

Invention #2

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Create your one-of-a-kind boomerang in one of three sizes, using a loose gauge to create a lovely drape. Randomly choose the spacing between the mesh rows to make every shawl different.



Sizes:

Scarf: 15" (38 cm) widest point, 37" (94 cm) wingspan

Small Shawl: 21" (53 cm) widest point, 52" (132 cm) wingspan

Large Shawl: 30" (76 cm) widest point, 74" (188 cm) wingspan

Materials:

- Fingering weight yarn – sizes based on using 1-3 100g skeins
 - Scarf: 400-430 yds (370-400 m) (100 g)
 - Small Shawl: 800-860 yds (730-790 m) (200 g)
 - Large Shawl: 1200-1290 yds (1100-1180 m) (300 g)
- F/5 (3.75 mm) crochet hook
- Six-sided die or random number generator
- Tapestry needle
- Blocking supplies

Gauge:

22 sc = 4" (10 cm) after light blocking

Gauge is not critical, but it will affect the amount of yarn used and the size and drape of the finished object.

Crochet Terminology: US Standard

Yarn Suggestions:

Any blockable fingering weight yarn. Excellent for highly variegated yarns.

Sample shown in:

Louisiana Yarn Guys Provenance Fingering (50% Silk / 50% Superwash Fingering; 438 yds / 100g), three skeins of "Lisa with an S" (Large Shawl)

Designer's Notes:

I like playing games that depend on a die roll to determine my fate. And I like to stay engaged in a project, even when the pattern is fairly simple. So, I combined that for this shawl. You will randomly decide how many rows of sc to work in between the mesh rows, creating a shawl that is uniquely yours.

Special Stitches:

V stitch (v-st): (dc, ch1, dc) into the same st

Inverted V stitch (inv-v): Yo once, insert hook in next st, yo, draw up a lp, yo, draw through 2 lps on hook, leaving 2 lps remaining on hook. Yo once, sk st, insert hook in next st, yo, draw up a lp, yo, draw through 2 lps on hook, yo, draw through remaining lps. (This is basically a dc2tog with a st in between the dc.)

Stacked Single Crochet (STSC): I greatly prefer this to a turning chain, since it gives a smoother, more stable edge.

You may substitute (ch 3) for STSC if you prefer.

Do not chain at the beginning of the row. Sc in the first stitch. Insert hook in the left leg of the sc, yo, draw up a lp, yo and draw through both loops on the hook.

Turning Chains:

Ch 1 does not count as a st on sc rows.

STSC or ch 3 counts as first st on mesh rows.

Stitch counts:

Total number of sts is shown in () at the end of each row. If there is no (), the number of sts is the same as the previous row.

Pattern:

Setup:

Row 1: Ch 3, 2sc in 2nd ch, sc, turn. (3 sts)

Row 2: Ch 1, sc, 2sc, sc, turn. (4 sts)

Row 3: Ch 1, sc, 2sc, sc 2, turn. (5 sts)

Row 4: Ch 1, sc, 2sc, sc2tog, sc, turn.

Row 5: Ch 1, sc 3, 2sc, sc, turn. (6 sts)

Row 6: Ch 1, sc, 2sc, sc, sc2tog, sc, turn.

Row 7: Ch 1, sc 4, 2sc, sc, turn. (7 sts)

Row 8: Ch 1, sc, 2sc, sc to last 3 sts, sc2tog, sc, turn.

Row 9: Ch 1, sc to last 2 sts, 2sc, sc, turn. (8 sts)

Rows 10-11: Work Rows 8-9 once more. (9 sts)

Row 12: STSC, ch 1, dc, ch 1, inv-v, ch 1, dc, dc2tog, dc, turn.

Row 13: Ch 1, sc 3, sc in ch sp, sc, sc in ch sp, sc, 2sc in ch sp, sc, turn. (10 sts)

Row 14: STSC, ch 1, sk st, v-st, sk 2 sts, v-st, sk st, dc2tog, dc, turn.

Row 15: Ch 1, sc in each st and ch sp to last ch sp, 2sc in ch sp, sc, turn. (11 sts)

Work Rows 8-9 four times. (15 sts)

Body:

Body Row 1: STSC, ch 1, dc, ch 1, inv-v, [ch 2, inv-v] to last 4 sts, ch 1, dc, dc2tog, dc, turn.

Body Row 2: Ch 1, sc to last ch sp, working 1 sc in each st and ch 1 sp and 2 sc in ch 2 sp, 2sc in ch sp, sc, turn. (1 st inc)

Body Row 3: STSC, ch 1, sk st, v-st, [sk 2 sts, v-st] to last 4 sts, sk st, dc2tog, dc, turn.

Body Row 4: Ch 1, sc in each st and ch sp to last ch sp, 2sc in ch sp, sc, turn. (1 st inc)

Roll your die to determine what to do next:

- Roll 1 or 2 => Work Body Rows 5-6 one time.
- Roll 3 or 4 => Work Body Rows 5-6 four times.
- Roll 5 or 6 => Work Body Rows 5-6 seven times.

Body Row 5: Ch 1, sc, 2sc, sc to last 3 sts, sc2tog, sc, turn.

Body Row 6: Ch 1, sc to last 2 sts, 2sc, sc, turn. (1 st inc)

(You will have a multiple of 3 sts in the row after working your section of Body Rows 5-6.)

Continue working the Body until you run out of yarn or the shawl reaches your desired size. End after Body Row 6.

Block lightly. Weave in ends and enjoy

Abbreviations:

ch = chain

dc = double crochet

dc2tog = double crochet 2 together

inc = increase(d)

inv-v = inverted V stitch (see Special Stitches)

lp = loop

sc = single crochet

sc2tog = single crochet 2 together

sk = skip

sp = space

st(s) = stitch(es)

STSC = stacked single crochet (see Special Stitches)

v-st = V stitch (see Special Stitches)

yo = yarn over

[] = work instructions within brackets as many times as directed

Note: All crochet terminology is US Standard

2sc means work 2 sc in the same st

Sc 2 means work 1 sc in each of the next 2 sts

Resources:

1. Find more patterns from LaurieBea at <http://www.ravelry.com/designers/laurie-beardsley>.
2. Please visit the [LaurieBea Knitting Circle Group](#) on Ravelry for updates and news.

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