Expanded Estonian Star Flower Pattern

Pattern Key

K = knit

P = purl

K 2 tog - knit to sts together

SSK = slip two sts knitwise and knit both together through back loop

SSKP = Slip 2 sts knitwise, knit the next st, then pass both slipped sts over the new knit st.

K 3 tog = knit 3 sts together

5/2 = knit 2 sts together, leave st on LN, YO and knit through same 2 sts, twice; this makes 5 loops.

    *This make a half of the base of the star flower, <u>the first loop being the center st.</u>

9/3 = knit 3 sts together, leave st on LN; YO and knit through same 3 sts, 4 times = 9 loops

    *This make the complete base of the star flower.

** I have highlighted the flower sections in blue.

Swatch Pattern

This swatch is worked on **47 sts.** I used a #6 needle and lace yarn.

Cast on 47sts. Work 5 rows of **Garter** st. (Knitting all rows)

The first st of every row is slipped, and the next 4 sts are knitted to from the border.

Row #1 - Sl 1, K 4; K 2 tog, YO; [: K 9, YO, SSKP, YO, :] 2 times; K 9, YO, SSK; K 5.

Row #2 - Sl 1, K 4; purl across; end K 5.

Row #3 - Sl 1, K 4; K 2, K 3 tog; YO, SSKP, K3, K 3tog, YO, wk 9/3 (see above, [:YO, SSKP, K3, K 3tog, YO; wk 9/3; :]; 2 times,; end YO, SSKP, K2; K5.

Row #4 - Sl 1, K 4; P 2, P 2 tog; [: P 9, P 2 tog, P 3, P 2 tog, :] 2 times; end P 9, P 2 tog, P2, K 5.

Row #5 - Sl 1, K 4; K1, K 2 tog, YO; [: K 3, YO, K 3, YO, K 3, YO, SSK, K1, K 2 tog, YO :] 2 times; end K 3, YO, K 3, YO, K 3, YO, SSK, K1; K 5.

Row #6 - Sl 1, K 4; P 1, P2 tog; P 11 (across flower), [: P 2 tog, P 1, P2 tog, P 11:] 2 times; end P 2 tog, P 1, K 5.

Row #7 - * This row closes the outside petals of the flower.

    Sl 1, K 4; K 2 tog, YO [: SSKP (this closes first outside petal of flower), YO, K 1, YO, K 3(center 3 sts of flower), YO, K 1, YO, SSKP (left side petal of flower), YO, SSKP, YO :] 2 times; end SSKP, YO, K 1, YO, K 3, YO, K1, YO, SSK; K 5.

Row #8 - Sl 1, K 4; P1, P2 tog; [: P9, P 2 tog, P 1, P 2 tog :] 2 times; end P 9, P2 tog, P1, K5.

Row #9 - Sl 1, K 4; K5, [: YO, SSKP, YO, K9 :] 2 times; end YO, SSKP, YO, K5, K5. (47 sts)

Row #10 - Sl 1, K 4; purl across; and K 5. (47sts)

Second set of flowers

Row # 11 - Sl 1, K 4; wk 5/2 (K 2 tog, YO K 1 twice in same st = 5 loops); next [:YO, SSKP, K 3, K 3 tog, YO, wk 9/3 as before :], 2 times; end YO, SSKP, K 3, K 3 tog, YO, wk 5/2, K 5.

Row #12 - Sl 1, K 4; P5, [: P 2 tog, P 3, P2 tog, P 9 :] 2 times; end P 2 tog, P 3, P 3 tog, P 5, K 5.

Row #13 - Sl 1, K 4; K 2, YO, K 3, [: YO SSK, K1, K 2tog, YO; K 3, YO, K 3, YO, K 3 :], 2 times; end YO SSK, K1, K 2tog, YO K 3, YO, K 2, K 5.

Row #14 - Sl 1, K 4; P 6; [: P 2 tog, P 1, P 2 tog; P 11:] 2 times; end P2tog, P 1, P2 tog, P 6, K 5.

Row #15 - Sl 1, K 4; K 2, YO, K 1, YO, SSKP, YO, SSKP, YO, [: SSKP, YO, K 1, YO, K 3, YO, K 1, YO, SSKP; YO,SSKP, YO,

Row #16 - Sl 1, K 4; P 5; [: P 2 tog, P 1, P 2 tog; P 9 :] 2 times; end P2 tog, P 1, P 2 tog, P 5, K 5. (47sts)

*Repeat these 16 rows as many times as you want. End you swatch with 5 rows of **Garter** st, knitting every row.

Bind off, and block.