

Poppydot-shawl



I wanted to design a larger project, and one that is a bit outside my comfortzone and the result is this large shawl, in rather bold colors. I used the cottonyarn Sheepjes Catona, which comes in a huge variety of lovely colors. If you'd like to make this in different colors you just have to choose 4 balls of the same color for the background and then 6 different colored balls for the circles. The shawl is technically rather simple, the challenge is to keep all the balls of yarn untangled...

Material

Yarn: Scheepjes Catona 50 grams balls in the following colornumbers: 4 balls of # 393, and 1 ball each in these colornumbers: 523, 264, 256, 258, 192, 517.

Knitting needles: Circular needles 4 mm, approx. 80 cm long (just so that the entire work fits. 2 doublepointed needles 4 mm for the edge.

Gauge: approximately 20 sts/10 cm after blocking, but it's not very important.

Size: 150 x 53 cm after blocking.

Other stuff: A yarnneedle, 2 stitchmarkers and a lot of patience!

Before you start:

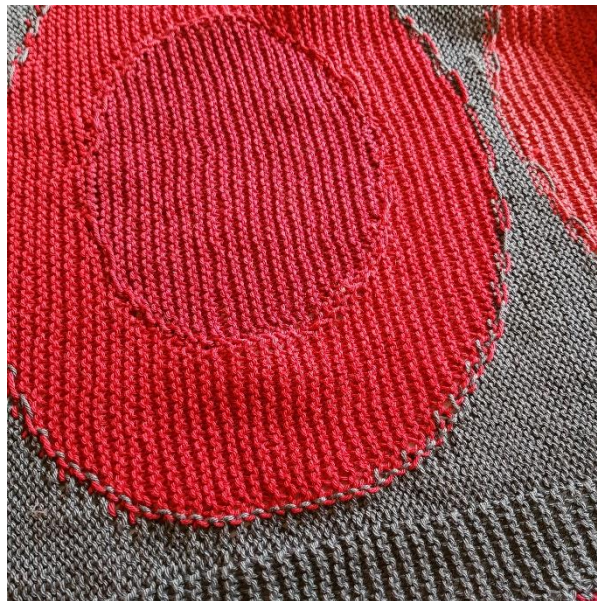
Slip the first stitch purlwise on each row, = with the yarn in front of the work, slip the first stitch from above, but let it stay on the right needle without knitting it, and let the working yarn slip back in place.

Each side consists of 10 stitches of garterstitch = slip first stitch purlwise, knit 9 stitches, follow graph (first 38 stitches of graph, then knit the 38 stitches of the graph mirrored) and then knit the last 10 stitches.

Slip first stitch purlwise, knit 9 stitches, follow the chart, knit 10 stitches, turn.

I recommend you to put a stitchmarker after the first 10 stitches and before the last 10 stitches in a row.

When changing colors, make sure you twirl the “old” and “new” yarn around each other, preventing holes. Do not let the yarn follow along on the back, but instead: for the main color, use two balls of yarn. For the outside color, use the yarn from both the inside and the outside at the same time when it's time for the inside color. That is: when working the inside color, you'll have five different working yarns in you work.



Start:

With circular needles 4 mm; cast on 96 stitches with color 393 (main color). Knit (garterstitch) 14 rows.

Start following the graph, be careful to read “before you start” again just in case.

White squares: main color, stockinette stitch, that is: row 1: knit, row 2: purl. (knit every uneven numbered row and purl every even numbered row).

Green squares: outside color. Garter stitch, that is, knit every stitch on every row.

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Red squares: inside color. Garter stitch, that is, knit every stitch on every row.

The graph's 84 rows are repeated 5 times.

Circle 1: outside color 523, inside color 264

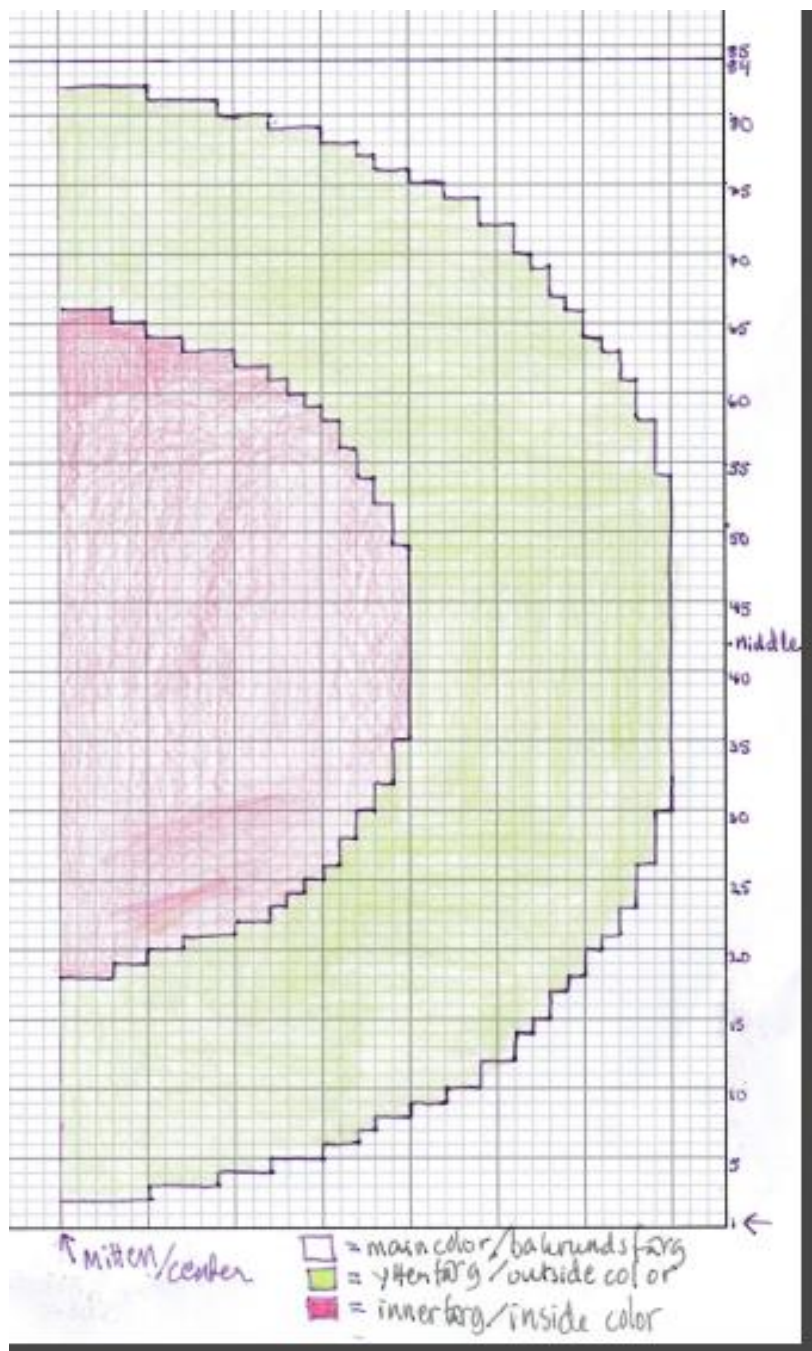
Circle 2: outside color 264, inside color 256

Circle 3: outside color 256, inside color 258

Circle 4: outside color 258, inside color 192

Circle 5: outside color 192, inside color 517

End with 14 rows of garterstitch. Cast off, sew in all ends.



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Finishing

The i-cord edging is optional. I think it's pretty without it, but nice with it, too.



With yarn number 517 (darkest red), cast on 4 stitches on double pointed needles.

Round 1: Start at a corner before one of the long sides. Slip one edgestitch (both loops) to the end of the needle where the four stitches are.

Knit 3 stitches, purl the last stitch and the edgestitch together.

Do **not** turn your work.

Round 2: Pick up the next edgestitch with the end of the needle where the stitches are, put the needle in your left hand, slip all the stitches back to the top of the needle, and start knitting with the same first stitch from round 1 again.

Round 3: Pick up the **same** edgestitch as you picked up on round 2, with the end of the needle where the stitches are, put the needle in your left hand, slip all the stitches back to the top of the needle, and start knitting with the same first stitch from round 1 and 2 again.

Knit 3 stitches, purl the last stitch and the edgestitch together.

Do **not** turn your work.

Repeat these three rounds along both long sides, alternating knitting 1 and 2 rows in each edgestitch.

Corner: Knit 4 rounds as above, but **without** picking up any edgestitch.

Shortsides: Repeat round 1 and 2 knitting only 1 round in each edgestitch.

When you've knitted to the start again, cast off and sew together as nicely as you can.

The shawl needs blocking to even out the stitches by the color changes.



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