LGBTQ+ Equality for Shawl

by Craftivist Elizabeth Sovern **Knit one, Change too!** ™

Yarn weight: Fingering

Yarn: Total: 775 yards Miss Babs Yummy 2 ply toes: Pink 75 yards (Sugar) White 50 yards (naked) Light Blue 75 yards (Bellatrix) Red 100 yards (Labybug) Orange 100 yards (Zest) Yellow 100 yards (squash blossom) Green 100 yards (Goulish) Blue 100 yards (marine) purple 100 yards (Violaceous)

Needles: Size 3 needles or size to get gauge

Gauge: 6 stitches and 11 rows = 1 inch garter stitch (knit each row)





Cast on 2 stitches in light blue.
Row 1(RS) KFB, knit 1= 3 stitches
Row2 (WS) KFB, KFB, Knit 1 = 5 stitches
Row 3 (RS, KFB, knit to last 2 stitches, K2 tog
Row 4 (WS) Knit to last 2 stitches, KFB, Knit 1

Place a locking marker on the right side row to help you remember the right side row at the beginning. I give you the stitch count below just to sort of keep you on track but honestly, it doesn't matter. We all space out an increase or decrease here or there. Just keep going!

Continue with 2 row pattern as established:

RS: (odd rows) KFB, knit to last 2 stitches, K2tog

WS: (even rows) Slip 1st stitch, Knit to last 2 stitches, KFB, knit 1

Repeat 2 row pattern in light blue 17 more times completing row 38= 23 sts.

Switch to pink yarn.

Continue 2 row pattern above for another 30 rows = 38 stitches

Switch to white yarn.

Continue 2 row pattern above for another 30 rows = 53 stitches

Switch to pink yarn.

Continue 2 row pattern above for another 30 rows = 68 stitches

Switch to light blue yarn.

Continue 2 row pattern above for another 30 rows = 84 stitches

Rainbow section:

Continue with 2 row pattern as established starting with red:

RS: (odd rows) KFB, knit to last 2 stitches, K2tog

WS: (even rows) Slip 1st stitch, Knit to last 2 stitches, KFB, knit 1

Knit 6 rows of each color: Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple. Repeat the rainbow 6 times total or 42 rainbow stripes until shawl is 72 inches long and 14 inches deep or desired length. Bind off on the wrong side (6th row) of your last purple stripe.



I created this shawl because I was upset and angry at 45's tweet banning transgender people from the military. I chose to take my protest to my needles! It seemed many people were unfamiliar with the trans flag and I decided to add that image to the ubiquitous rainbow design for a wearable easy-to-make shawl. This pattern is free but if you download it, please consider making a donation to one of the following causes:

Kristen Browde, a lawyer and former reporter, is the first transgender woman running for office on a major ticket in NY state.

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