

# Birch

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## YARN

Rowan Kidsilk Haze

3 x 25gm

(stocking stitch version photographed in Majestic 589, garter stitch version in Dreamboat 587)

## NEEDLES

1 pair 5mm (no 6) (US 8) needles

## TENSION

20 sts and 32 rows to 10 cm measured over pattern using 5mm (US 8) needles.

## FINISHED SIZE

Completed shawl is 203 cm (80 in) wide and 102 cm (40 in) long after pressing.

## SHAWL

Cast on 299 sts using 5mm (US 8) needles and the lace cast-on method.

**Row 1 (RS):** \*K2tog tbl, K5, K2tog, yfwd, K1, yfwd, rep from \* to last 9 sts, K2tog tbl, K5, K2tog.

Stocking stitch version

**Rows 2, 4 and 6:** Purl.

Garter stitch version

**Rows 2, 4 and 6:** Knit.

Both versions

**Row 3:** \*K2tog tbl, K3, K2tog, (K1, yfwd) twice, K1, rep from \* to last 7 sts, K2tog tbl, K3, K2tog.

**Row 5:** \*K2tog tbl, K1, K2tog, K2, yfwd, K1, yfwd, K2, rep from \* to last 5 sts, K2tog tbl, K1, K2tog.

**Row 7:** \*Sl 1, K2tog, pss, K3, yfwd, K1, yfwd, K3, rep from \* to last 3 sts, sl 1, K2tog, pss.

Stocking stitch version

**Row 8:** P2tog, P to last 2 sts, P2tog tbl.

Garter stitch version

**Row 8:** K2tog tbl, K to last 2 sts, K2tog.

## Both versions

These 8 rows form patt and shaping – 10 sts decreased for each 8 rows of patt. 289 sts.

Cont in patt until 3 sts rem, ending with a WS row.

Next row (RS): K3tog and fasten off.

## MAKING UP

PRESS, pinning out to measurement given and ensuring row end edges form a right angle at fasten-off point. Raise pile of mohair after pressing by gently rubbing over surface using another ball of yarn.