, k1fb, k3

**Rows 4, 6 & 8:** k2, k1fb, k1fb, k to m, sm, p1, k to m, sm, k1, p1, k1, sm, k to 1 before m, p1, sm, k to last 5 sts  
k1fb, k1fb, k3 (39 sts)

Each 8 row repeat increases by 18 sts. Repeat these 8 rows 8 more times until you have 183 stitches. Cut color A and join color B.

Begin border:

**Rows 1, 3 & 7:** knit all stitches, slipping markers as you come to them

**Row 2:** k2, k1fb, k1fb, k to m, sm, p1, k to m, m1L, sm, k1, p1, k1, sm, m1R, k to 1 before m, p1, sm, k to last 5 sts,  
k1fb, k1fb, k3

**Rows 4, 6 & 8:** k2, k1fb, k1fb, k to m, sm, p1, k to m, sm, k1, p1, k1, sm, k to 1 before m, p1, sm, k to last 5 sts,  
k1fb, k1fb, k3

**Row 5 (strand row):** k to 4 before 1st m, sl 9 sts wyif (see notes) slipping marker as you come to it, k to 3 sts before next m, sl 9 sts wyif, slipping both markers as you come to them, k to 5 sts before next m, sl 9 sts wyif slipping marker as you come to it, knit to end

You should have 201 sts after row 8. From the following section moving forward, there will be no more m1Ls or m1Rs.

**Rows 9, 11 & 15:** knit all stitches, slipping markers as you come to them

**Rows 10, 12, 14 & 16:** k2, k1fb, k1fb, k to m, sm, p1, k to m, sm, k1, p1, k1, sm, k to 1 before m, p1, sm, k to last 5 sts,  
k1fb, k1fb, k3

**Row 13 (strand row):** k to 5 before 1st m, sl 11 sts wyif slipping marker as you come to it, k to 4 sts before next m, sl 11 sts wyif, slipping both markers as you come to them, k to 6 sts before next m, sl 11 sts wyif slipping marker as you come to it, knit to end

You should have 217 sts after row 16. From the following section moving forward, there will be no more purl stitches.

**Rows 17, 19 & 23:** knit all stitches, slipping markers as you come to them

**Rows 18, 20, 22 & 24:** k2, k1fb, k1fb, k all stitches, slipping markers as you go, to last 5 sts, k1fb, k1fb, k3

**Row 21 (strand row):** k to 5 before 1st m, sl 11 sts wyif slipping marker as you come to it, k to 4 sts before next m, sl 11 sts wyif, slipping both markers as you come to them, k to 6 sts before next m, sl 11 sts wyif slipping marker as you come to it, knit to end

You should have 233 sts after row 24.

**Rows 25, 27 & 31:** knit all stitches, slipping markers as you come to them

**Row 26, 28, 30 & 32:** k2, k1fb, k1fb, k all stitches, slipping markers as you go, to last 5 sts, k1fb, k1fb, k3

**Row 29 (strand row):** k to 4 before 1st m, sl 9 sts wyif slipping marker as you come to it, k to 3 sts before next m, sl 9 sts wyif, slipping both markers as you come to them, k to 5 sts before next m, sl 9 sts wyif slipping marker as you come to it, knit to end (markers can be removed after this row)

You should have 249 sts after row 32.

**Row 33:** knit all stitches, removing markers as you come to them if you haven't already

**Row 34:** k2, k1fb, k1fb, k all stitches to last 5 sts, k1fb, k1fb, k3 (253 sts)



Bind off all stitches loosely knitwise on the next row. Weave in ends. Block by submerging in lukewarm water, using a color catcher if necessary, for about 20 minutes. Gently squeeze water out and lay flat to dry, stretching gently into shape.

The four steps below show how to tie off your spiders. First, determine how large you want the spider body to be (step #1). Our spanned about 5 rows and 2 full stitches. Cut about an arm's length of yarn (we specifically chose light/colorful parts of color A for a nice contrast). Thread your yarn onto a darning needle and start at the bottom right corner of your box, bringing your yarn through from the back and running a strand from that bottom right corner to the top right corner (step #2). Make sure you have captured all four of the leg strands. Work your way to the left, repeating each length as many times as you want to get the body thickness you want (steps #3 and #4). When you are finished, tie off the two strands and weave in your ends.

Enjoy wearing your new Ananse-inspired shawl!

