

The Pansy Triangle Shawl Knitalong - Part 2

The next part of the Pansy Triangle Shawl (PTS) is the wedge-shaped gusset at the center back. This is really fun to knit, and quite easy to memorize.

The Mini Leaf Gusset

The directions for this section of the shawl are the same, no matter how wide you made your Right Wing. The size of the wedge is proportionate to the number of stitches you have on your needle: more stitches - bigger wedge. I would like to think this was cleverness on my part, but it was actually caused by laziness, and an overall desire to have the directions be very easy to memorize. As Meg Swansen often says at camp, "Form follows function!"

Here is a picture of the first half of the Wedge-Shaped Gusset in action:



Meg is fixing this picture so that it doesn't look like I shot it through gauze... will post it when it's fixed.

These instructions begin where Part 1 left off. You should have finished Row 64 of the Right Wing, so you have the RS facing you.

Stitch Count:

- If you have 3 pansies = 69 sts
- 4 pansies = 83 sts
- 5 pansies = 97 sts
- 6 pansies = 111 sts
- 7 pansies = 125 sts

Because of the Short Row Shaping and the simplicity of the lace pattern I chose, I actually recommend using the written words for this section... but I provided the chart for the lace too.

You can alter the size of the wedge you have in the center back several ways, see the *Notes and Tips*.

Setup Rows:

Row A (RS): Sl 1, k to end of row.

Row B for a Large Wedge (see notes): Sl 1, k 5, p19, w&t (described on next page).

or

Row B for a Modest Wedge (see notes): Sl 1, k 5, p73, w&t (described on next page).

Part A - Increase Wedge:

Row 1: *K3, yo, DD, yo* repeat from * to * until 7 sts remain, k7.

Row 2: Sl 1, k5, p until 2 sts past the last w&t stitch (this is 3 purl sts more than you did the last time), w&t. This is the short row shaping that creates the wedge shape. Every set of rows is 3 sts *longer* than the preceding set of rows.

Row 3: *K3, yo, DD, yo* repeat from * to * until 10 sts remain, k10.

Row 4: Sl 1, k5, p until 2 sts past the last wrap, w&t.

Repeat rows 1-4 until the wrapped stitch is between 7 and 9 sts from the right-most edge (back of neck). This number varies depending on the number of Pansies you have in your shawl. Continue to Part B - Straight Bit.

Notes and Tips:

1. As written, this pattern makes a very large wedge in the back - Mine is going to be 12-14 inches wide at the lowest point. If you want a more modest wedge, you only need to modify Row 2 by changing the number of stitches you purl in that set-up row. Make sure the number of purl sts in Row 2 is divisible by 3 plus 1. I chose 19 purl sts for a large wedge, or 73 for a modest wedge.

2. You are essentially repeating rows 1 and 2 of the Miniature Leaf chart, since you are adding 3 stitches every WS row, the beginning is automatically staggered by 3 sts. This will make more sense once you start working the pattern.

3. Each time you work a Right Side row, you are doing a “k3” above a “yo, DD, yo”, and a “yo, DD, yo” above a “k3”. This makes it easier to find your place.

Part B - Straight Bit:

Here is another point where you can customize the shaping and size of your PTS. Decide how wide you want the back-of-neck section to be (you just got to the back of the neck). If you decide to make it 2 inches, repeat the following 4 rows for the next 2 inches. I chose 2 inches:

Row 1 (RS): *K3, yo, DD, yo* repeat from * to * until 7 sts remain, k7.

Row 2: Sl 1, k5, p until 6 sts remain, k6.

Row 3: *Yo, DD, yo, k3* repeat from * to * until 10 sts remain, k10.

Row 4: Sl 1, k5, p until 6 sts remain, k6.

Repeat rows 1-4 until the back of neck is the width you want. Continue to Part C - Decrease Wedge.

Part C - Decrease Wedge:

Continue in Miniature Leaf pattern, but mirror image the shaping you did in the Increase Wedge. This time, you make each pair of rows 3 sts *shorter* than the previous pair, instead of 3 sts *longer*. I will post more explicit instructions for this part if needed, but by now you should have a pretty good feel of what you're doing!

W&T (wrap and turn):

1. Purl to the point where you want to wrap & turn.
2. With yarn in front, slip the next st onto the right-hand needle purlwise.
3. Take the working wool to the back (it is going around that last st on the RH needle).
4. Slip the wrapped st back to the LH needle. All you've really done is wrap the working wool around that one stitch.
5. Turn.
6. Work across row as indicated in pattern.

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Pansy Triangle Shawl - Chart 2 - Miniature Leaf Pattern