Small Shawls

Variations on a Theme of Holdens

Why knit a Small Shawl?

- Quick to knit
- Don't take much yarn yardage is usually less than 450 yards
- Easy to wear as scarves OR shawls
- Great use for those impulse buys of lovely sock/fingering yarn
- Beginning and end are the fun & interesting bits, you're done before you get bored!
- Scarfy things are great

Some names you might recognize

Hitchhiker

Clapotis

Wingspan

Annis

Multnomah

Larch

Cassis

Age of Brass and Steam

TGV

Ashton Shawlette

Boneyard

Ishbel

Travelling Woman

Swallowtail

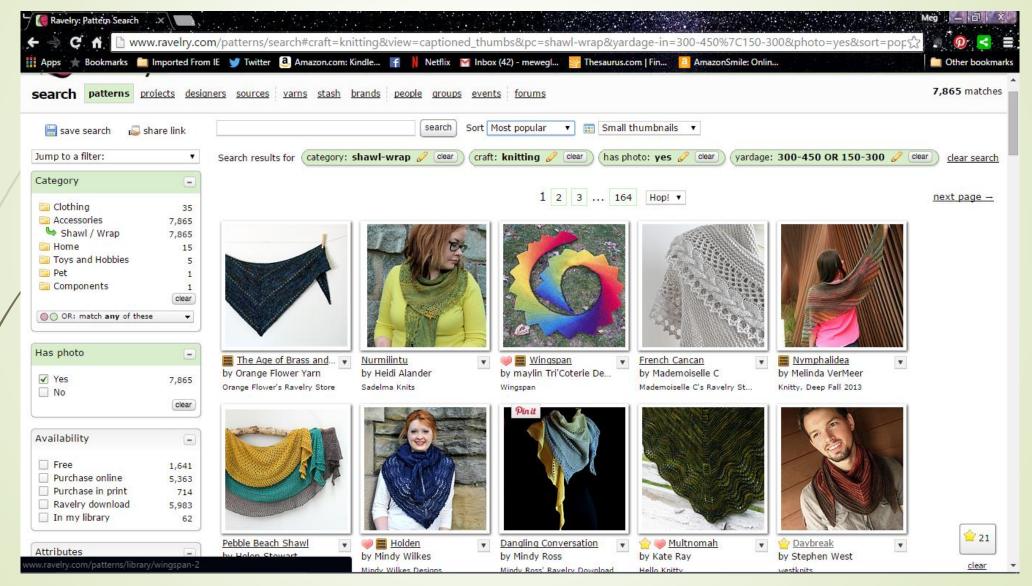
Daybreak

LaLa's Simple Shawl

198 yards of Heaven

Damson

Ravelry Search - - - Survey Says ...



Shaping and Direction

- Triangle
- Rectangle
- Crescent
- Asymmetrical

- Knit from the Top down
- ► Knit from the Bottom up ◆
- Knit from Side to Side or

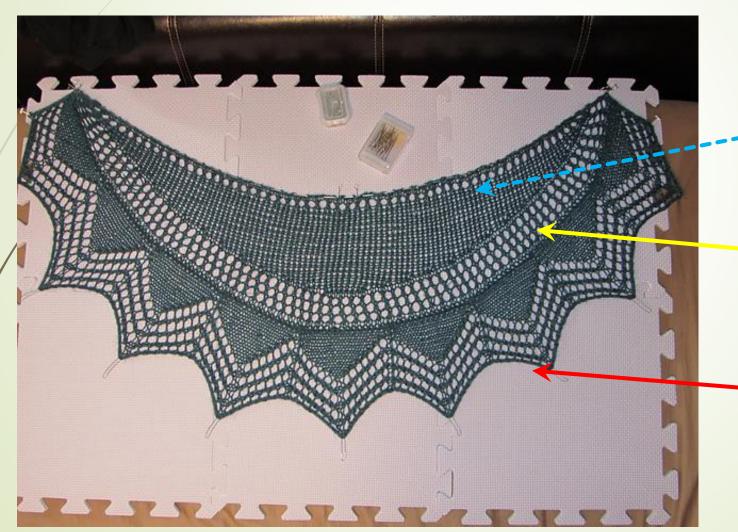
Which direction is best? It's not Knitting GPS

Top Down - cast on a few stitches, usually with a Garter Stitch Tab, and increase as you go, ending with a lot of stitches to bind off.

Bottom Up - either cast on a LOT of stitches and decrease your way to freedom at the top OR knit the edging and pick up along the long side and work your way to the top edge, often using short rows.

Side to Side - great for using yarn *precisely*. Start Narrow, increase to wide until you've used half your yarn and then decrease back to narrow at the other end.

Bottom Up with Edging example - Cassis



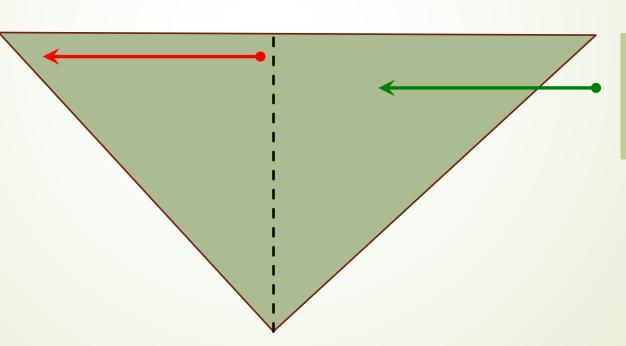
Body, shaped w/short rows

Pick up & open work rows

Edging worked narrow & LONG

Side to Side — maximize your yarn Measure twice, knit once

At the midpoint, switch to decreasing back down to number of stitches you started with.



Start here and increase until % yarn has been used

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Or, just how far can I take one pattern???



The Holden Shawlette Mindy Wilkes

- Originally a free pattern for one size, one stitch count
- Now a paid pattern available through Mindy's Ravelry store, \$6 for three sizes/stitch counts

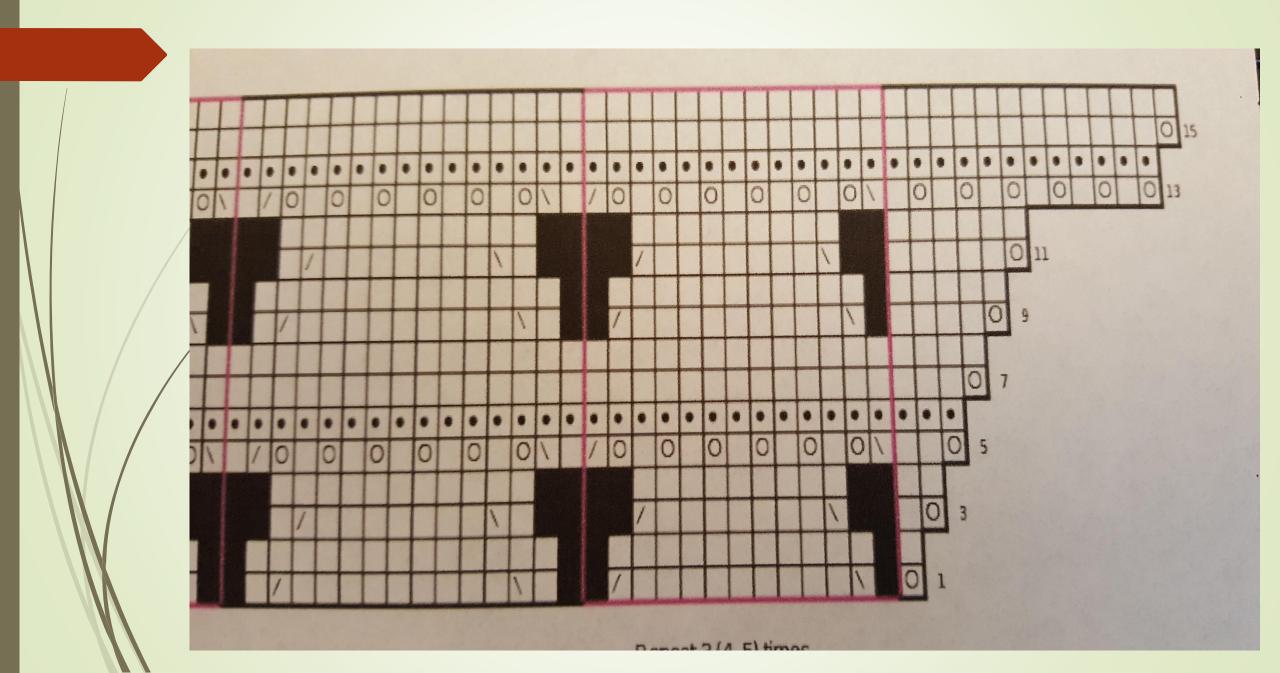
However ... Mindy is offering a gift to the Rochester Knitting Guild

- RKG and the Free version of Holden, no longer available online
- Members Only Section of RKG Website
- Special offer for Mindy's Rav store 12/1/15 through 1/31/15 rochester coupon code multiple uses permitted

It's a BOGO - Buy One, Get One FREE

The Holden Shawlette

- Top down, triangular shawl
- Uses about 420 450 yards, according to original pattern
- Large plain section of stocking stitch
- Simple but attractive lace section
- Tedious but attractive Picot Bind Off
- Lace Pattern has only 3 pattern rows where you're decreasing or Yarn Overing your way to lacy goodness
- Yes, 3 out of 8 the rest are either plain knit or purl
- Easy to stay on top of pattern & knitting goes like gangbusters



What we did on the NEXT one

- Dumped that one repeat with the different stitch count
- Added shoulder shaping
- Knit more repeats of lace pattern
- Began Lace Pattern sooner, using 13 stitch repeat to figure placement
- Added beads
- Didn't work Picot Bind Off
- Varied the length of plain
 section

- Used a 3 stitch border &
 changed tab cast on
 accordingly
- Closed Center Spine Increases

By either Purling in the back of the Yo's OR using Make Ones ---M1 left, Center Stitch, M1 Right

- Changed shape a bit by increasing each end EVERY ROW
- What's next?

Small Shawl Patterns we've talked about & pattern links to Rav



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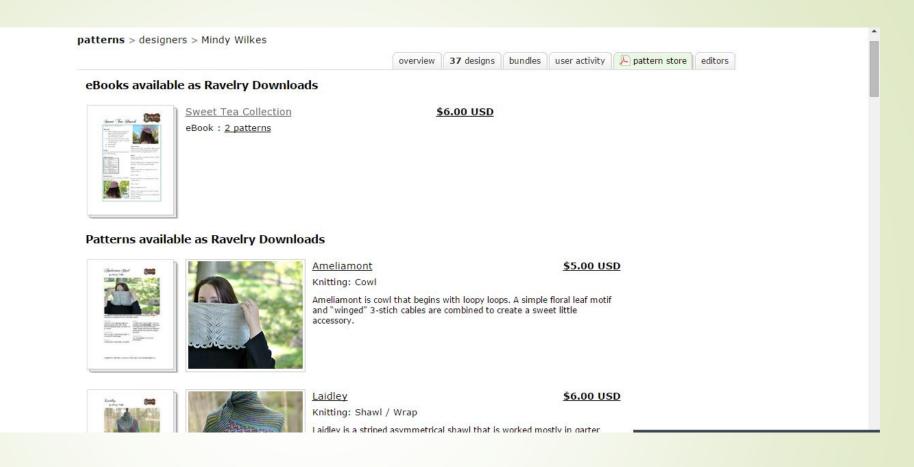
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Mindy Wilkes Designs Ravelry Store

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