LUXURY SHAWL

This super shawl is an ideal companion to wear on late summer evenings. It's a stylish way to add extra warmth as the heat of the sun fades away. Unusual in design, this accessory has varied textures and a wealth of detailing. Tassels are an added decorative feature but are functional as well, in that they hold the shawl firmly in place.

Materials

4 x 100g (3½ oz) balls
Colinette Chrysalis (colour 145) ribbon yarn
80m (87 yds)
Size 0 (8mm) circular needle

Make in one piece

- Starting at lower bottom cast on 3 sts and purl 1 row.
- Commence pattern.
- **Row 1** RS (k1, yo) twice, k1. [*5 sts*]
- **Row 2** purl.
- **Row 3** k2, yo, k1, yo, k2. [*7 sts*]
- **Row 4** Increase in first st, purl to last st, increase in last st. [*9 sts*]
- **Row 5** (k1, yo) twice, k2togtbl, k1, k2tog (yo, k1) twice [*11 sts*]
- **Row 6** purl.
- **Row 7** k2, (yo, k1) twice, sl 1, k2tog, psso, (k1, yo) twice, k2. [*13 sts*]
- **Row 8** work as row 4. [*15 sts*]
- **Row 9** k1, yo * k1, yo, k2togtbl, k1, k2tog yo, repeat from * to last 2 sts, k1, yo, k1.
- **Row 10** purl.
- **Row 11** k2 * (yo, k1) twice, sl1, k2tog, psso, k1, repeat from * to last 3 sts, yo k1, yo, k2.
- **Row 12** work as row 4.
- Repeat rows 9–12 until 121 sts are on the needle ending on row 11 of pattern.
- **Next row** purl.

Divide for front panels

- With RS facing, k46, cast off centre 29 sts, k46.
- Working on first set of 46 sts only, purl to last two sts, k2.
- Commence pattern and shaping as follows keeping a k2 border on the inner neck edge.
- Pattern is worked over centre 11 sts with a background in stocking stitch.
- **Row 1** k17, p1, k1, yo, k2, sl1, k2tog, psso, k2, yo, k1, p1, k16, k2tog. [*45 sts*]

How to make tassels

1 Cut a piece of stiff card measuring the finished length of the tassel. Wrap the ribbon yarns neatly around the length of the card until the desired thickness is acheived.

2 Break the ribbon as illustrated and thread it onto a needle by the cut end, underneath the wrapped loops. Do not remove the needle at this point.

3 Tie the end of the ribbon firmly around the loops. You may need to knot this more than once to ensure the tassel will be secure.

4 Cut through the loops at the end opposite to the knot. Remove the card.

5 Wind the end of the ribbon around all the loops. You will need to wrap the ribbon tightly around the tassel a number of times.

6 Pass the needle through to the top of the tassel. This will enable you to use the ribbon to sew onto the design. Lastly, neatly trim off all the ends.

- **Row 2 and every other row** p17, k1, p9, k1, p15, k2.
- **Row 3** k17, p1, k2, yo, k1, sl1, k2tog, psso, k1, yo, k2, p1, k17.
- **Row 5** k17, p1, k3, yo, sl1, k2tog, psso, yo, k3, p1, k17.
- **Row 6** work as row 2.
- **Rows 1–6** form the pattern.
- Keeping continuity of pattern decrease 1 st at each end of next row and on every following 4th row until 37 sts, then decrease 1 st at each end of every other row to 13 sts.
- **Next row** (k2tog) three times, k1, (k2tog) three times. [*7 sts*]
- **Next row** p2tog, p3, p2tog. [*5 sts*]
- **Next row** k2tog, k1, k2tog. [*3 sts*]
- **Next row** p3.
- **Next row** sl1, k2tog, psso, and fasten off.
- Rejoin yarn to remaining stitches and complete to match first side.

Making up

- Darn in all loose ends.
- Make three tassels (see How to make tassels, page 48) by winding yarn around a piece of cardboard measuring 11cm (4¼ in). Sew one onto each of the three points made. Be sure to leave a shank between it and the shawl.