

Dayflower scarf

Materials:

Yarn: 1 skein (approx. 500 yds) lace weight yarn. I used cashmere from Yubina.com.

Needle: Size 3.00 - 3.75 mm knitting needles. I used 3.0 (roughly a US 2.5) but you should use whatever size gives you the lace look you prefer.

Beads : 1000 8/0 seed beads; or 150 8/0 seed beads for ends and 870 11/0 for body of scarf

Small crochet hook (stainless steel, 14 or SuperFloss dental floss (recommended if using 11/0 beads)

Gauge: Gauge in lace knitting is a matter of personal preference, depending on how “lacey” you like it to look. When I first started knitting lace, I used a much larger needle size than I do now, having come to prefer denser stockinette areas. If you are using a yarn you have used before, then you probably have a good idea of what needles size works best for the look you like. If the look you get is too dense, go up a needle size; if too open, go down a size.

The scarf is knit in two halves from the outer edge to the center. The two halves are then grafted together at the center.

Cast on 76 stitches using beaded cast-on.



Rows 1-4 -- work in garter stitch.

Row 5 -- begin working chart row 1.

Note that rows 4 and 12 of the lace pattern, both wrong side rows, are patterned, not simply purled across.

Knit the 16 row pattern until 36 inches, or desired length for half the scarf is reached.

Break yarn and put 76 live stitches on a holder. This completes the first half.

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And now, back to the beginning to cast on 76 stitches for the second half. Follow the instructions as for the first half, leaving at least 30 inches when breaking yarn.

When both halves are complete, you are ready to graft them together.

Grafting:

Thread tapestry needle with yarn from the second half.

Hold the needles parallel with the tips pointing in the same direction and the wrong (purl) sides facing inwards.

1. Insert the tapestry needle into the first stitch on the front needle as if to knit, while slipping it off the end of the needle.
2. Insert the needle into the next stitch on the front needle as if to purl, but this time, leave it on the needle. Gently pull the yarn through.
3. Insert the needle into the first stitch on the back needle as if to purl, and slip it off the end of the needle.
4. Insert the needle into the next stitch on the back needle as if to knit, and leave it on the needle. Pull the yarn through.

Repeat steps 1-4. After you've worked a couple of inches, check your tension. Too tight and you will feel a ridge on the backside of the fabric. Too loose creates unevenness in the fabric's front side. Tighten up or loosen the stitches using the end of the tapestry needle to tug at each loop in turn, working from the beginning of the join towards the last stitches worked if tightening and from the last stitches worked backwards if loosening.

It is easier to tighten stitches than to loosen them, so I recommend running the yarn loosely through the stitches during the process of grafting and then adjust the tension on the yarn to match the gauge of the knitting as closely as possible every three or four stitches. It may seem tedious, but will ensure a smooth join.

It is easy to lose track of where you are in the grafting process. Repeating to yourself "knit, purl -- purl, knit" while grafting helps. Don't worry; if you get off, you will be able to see it with the naked eye when adjusting your tension. Simply undo a stitch at a time, correct and move forward again.

Keep repeating steps 1-4, pausing to tighten up the stitches now and then until all the stitches are worked. The last two stitches remaining on the needle will require you to perform step 1 then go directly to step 3.

For a thorough tutorial on grafting with pictures see Theresa Vinson Stenersen's article found at the following URL:


<http://knitty.com/ISSUEsummer04/FEATtheresasum04.html>

The Dayflower lace pattern comes from Barbara Walker's *Second Treasury of Knitting Patterns*.


### Legend:

 **knit**  
RS: knit stitch  
WS: purl stitch


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 **purl**  
RS: purl stitch  
WS: knit stitch


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 **yo**  
RS: Yarn Over  
WS: Yarn Over


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 **ssk**  
RS: Slip one stitch as if to knit, Slip another stitch as if to knit. Insert left-hand needle into front of these 2 stitches and knit them together  
WS: Purl two stitches together in back loops, inserting needle from the left, behind and into the backs of the 2nd & 1st stitches in that order


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 **k2tog**  
RS: Knit two stitches together as one stitch  
WS: Purl 2 stitches together


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 **k3tog**  
RS: Knit three stitches together as one  
WS: Purl three stitches together as one

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 **sl1 k2tog pssso**  
RS: slip 1, k2tog, pass slip stitch over k2tog  
WS: none defined

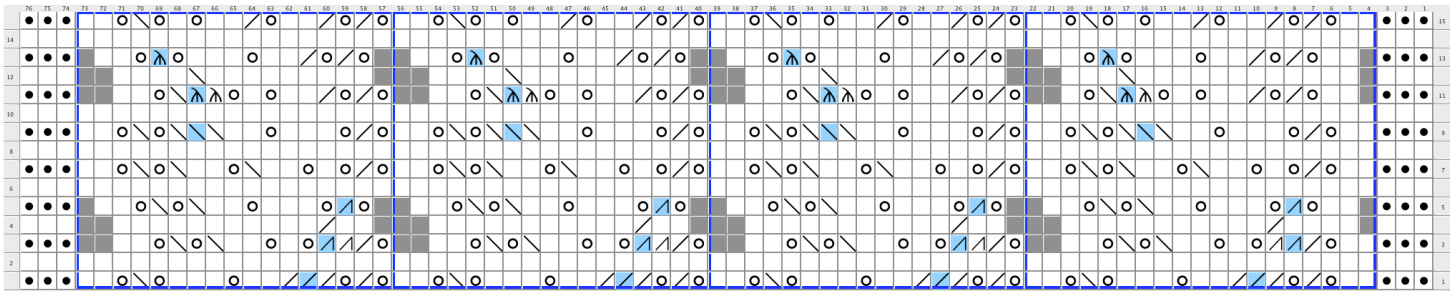
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 **Bead**  
RS: Place bead with crochet hook  
WS:

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The dayflower pattern is 17 + 2 stitches, and 16 rows.

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