BRAID SHAWL – Knitting Tutorial
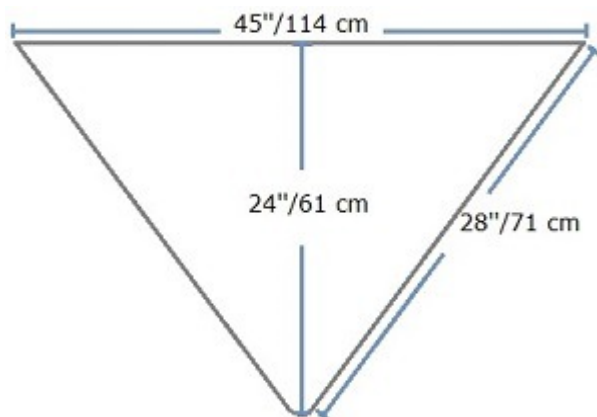
A triangular shawl knitted in garter stitch with a braid-like stripe at the center. Required knitting skills: intermediate.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
Width, top: 45''/114 cm
Length, either side: 28''/71 cm
Length, bottom to top: approx 24''/61 cm

YARN
3 hanks Cascade Yarns 128 Superwash Wool
(128yds/117m, 3.5oz/100g per skein)
Substitute: Bulky weight (5) wool/acrylic yarn, same yardage

RECOMMENDED NEEDLES
US #9-10 (5.5-6 mm) straight needles 14''/36 cm
Same size circular needle 35''/90 cm

NOTIONS
2 stitch markers

GAUGE
14 sts and 26 rows in garter stitch = 4''/10 cm

ABBREVIATIONS

k: knit	**rep**: repeat
p: purl	**ssk**: slip 1 st, slip next st, then knit both together
st(s): stitch(es)	**k2tog**: knit 2 sts together
m: marker	**beg**: beginning
pm: place marker	**rs**: right side
sm: slip marker	**ws**: wrong side
CO: cast on	**BO**: bind off
yo: yarn over	**tbl**: through back loop

NOTES

- The shawl is worked from the bottom corner up.
- Start with straight needles and change to longer circular needle when necessary.
- Stitch count includes **selvage sts.** Selvage sts can be worked in a way you prefer. For the sample shawl, they were worked as follows: slip 1st selv st purl-wise and knit 2nd selv st tbl.
- Right side: odd row. Wrong side: even rows.

INSTRUCTIONS

CO **22** sts.

Row 1 (rs): k2, pm, yo, k3, ssk, p8, k2tog, k3, yo, pm, k2.
   (18 sts between markers including yo increases)
Row 2 (ws): k2, sm, p5, k8, p to m, sm, k2.
Row 3: k2, yo, sm, k1, yo, k3, ssk, p6, k2tog, k3, yo, k1, sm, yo, k2.
Row 4: k3, sm, p6, k6, p to m, sm, k3.
Row 5: k2, yo, k1, sm, k2, yo, k3, ssk, p4, k2tog, k3, yo, k2, sm, k1, yo, k2.
Row 6: k to m, sm, p7, k4, p to m, sm, k to end of row.
Row 7: k2, yo, k to m, sm, k3, yo, k3, ssk, p2, k2tog, k3, yo, k to m, sm, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.
Row 8: k to m, sm, p8, k2, p to m, sm, k to end of row.
Row 9: k2, yo, k to m, sm, k4, yo, k3, ssk, k2tog, k3, yo, k to m, sm, k to last 2 sts, yo, k2.
Row 10: k to m, sm, p next sts to m, sm, k to end of row.

Rows 11-20: rep braid motif between markers - see pattern below.
At the same time, work panels outside braid motif in garter st (k across), making **2 yo increases** on **each right side row** as follows: work yo after first 2 sts at beg of row and yo before last 2 sts at end of row (as you did on previous rs rows); k these yo increases on wrong side rows (as you did on previous ws rows).

> **Braid Motif Pattern** (18 sts / 10 rows)
> **Row 1 (rs)**: yo, k3, ssk, p8, k2tog, k3, yo.
> **Row 2 (ws)**: p5, k8, p to m.
> **Row 3**: k1, yo, k3, ssk, p6, k2tog, k3, yo, k1.
> **Row 4**: p6, k6, p to m.
> **Row 5**: k2, yo, k3, ssk, p4, k2tog, k3, yo, k2.
> **Row 6**: p7, k4, p to m.
> **Row 7**: k3, yo, k3, ssk, p2, k2tog, k3, yo, k to m.
> **Row 8**: p8, k2, p to m.
> **Row 9**: k4, yo, k3, ssk, k2tog, k3, yo, k to m.
> **Row 10**: p across.

Rep (**rows 11-20**) 11 times, bringing the total number of braid motifs to **13**.
Remove markers on last row of last (13th) motif.
Finish shawl with last **8 rows**: work in garter st (k across), removing markers and making **2 yo increases** on each **rs** row as previously.
BO adjusting tension to correspond to length of last rows.

This shawl needs no blocking.
Please note that washing will make the braid motif more lacy and less textured.