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There are two things that I do not really enjoy in lace knitting: sewing on a lace edge and casting off a million stitches at the bottom of a triangular shawl. **StellaLuna** was designed in response to those feelings. The knitting starts at the bottom of the shawl and the piece decreases as it goes. Yes, it is true that you will have **to cast on** a million stitches (249 to be precise), but at the end you knit 3 together and you are done! The shawl is ready for blocking!

The design is based on a border pattern from “Knitted Lace of Estonia” by Nancy Bush (Thank You!)

### **Materials:**

Lace weight yarn (880 yards/805 m in 100 g) – about 75 g  
Needles – size 6 US (4 mm), 8 US (5 mm)

### **Instructions:**

The shawl is knitted in tiers: Scheme 1 (bottom tier) is knitted once, Scheme 2 (middle tiers) is knitted 3 times, Scheme 3 (top of the shawl) is knitted once.

**Start:** cast on 249 stitches on bigger needles. I really recommend using a short-tail method, or simple e-wrap. If you are using a long-tail method you might consider to cast on onto two needles and pull one out after you are done. The goal is to make the bottom row very loose for good stretching during the blocking. Knit the next row.

**Bottom tier:** continue with smaller needles. Knit the right side of the shawl according to Scheme 1. After you reach the middle stitch, follow the same scheme FROM LEFT TO RIGHT to knit the left side of the shawl. Middle stitch is knitted **once**.

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**Middle tier 1:** knit according to Scheme 2. The fragment of scheme in gray (repeat) will be knitted 7 times. As before: once you have reached the middle stitch do the trick of following the scheme from left to right.

**Middle tier 2:** knit according to Scheme 2. The fragment of scheme in gray (repeat) will be knitted 5 times. As before: once you have reached the middle stitch do the trick of following the scheme from left to right.

**Middle tier 3:** knit according to Scheme 2. The fragment of scheme in gray (repeat) will be knitted 3 times. As before: once you have reached the middle stitch do the trick of following the scheme from left to right.

**Top:** knit according to Scheme 3. As before: once you have reached the middle stitch do the trick of following the scheme from left to right.

**Finish:** you will have 9 stitches on your needle at this point. RS: Knit 3 together, 3 times. WS: Purl 3 together. Pull the yarn through the last stitch. DONE!

**Notes:** the shawl on the picture was knitted with nupps (Estonian lace knitting term – GOOGLE it); however, if you don't want to bother – they can be omitted and a designated stitch is knitted on a RS and purled on a WS. Or, if you want to make the shawl very fancy, you can add beads in place of nupps.



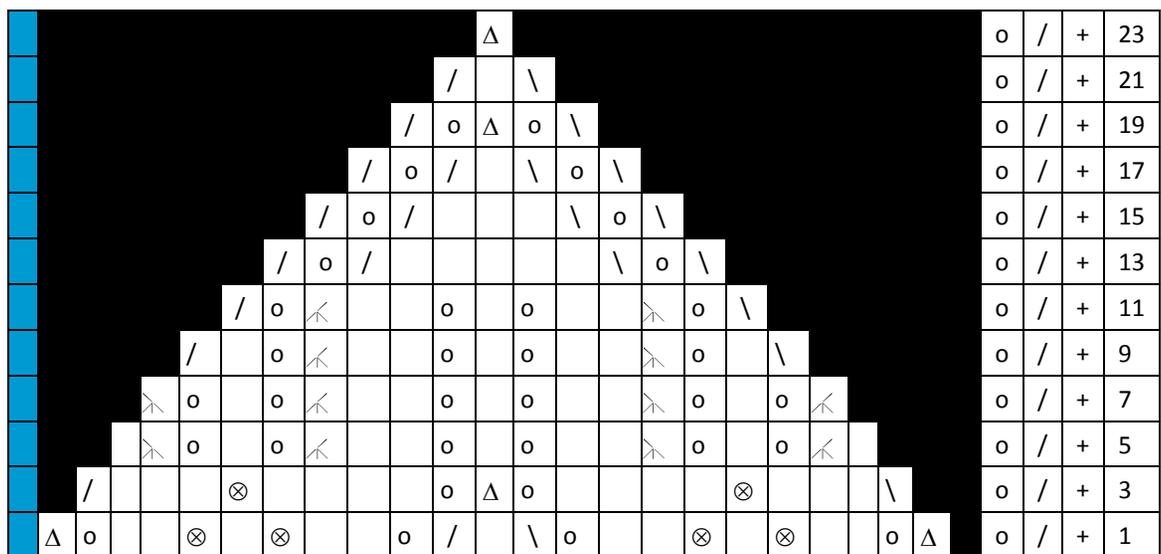


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Scheme 3 – top of the shawl

Legend: the even rows are purled

	Knit
o	YO – yarn over
\	Knit 2tog (left leaning decrease)
/	Ssp (slip, slip, knit; right leaning decrease)
Δ	S2tog, K, pss0 (slip 2 together, knit, pass slipped stitch over)
⋈	Knit 3 tog (left leaning decrease with 3 stitches)
⋈	Knit 2 tog, pass next stitch over (right leaning decrease with 3 stitches)
⊗	Nupp: knit, yo, knit, yo, knit (you have 5 stitches emanating now from one), WS: purl all 5 together
+	End stitch: slip without knitting at the beginning of each row , purl at the end of each row (RS AND WS)
	Repeat of the pattern
	No stitches, on scheme for symmetry
	Middle stitch of the shawl

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