Avinguda

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The Eixample area of Barcelona was designed by Ildefons Cerdà in the 19th century to allow the city to expand outside its confining walls. It is one of the earliest examples of studied city planning and changed the destiny of the city and the lives of its residents.

The Avinguda Diagonal slashes through this image of rationality and parallel lines, crossing the city from one end to the other and embodying the dichotomy of the Catalan mindset: thoughtful and practical, but always happy to take off on an interesting tangent.

Our Avinguda shawl shares those qualities!

If you're interested in learning more about the Eixample and Idelfons Cerdà, check out this great Guardian article!

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Materials

- Murmur by All You Knit is Love (75% merino 25% cashmere, 400m/100g) – 2 skeins
- Bokeh by All You Knit is Love (72% superfine kid mohair 28% silk, 420m/50gr) – 1 skein
- 4.5mm (7US) circular needles
- Yarn needle to weave in ends

Gauge

20 stitches = 10cm in unblocked garter stitch using Murmur on 4.5mm needles

Measurements

50cm wide x 200cm long

Abbreviations and key

Knit increase row: K1, kfb, knit to 1 stitch before the end of the row, sl1wyif

Purl increase row: p1, pfb, p to 1 stitch before the end of the row, sl1wyif

Knit decrease row: K1, ssk, knit to 1 stitch before the end of the row, sl1wyif

Purl decrease row: p1, p2tog, p to 1 stitch before the end of the row, sl1wyif

CO = cast on

k = knit

k2tog = knit 2 together

kfb = knit the same stitch through the front loop and then the back loop

p = purl

ptog = purl 2 together (decreases 1 stitch)

pfb = purl the same stitch through the front loop and then the back loop

sl1wyif = slip 1 stitch purlwise with the yarn to the front

ssk = slip 1 stitch knitwise and 1 stitch purlwise, go into the front of those 2 stitches and knit them together

yo = yarn over

BO = bind off

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Instructions

Corner increases

Using Murmur, CO 3sts and K1, kfb, k1 (4sts)

Work the knit increase row until you have 39 sts on the needles.

Work the purl increase row once. (40sts)

Work the knit increase row 19 times.

Work the purl increase row once. (60sts)

Work the knit increase row 17 times.

Work the purl increase row once. (78sts)

Work the knit increase row 15 times.

Work the purl increase row once. (94sts)

Work the knit increase row 10 times. (104sts)

Lace strip section

Change to Bokeh and work the lace strip as follows:

1) p2, *yo, p4tog*, rep from * to * to last 2 stitches, p1, sl1wyif

2) k2, *k1, (k1, p1, k1) into yo*, rep from * to * to last 2 sts, k1, sl1wyif

3) k1, ssk, knit to last 2 stitches, kfb, sl1wyif make (make sure to work this row loosely)

4) p2, *yo, p4tog*, rep from * to * to last 2 stitches, p1, sl1wyif

5) k1, ssk, *(k1, p1, k1) into yo, k1*, rep from * to * to last 2 sts, kfb, sl1wyif

6) knit to 1 stitch before the end of the row, sl1wyif (make sure to work this row loosely)

Change to Murmur and work the following rows 9 times

1) k1, ssk, knit to the last 2 stitches, kfb, sl1wyif

2) knit to 1 stitch before the end of the row, sl1wyif

Work these 24 rows (6 rows of Lace strip with Bokeh and 18 rows of garter stitch with Murmur) a total of 3 times and then the lace strip in Bokeh one more time (4 lace strips in total).

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Stockinette section

Start with Murmur and alternate with Bokeh every 2 rows:

1) k1, ssk, knit to last 2 stitches, kfb, sl1wyif

2) Purl to 1 stitch before the end of the row, sl1wyif

Work these 2 rows 21 times (ending with Murmur)

Garter lace section

Start with Bokeh and alternate with Murmur every 2 rows:

1) k1, ssk, *yo, ssk*, rep from * to * to last 3 stitches, k1, kfb, sl1wyif

2) knit to 1 stitch before the end of the row, sl1wyif

Work these 2 rows 22 times (ending with Murmur)

Stockinette section

Start with Bokeh and alternate with Murmur every 2 rows:

1) k1, ssk, knit to last 2 stitches, kfb, sl1wyif

2) Purl to 1 stitch before the end of the row, sl1wyif

Work these 2 rows 22 times (ending with Murmur)

Lace strip section

Change to Bokeh and work the lace strip as follows:

1) p2, *yo, p4tog*, rep from * to * to last 2 stitches, p1, sl1wyif

2) k2, *k1, (k1, p1, k1) into yo*, rep from * to * to last 2 sts, k1, sl1wyif

3) k1, ssk, knit to last 2 stitches, kfb, sl1wyif (make sure to work this row loosely)

4) p2, *yo, p4tog*, rep from * to * to last 2 stitches, p1, sl1wyif

5) k1, ssk, *(k1, p1, k1) into yo, k1*, rep from * to * to last 2 sts, kfb, sl1wyif

6) knit to 1 stitch before the end of the row, sl1wyif (make sure to work this row loosely)

Change to Murmur and work the following rows 9 times

1) k1, ssk, knit to the last 2 stitches, kfb, sl1wyif

2) knit to 1 stitch before the end of the row, sl1wyif

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Corner decreases

Using Murmur

Work the knit decrease row 11 times.

Work the purl decrease row once.

Work the knit decrease row 15 times.

Work the purl decrease row once.

Work the knit decrease row 17 times.

Work the purl decrease row once.

Work the knit decrease row 19 times.

Work the purl decrease row once.

Work the knit decrease row until you have 3 sts on the needles.

BO 3 stitches.

Finishing

Weave in ends. Soak the wrap in warm water. Remove and roll in a towel to remove any excess moisture and then block to final measurements.

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