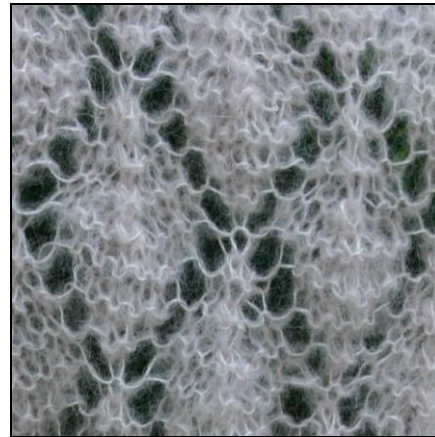# Ethereal Diamonds

a free pattern from the [Two Strands Blog,](#) by Mary Ann Stephens

Ethereal alchemy: Balanced by the structural integrity of garter stitch lace, Dale Garn's "Erle" imparts delicate beauty, weightless warmth and exquisite softness to a simple lace scarf, all in just one ball of yarn.

Suggested yarn:

1 x 50g ball of Dale of Norway "Erle" 56% mohair, 26% silk, 18% wool yarn, 325m / 355 yds per 50g / 1 3/4oz ball.

Suggested needles:

One US size 9 (5.5mm)… *or whatever size gives you pleasing fabric.* **Optional:** *One needle one size larger, to ensure loose results for the cast on and bind off.*

Sample gauge:

There's plenty of leeway for the gauge on a scarf such as this, as long as you're happy with the fabric it produces.
One diamond-shaped repeat on my sample measures 2¼" across x 3" long.
With only 10g of a ball of Erle knit up so far, my sample measures 11" in width x just over 12" in length. So, one full ball of Erle will give us a scarf that's approximately 11" wide x 60" long.

Abbreviations:

K = knit; **K2tog** = knit 2 stitches together; **rem** = remaining; **rep** = repeat; **S2KP** = centered double decrease = slip 2 stitches together knitwise, knit the next 1 stitch, pass the 2 slipped stitches together over the 1 knit stitch; **SSK** = "slip, slip, knit" i.e., slip 2 stitches individually knitwise, then knit those 2 stitches together; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **yo** = yarn over, i.e., bring yarn forward between the needles and lay it backward over the right needle.

Cast on: For the sample, using the common, long-tail method, I've cast on 47 sts, but you can really use any multiple of 27 + 10x, i.e, 27, 37, 47, 57, 67, etc. (**Hint**: *It's always important to have a nice, loose cast on and bind off with lace such as this. So, if you have trouble casting on loosely, try using a needle one or two sizes larger than your main needle, just for the cast on process, then switch to the main needle for the main portion of the scarf.*)

Main portion of the scarf: Working flat (back and forth), K 3 rows (*or as many as you'd like for your bottom edging.*) Work Row #1 of Chart as follows: Start at lower right corner, each square equals 1 st to be worked in method indicated in Chart legend; work sts in columns 1 through 18; * work sts in columns 9 through 18; rep from * until 9 sts rem in row; work sts 19 through 27 to end of row. Complete Chart through Row #16. Repeat Chart Rows #1 through #16 until scarf is desired length, leaving a few yards for finishing off the end, stopping after either chart Row #8 or chart Row #16.

Bind off: K 2 rows (*or as many as you need to match the bottom edging.*) Loosely bind off all sts.

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Sample's layout:

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If you haven't worked from a chart before, I hope you'll give mine a try. Once you get the hang of it, I bet you'll find that getting your knitting instructions from a glance at a chart is VASTLY easier than plodding through text, step by step. But, with that said, I certainly don't want to leave anyone out in the cold. So, I'm including the text version of each chart row's instructions, below:

Row #1: K 4, yo, k 3, * S2KP, k 3, yo, k 1, yo, k 3, rep from * until 9 sts rem, S2KP, k 3, yo, k 4.

Row #2 and all even-numbered rows: K all sts (on WS).

Row #3: K 5, yo, k 2, * S2KP, k 2, yo, k 3, yo, k 2, rep from * until 9 sts rem, S2KP, k 2, yo, k 5.

Row #5: K 6, yo, k 1, * S2KP, k 1, yo, k 5, yo, k 1, rep from * until 9 sts rem, S2KP, k 1, yo, k 6.

Row #7: K 7, yo,* S2KP, yo, k 7, yo, rep from * until 9 sts rem, S2KP, yo, k 7.

Row #9: K 3, k2tog, k 3, yo,*k 1, yo, k 3, S2KP, k 3, yo, rep from * until 9 sts rem, k 1, yo, k 3, ssk, k 3.

Row #11: K 3, k2tog, k 2, yo,*k 3, yo, k 2, S2KP, k 2, yo, rep from * until 10 sts rem, k 3, yo, k 2, ssk, k 3.

Row #13: K 3, k2tog, k 1, yo,*k 5, yo, k 1, S2KP, k 1, yo, rep from * until 11 sts rem, k 5, yo, k 1, ssk, k 3.

Row #15: K 3, k2tog, yo,*k 7, yo, S2KP, yo, rep from * until 12 sts rem, k 7, yo, ssk, k 3.

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