

## Dragonfly Dreams

Dragonflies symbolize the illusion of light, thoughts and dreams in this knitted interpretation featuring lace, beads and Estonian gathered stitches.

This design combines lace eyelets, beads, decrease stitch outlines, gathered stitches, stockinette and garter stitch to provide the details of the dragonflies against a ground of reverse stockinette. The dreamy reflection of light and shadow is framed with columns of small beads and gathered stitches.



Shown in Buffalo Gold Lux color Malachite; Miyuki beads colors #18 Silver-lined Light Blue (wings) and #234 Metallic Gold-lined Crystal (bodies).

**Finished Size** 52" by 8½"

**Yarn** 330 yards lace or light fingering weight

**Gauge** 6 stitches and 6 rows per inch over lace stitch patterns after blocking (plan for 5½ stitches and 7 rows over unblocked stockinette stitch)

**Knitting Needles** Size US 4 (3.5 mm) suggested

### Glass Seed Beads

168 size 6/0 (4 mm diameter) for dragonfly body and head, approximately 15 g

1240 size 8/0 (3 mm diameter) for dragonfly wings and scarf border, approximately 35 g

### Other Notions

Stitch markers (optional, but helpful in checking stitch counts)

Small crochet hook or similar for placing the larger size 6/0 beads

Beading needle, floss threader, or bead spinner for stringing the smaller size 8/0 beads

Tapestry needle for finishing ends

Blocking board; rust-proof blocking wires/pins

**Skill Level** Advanced or adventurous intermediate

**Skills Needed** Knit, purl, yarn over, make 1, k2tog, ssk, knitting and purling multiple stitches together, stringing beads, placing beads with a crochet hook

**Stitch Instructions** Charted and written

**Construction** Knitted flat in one piece from end to end; the larger beads are placed with a crochet hook; the smaller beads are pre-strung and pushed into place between purl stitches