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Skill Level: Easy

## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Sizes	L
Width	17in/
	43.25cm
Length	60in/
	152.5cm

## Yarn

Baby Me Boo Hand Paint (50% baby alpaca/ 30% merino wool/ 20% bamboo, 100 g = approx. 174 yards/ 159 meters)

3 hanks

## Needles

U.S. 9 (5.5 mm) straight or circular

## Notions

8 shank buttons, size 3/4 in to 7/8 in/ 2 cm to 2.25 cm

## Gauge/Tension

6-7 sts and 16-17 rows in pattern st = 4 in/ 10 cm after blocking. As with all lace patterns, absolutely exact tension isn't necessary -- just make sure it's in the ballpark. If you knit tighter/smaller than this tension, you'll need more than 3 hanks to achieve finished length.

## Knitting Notes

So far we've figured out five ways you can wear this shawl, thus the name. Wear it as a shawl, scarf, buttoned-sleeve shrug, buttoned-front vest or buttoned-back halter vest.

The knitting is a cinch, just one pattern stitch repeated every row until you almost run out of yarn. Then block it, sew on the buttons, and wear Five-Speed.

## To Knit

CO 64 sts. Work all rows as follows: (yo, p2tog) rpt to end of row.

This simple stitch pattern is called purse stitch.

**Note:** Here's how to yo at beginning of row before p2tog: place right needle tip in first 2 sts, ready to purl together. Then just make sure working yarn is behind the right needle. As you wrap p2tog, your yarn will loop itself over the right needle in a yo.

Work 60 in/ 152.5 cm, saving about 5.5 yards/ 5 meters for binding off. BO very loosely.

Block to finished size.

Place buttons:

Placing the buttons on completely opposite corners is one of the design features that allows you to wear Five-Speed in so many variations.

Sew buttons with shank right in the edge sts.

Place first button on one long side 2.25 in/ 5.75 mm from CO edge. Space the next three buttons on the same side about 5 in/ 12.75 cm apart.

The second set of four buttons are spaced the same way, but placed on the opposite long side beginning at the BO edge.