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Wavy Feathers Wimple

This simple yet elegant wimple or smoke ring uses a variation of traditional Shetland Isles Feather and Fan or Old Shale patterning that Barbara Walker calls "Japanese Feathers". The banded rows of predominantly knit stitches separating the lace patterned rows keeps the bottom edges from "fanning" as is the usual custom, while the lace sections lean first in one direction then the other creating beautiful waves.



Yarn: 1 oz MOCO 75/25 Qiviut/Merino-Silk Lace weight, 300 yards; **or** 1 oz MOCO 100% Qiviut or 45/45/10 Qiviut/Merino/Silk Fingering weight, 220yds. (Fingering weight directions are in parentheses).

Needles: US 4, 3.5mm (US 6, 4mm) 16 inch circular

Accessories: 1 stitch marker or one for each pattern repeat with 1 contrasting center color if desired.

Gauge: Approximately 24 stitches to 4 inches/10cm (20 sts to 4in/10cm).

Dimensions: approximately 24 inches in circumference and 16 inches long, adjustable with blocking.

Abbreviations:

k = knit stitch or number of stitches

p = purl stitch or number of stitches

ssk = slip one knit-wise, twice, knit both slipped stitches together

yo = yarn over needle

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together

Feathers Pattern: a multiple of 11 stitches and 28 rows

Row 1 and all odd rows: *k10, p1; repeat from * around.

Rows 2 and 4: *k10, p1; repeat from * around.

Rows 6, 10, and 14: *k1, (yo, k1) 3 times, (ssk) 3 times, p1; repeat from * around.

Rows 8 and 12: *k1, (k1, yo) 3 times, (ssk) 3 times, p1; repeat from * around.

Rows 16 and 18: Repeat rows 2 and 4.

Rows 20, 24, and 28: *(k2tog) 3 times, (k1, yo) 3 times, k1, p1; repeat from * around.

Rows 22 and 26: *(k2tog) 3 times, (yo, k1) 3 times, k1, p1; repeat from * around.

Knitting:

Cast On loosely 143 (99) stitches. Place marker and join in a circle, being careful not to twist following the first knit round.

Work Garter Stitch edging as follows: knit one round, purl one round; repeat these two rows three times. 6 rows total.

Begin Feathers Pattern with first 5 rows of k10, p1 repeated around. Work all 28 rows of Feathers Pattern a total of 4 (3.5) times (through pattern row 14). 112 (98) rows pattern plus 6 rows garter stitch. 118 (104) rows total.

Work rows 1 through 5 of Feathers Pattern (k10, p1 around).

Work Garter Stitch Edging: Purl one round, Knit one round; repeat these two rows three times.

Bind off in knit very loosely using a needle 2 to 3 sizes larger.

Gently hand wash in warm water using shampoo or very mild soap. Rinse and remove excess water. A cylindrical Bolster pillow is handy for blocking or pin on a flat surface to size desired and air dry.

Enjoy!

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