



The Zen Garden Stole



This was an exercise in subtlety. I wanted a pattern which would be interesting to work but which would enhance and reinforce the subtlety of the yarn. I am very pleased with the results though I realize this won't be to everyone's taste. Please feel free to work this in colors (or *a* color) of your choice.

Materials

Noro Silk Garden, color 39 - 6 (50 gram) balls
US size 8 needles (long straights or circular - your choice)

Gauge

I got about 4 sts per inch at fairly loose tension. You might want to experiment with needle sizes until you get a finished fabric that you like - after all this is a stole and gauge isn't important to fit here :)

Measurements

Roughly 20" x 65"

Terminology

k = knit

p = purl

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together

SSK = slip, slip, knit

p1b = purl stitch through the back

MB = Make Bobble :

In next stitch, work k1, yo, k1. Turn work.

p3. Turn work

With right needle, lift second and then third stitch over first and drop off the needle.

Knit remaining stitch through the back.

Basic Pattern

1. [k1, p1] twice, *k7, p1, k1, p1; repeat from*. End last repeat k1.
2. k1, p1, k1, *p9, k1; repeat from *. End last repeat p1, k1.

Bobble Lace Pattern

[k1, p1] twice, *k1, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, SSK, [k1, p1] twice; repeat from *; end, k1.

k1, p1, k1, *p9, k1; repeat from *; end last repeat, p1, k1.

[k1, p1] twice, *k3, MB, k3, p1, k1, p1; repeat from *; end last repeat, k1.

k1, p1, k1, *p4, p1b, p4, k1; repeat from *; end last repeat, p1, k1.

[k1, p1] twice, *k1, SSK, yo, k1, yo, k2tog, [k1, p1] twice; repeat from *; end, k1.

k1, p1, k1, *p9, k1; repeat from *; end last repeat, p1, k1.

Cast on 65 stitches

1. Work first 5 rows in seed stitch (k1, p1 to end of row)
2. Work **Basic Pattern** three times (that is, for 6 rows)
3. Work **Bobble Lace Pattern** once

4. Work **Basic pattern** 6 times (12 rows)

Repeat 3 and 4 above for the desired length of the stole, ending with 3. Then repeat 2. Then repeat 1.

Cast off, weave in ends and block (or not as you prefer).

Fringe or trim if desired.

To increase width, add stitches in multiples of ten. My stole is 6 repeats wide.

Of course adding width and/or length means you'll need more yarn :)

Please let me know if you encounter any difficulties with this pattern. I'll be glad to help or to make any corrections that may be necessary :)

