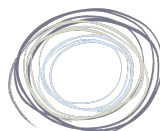


BOOMERANG SHAWL

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A versatile, easy-knit shawl that will wrap several times around the neck - perfect for displaying those variegated hand dyed, hand spun skeins.

I was travelling from the USA to New Zealand for a dealer retreat at Ashford headquarters when I came up with this cute but mindless plane project. It was easy to knit on the long flight even with frequent distractions. I've since made several Boomerangs of varying size and gauge; my favourite one is hand spun from a blend of fibre I obtained at the retreat. I always think of these as my Ashford Shawls. This pattern is quite versatile and works with any yarn. It is especially well suited to those odd skeins of hand spun that we all seem to make as beginners but don't quite know what to do with.

You will need:

Yarn: 100gm (3½ozs) - Knit with fine or bulky yarns

Needles: for a loose gauge use larger size needles than recommended for the yarn. I used about 330m (360yds) of worsted weight hand spun yarn and a size US 10 (6mm, UK 4) needle.

Note: This pattern can be made with any yarn, any gauge. Knit until you run out of yarn or until the shawl reaches the size you want.

Here's how:

Cast on 4 sts

Row 1: Knit to last stitch, yarn over, knit into the front and back of the last stitch.

Row 2: Yarn over, knit to last 2 sts, knit 2 together.

Repeat these two rows until shawl reaches your desired size or you finish the ball of yarn.

Cast off very loosely.

