Glitzy Cat's Paw Lace Wrap

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I went to a wedding last spring, it was unseasonably chilly, and I struggled to come up with something warm to wear that was suitably dressy. I noticed a number of lovely wraps and shawls worn by other guests, and resolved to make one for myself for future need. I picked a metallic yarn, which adds some nice glitz, and it's still essentially a neutral color that will go with almost anything. This would be great for a fancy New Year's party—although be warned, I used five skeins to make a fairly large size, it'll take a good amount of time to knit it up.

Finished Measurements: 15 inches by 62 inches
Yarn: DK weight (light #3)—sample knit with 5 skeins of Patons Brilliant, Gold Glow (830 yds.)
Needle size: US 7 / 4.5mm

NOTES

This is narrow cat's paw lace, the pattern repeat is 7 stitches (10 repeats total), plus one edge stitch on each side. With only one edge stitch on each side, the edges roll just a bit, making a sort of fake i-cord edging (sort of). If you don't want a rolled edge, you can add a few more stitches to the edges and knit them in garter stitch (knit every row). If you do that, you should consider eliminating one pattern repeat (7 stitches) to accommodate the extra stitches and keep roughly the same overall width.

The first stitch of each row is slipped purlwise, with the yarn in front, then move the yarn between the needles to the back (without wrapping over the needles).

ABBREVIATIONS

K = stitch
st = stitch
slp = slip
YO = yarn over (increase)
K2tog = knit two stitches together (decrease)
K2tog tbl = knit two stitches together through the back loops (decrease)
dbl dec = slip 2 stitches together as if to knit, knit one, pass slipped stitches over (decreases 2 stitches)

PATTERN

Cast on 72 st.
Knit two rows.
Begin pattern stitch:
Row 1: slp 1, *K1, K2tog, YO, K1, YO, K2tog tbl, K1, repeat from * to last st, K1
Row 2: slp 1, purl to last st, K1
Row 3: slp 1, *K2tog, YO, K3, YO, K2tog tbl, repeat from * to last st, K1
Row 4: slp 1, purl to last st, K1
Row 5: slp 1, *K2, YO, dbl dec, YO, K2, repeat from * to last st, K1
Row 6: slp 1, purl to last st, K1
Continue working in pattern until 61.5 inches from the beginning, ending with a row 5.
Knit two rows.
Bind off.
Wash and block.