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I set out to knit a simple gently curved shawlette with a lovely bright solid color of Heritage. I had in mind something sort of like Feather and Fan, but not quite since that has been done so many times. I played around with the pattern and came up with this adaptation. It may already be out there in some stitchionary, but I think it is new. I call it Feather and Feather and Fan because the feathery section is about twice as wide as the fan section instead of the usual equal measures. The curve comes from simply changing needle sizes. I wear mine draped low on my shoulders and joined with a shawl pin.

Materials: 1 skein Cascade Heritage, Sizes 9, 8, 7, 6 and 5 US needles. The stitches will squeeze onto straight needles if you prefer, but it may be a little easier to use 24" or 32" circulars.

Gauge: Gauge is not crucial, but the pictured scarf on size 8 needles had a gauge of about 5 stitches per inch in stockinette stitch.

Size: After blocking, shawlette is about 9 inches deep, width varies from about 68 inches at bottom edge to about 48 inches at top edge.

Special Abbreviation:

DD – slip 2 stitches together as if to knit, knit 1 and then pass the 2 slipped stitches over the knit stitch. This forms an upright double decrease.

Feather and Feather and Fan Pattern (Multiple of 14 sts plus 17):

Row 1 (Right side) - Knit

Row 2 – Purl

Row 3 – Knit

Row 4 – Purl

Row 5 - (K2tog)3X, *(YO, k1)5X, YO, (DD)3X, repeat from * until 11 stitches remain, end row (YO, k1)5X, YO, (SSK)3X

Row 6 – Knit

Directions:

With size 9 needles, cast on 283 stitches. Knit 4 rows for a narrow garter stitch border. Work 1 repeat of pattern on size 9s, change to size 8 needles.

Work 5 repeats of pattern on size 8s, change to size 7 needles.

Work 2 repeats of pattern on size 7s, change to size 6 needles.

Work 1 repeat of pattern on size 6s, change to size 5 needles

Knit 3 more rows for a small garter stitch border. Bind off tightly.

NOTE: 1 skein of yarn provides for about a 9-inch deep shawlet, Use 2 skeins and double the pattern repeats on each needle size for a traditional sized shawl. The widths will be the same but the depth will be about 18 inches.

Finishing: Weave in ends and block.