

Northern Lace

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Cat's Paw Scarf

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Materials

About 80 grams North Ronaldsay 4 ply wool;
(photo is North Ronaldsay brown marl yarn)
Two 6 mm needles (US 10)
row counter

Sizes

Scarf is about 8 ins wide, 60 ins long

Abbreviations

sts - stitches **k** - knit **p** - purl **yo** - yarn over
k2tog - knit next two stitches together
k3tog - knit next three stitches together
k2togtbl - knit next two stitches together through the back of the loop



The Stitch Pattern

Cat's paw is an old Shetland pattern. It was used to make garments to sell, and therefore it was important that the pattern, while looking complex, was actually straightforward to knit! The women and girls would knit anywhere and everywhere, so they could not rely on written instructions: the next row had to follow on instinctively.

Cat's Paw is a 6 row pattern over 7 stitches. In this scarf it is being used as an all-over pattern.

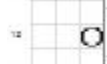
Cast on 34 sts loosely. **Knit** 5 rows.
Change to pattern as follows:

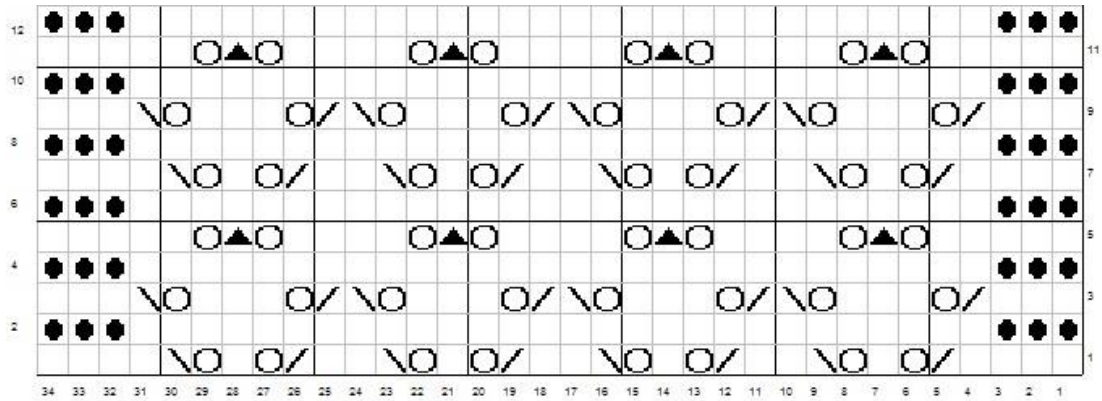
row 1 k3, *k1, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, k2togtbl, k1. Repeat from * to last 3 sts, k3
row 2 and 4 k3, p to last 3 sts, k3
row 3 k3, *k2tog, yo, k3, yo, k2togtbl. Repeat from * to last 3 sts, k3
row 5 k3, *k2, yo, k3tog, yo, k2. Repeat from * to last 3 sts, k3
row 6 k3, p to last 3 sts, k3

These six rows form the pattern. Continue in this way for the desired length, ending with a 5th row (i.e the **WRONG** side facing).

Knit 5 rows. **Cast off** loosely.

Key to chart

	(blank square) knit with right side facing, purl with wrong side facing
	knit with right and wrong side facing
	yarn over
	k2tog
	k2togtbl
	k3tog



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