## Bi-directional Lace Strips Stole

This gem of a stole is made in jewel-tone colors of narrow lace strips that are joined as the panels are knitted, thus eliminating the need for any sewing later on. There are three sets of strips, each in a different color. The undulating edges around the stole and between the strips add movement and interest to this eye-catching stole.

An unusual feature is that the panels are worked in the opposite direction of the panel to which they are joined, thus creating vertical symmetry of the tear-drop pendant motifs across the six adjoining panels.

Another feature of the stole is a lengthwise separation to form two narrower sections of three strips each that give variety to the ways this stole can be worn. We especially like to wear this style with the wider section laying on one shoulder and the 'tails' simply flung over the other shoulder.



Bi-directional Lace Strips Stole pattern is the newest addition to the HeartStrings skill-building series *It's an Upside-Down World: directional stitches in lace*.

**Size** One size fits all. Finished measurements after blocking: 50" by 22".

**Yarn** 675 yards DK or light worsted weight yarn with 225 yards in each of 3 different colors A (light tone), B (medium) and C (dark).

**Gauge** 5 stitches per inch over lace stitch pattern.

**Suggested Needles** A pair of US 7 / 4.5 mm straight knitting needles.

**Other Notions** Tapestry needle for finishing ends; blocking board and rust-proof blocking wires/pins.

Skill Level Intermediate.

Stitch Instructions Written.

**Special Techniques Used and Described** Chain stitch selvedge; p2tog bind off; joining a lace panel to another panel as you knit.