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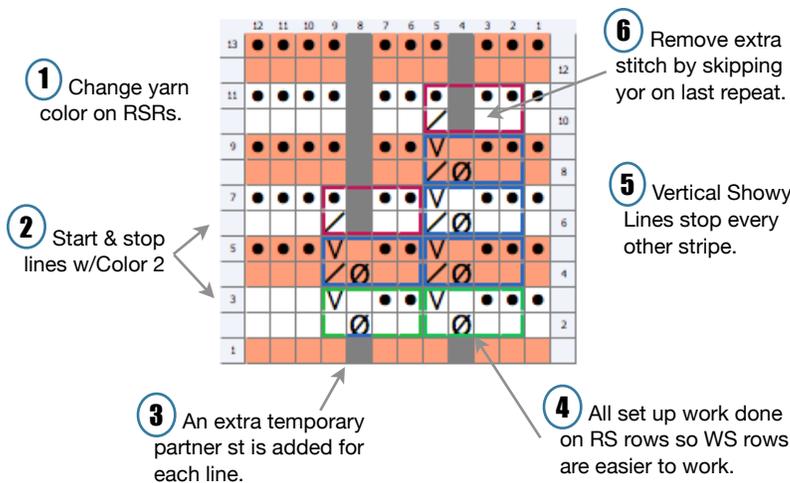
What is Showy Garter?

If this is your first time reading about Showy Garter, you'll want to start by downloading our free 21-page ebook "Intro to Showy Garter" available for free on Ravelry. It includes a multi-page tutorial and several easy projects to get started. Use the link above or just search Ravelry for Laura Cunitz.

Showy Garter Vertical Lines

One of the benefits of the Showy Decrease is the ability to spot the pattern in your knitting. This reduces the need to count stitches.

The chart uses color coded repeats to highlight when Showy Decrease (SD) lines are starting, continuing and stoping.

Please read the blog post for more details.

Start Lines	Repeat	End Lines

① Change yarn color on RSRs.

② Start & stop lines w/Color 2

③ An extra temporary partner st is added for each line.

④ All set up work done on RS rows so WS rows are easier to work.

⑤ Vertical Showy Lines stop every other stripe.

⑥ Remove extra stitch by skipping yor on last repeat.

Visual Knitting Instructions

The pattern is easy to see once the Showy Lines are set up.

- RS: knit to the next 2-stitch vertical line then yor, k2tog.
- WS: knit to 2 sts before yor then sl1wyif, p1 to close the loop
- To stop lines, eliminate the yor.

Swatch Yarn:

A smooth scrap yarn in DK or Worsted will work. The swatch makes a good wash cloth when knit with cotton.

- Sample: Cascade Pima Tencel, 5 sts per 1" on US 5
- Size: 7" x 5.5"
- Yardage: 15gm, about 30 yards total

Shawl Yarn:

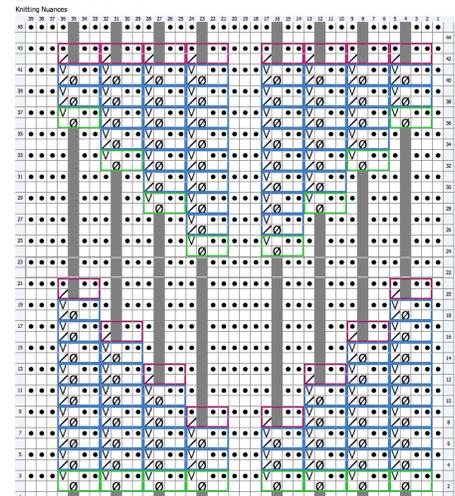*There's enough yardage to knit the swatch with your sock weight yarn. Note the unusual 65g per skein in this brand.*

- Spud & Chloe Fine Sock: **65**g = 248 yds. 80% Superwash wool, 20% silk, gauge 7-8 sts per 1" in stockinette on US 1-3. Shawl knit on a US 4.

Color		
C1 = Orange	☐	knit
	╱	k2tog
C2 = Blue	•	purl
	V	slip
	Ø	yarn over reversed
	▮	No Stitch

Granite Lake Garter Shawl
Knitting Nuances

Knitting Instructions

‣ Cast On 31 sts with C1
Row 1 (WS): knit across placing markers as follows:
- k15, pm, k3, pm, k13

Set Up Showy Lines with C2
Row 2 (RS): k1, *[k2, yor, k1]x4, k3* *(now 39 sts)*
Row 3 (WS): *k3, [sl1wyif, p1, k2]x4*, k1

Repeat with C1
Row 4 (RS): k1, *[k2, yor, k2tog]x4, k3*
Row 5 (WS): *k3, [sl1wyif, p1, k2]x4*, k1

Stop a Showy Line with C2
Row 6 (RS): k1, [k2, yor, k2tog]x3, [k2, k2tog], **k3**, [k2, k2tog], [k2, yor, k2tog]x3, k3
Row 7 (WS): k3, [sl1wyif, p1, k2]x3, k9, [sl1wyif, p1, k2]x3, k1

‣ Continue 4 row/2 color repeat eliminating inside vertical line each C2.
‣ Rows 20 and 21: knit across with C1 before starting top of chart.

Start Adding Lines Back

Add Showy Lines with C2
Row 22 (RS): k to last st before marker, yor, k1, **k3**, [k2, yor, k1], knit to end
Row 23 (WS): knit to 1 st before yor, [sl1wyif, p1, k2], k3, [sl1wyif, p1, k2], knit to end
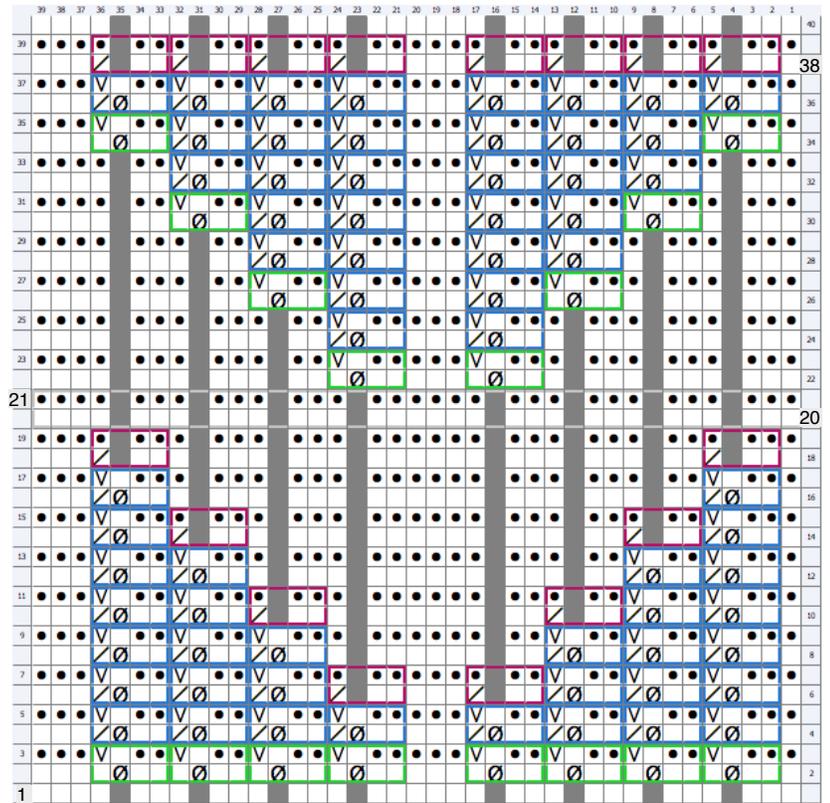
Repeat with C1
Use instructions in green box to recognize and work pattern.

Add Another Showy Line with C2
Row 22 (RS): k to 3 sts before twisted yo; yor, [k2, yor, k2tog] , **k3**, [k2, yor, k2tog], [k2, yor, k1], knit to end
Row 23 (WS): knit to 1 st before yor, [sl1wyif, p1, k2]x2, k3, [sl1wyif, p1, k2]x2, knit to end

‣ Continue 4 row/2 color repeat adding inside vertical line each C2.
‣ On Last C2 Row 38, eliminate all yor's to return to 31 sts
‣ Row 39 (WS) knit across
‣ Rows 40 (RS) knit across with C1
‣ Bind off with C1

Yarn Over in Reverse Alternatives
I find the reversed yarn over the least disruptive increase to my knitting rhythm. However, if you don't like it you have options. You can yarn over normally then p1 tbl (ugh) or reorient on the wrong side before purling it. You can also use a make 1 loop. There are more details in the intro e-book mentioned up top.

	knit
☐	RS: knit stitch WS: purl stitch
	k2tog
╱	RS: Knit two stitches together as one stitch WS: Purl 2 stitches together
	purl
•	RS: purl stitch WS: knit stitch
	slip
V	RS: Slip stitch as if to purl, holding yarn in back WS: Slip stitch as if to purl, holding yarn in front
	yarn over reversed
Ø	RS: wrap yarn in opposite direction so yarn starts over right needle first
	No Stitch
▓	RS: Placeholder - No stitch made.