

LACE CHUPPAH

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STITCH GUIDE

Crochet-Loop Bind-Off (CLBO): Sl 1 st to hook kwise, yo hook, and draw through st on hook to BO 1 st.

Crochet-Loop Edging: Using crochet hook, BO 143 sts along each outer edge of chuppah as foll (see Glossary for crochet instructions): [CLBO 2 sts, ch 6] 6 times, *[CLBO 3 sts, ch 7] 2 times, [CLBO 2 sts, ch 6] 2 times; rep from * 11 more times, end CLBO 3 sts, ch 7, [CLBO 2 sts, ch 6] 4 times—59 ch loops along each side. At end of 4th side, join last st on hook to first st of edging using a slip stitch, cut yarn and fasten off last st.

Felted Splice: Separate the last 5" at the end of each strand to be joined into two plies. Trim one ply from each strand to about 2" long. Overlap the longer plies so the ends of the shorter plies are just touching, then twist the longer plies around each other in the direction of the original ply. Moisten your palms (spit works well for this) and rub the spliced section vigorously between your hands to felt the plies together, repeating as necessary until you have a smooth, strong join.

NOTES

- ◆ The chuppah is a square worked in the round from the center out. Begin working on double-pointed needles and move up to longer circular needles when necessary.
- ◆ MC and CC yarns are held together throughout.
- ◆ When joining a new ball of MC, use the felted splice (see Stitch Guide). For CC joins, make a knot, then use duplicate stitch (see Glossary) to neatly hide CC ends upon finishing.

CHUPPAH

With MC and CC held tog, CO 8 sts. Distribute sts evenly on 4 dpn—2 sts each needle. Join for working in the rnd. Knit 1 rnd. Work Rnd 1 of Chart 1 (page 120) four times around, once on each needle—12 sts. Work Rnd 2 of chart. On Rnd 3,

place marker (pm) after first st on each needle; marked sts are the first st of each rep. Changing to longer cir needles when necessary, rep each rnd of Chart 1 four times around until Rnd 76 has been completed—308 sts; 77 sts each in 4 reps. Work Rnds 77–142 of Chart 2, rep 10-st



KAT COYLE combined a lofty mohair and a metallized thread to make an airy wedding canopy. It's worked from the center out in a combination of lace motifs: flowers, leaves, diamonds, hearts, and horseshoes. A deep, knotted fringe borders the edges. To enlarge the canopy, add a repeat or two of the pattern. Kat lives in Los Angeles where she knits for her toddler, Felix. Her book *Boho Baby Knits* (Potter Craft) is due to be published in Fall 2007. For more about Kat, visit katcoyle.blogspot.com and www.katcoyle.com.

Finished Size 77" square after blocking, not including fringe.

Yarn Plymouth Yarn Baby Alpaca Brush (80% alpaca, 20% acrylic; 110 yd [100 m]/50 g): #1000 off-white (MC), 18 skeins.

Plymouth Brand Collection Lincatex Gold Rush (80% rayon, 20% metallized polyester; 109 yd [100 m]/25 g): #5 silver (CC), 21 cones.

Needles Size 13 (9 mm): 24", 36", and 60" circulars (cir) and set of 5 double-pointed (dnp).

Notions Markers (m); size J/10 (6 mm) crochet hook; tapestry needle; four 8' poles.

Gauge 8 sts and 16 rows = 4" in patt from charts using MC and CC held tog, after blocking.

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patt in red rep box 6 times in center of each section—572 sts total after Rnd 142; 143 sts in each section. BO all sts using the crochet-loop edging (see Stitch Guide).

FINISHING

Weave in ends. Wet-block to measurements. Pin out each crochet loop or use blocking wires threaded through the crochet loops, and let dry completely.

Fringe: With MC and CC held tog, cut

472 strands, each 32" long. Make 236 four-strand groups with two strands each of MC and CC. Beg at one corner, apply a fringe group to each crochet loop all the way around as foll: Fold fringe group in half, use crochet hook to pull fold through crochet loop, pass all eight yarn ends through fold and tighten. Knot 59 fringe groups on each side as foll; do not tie fringes from two different sides tog in order to leave spaces for canopy poles at corners:
Row 1: Beg at one side, divide the first pair of fringe groups into two groups of four strands each. Skip the first four-strand half

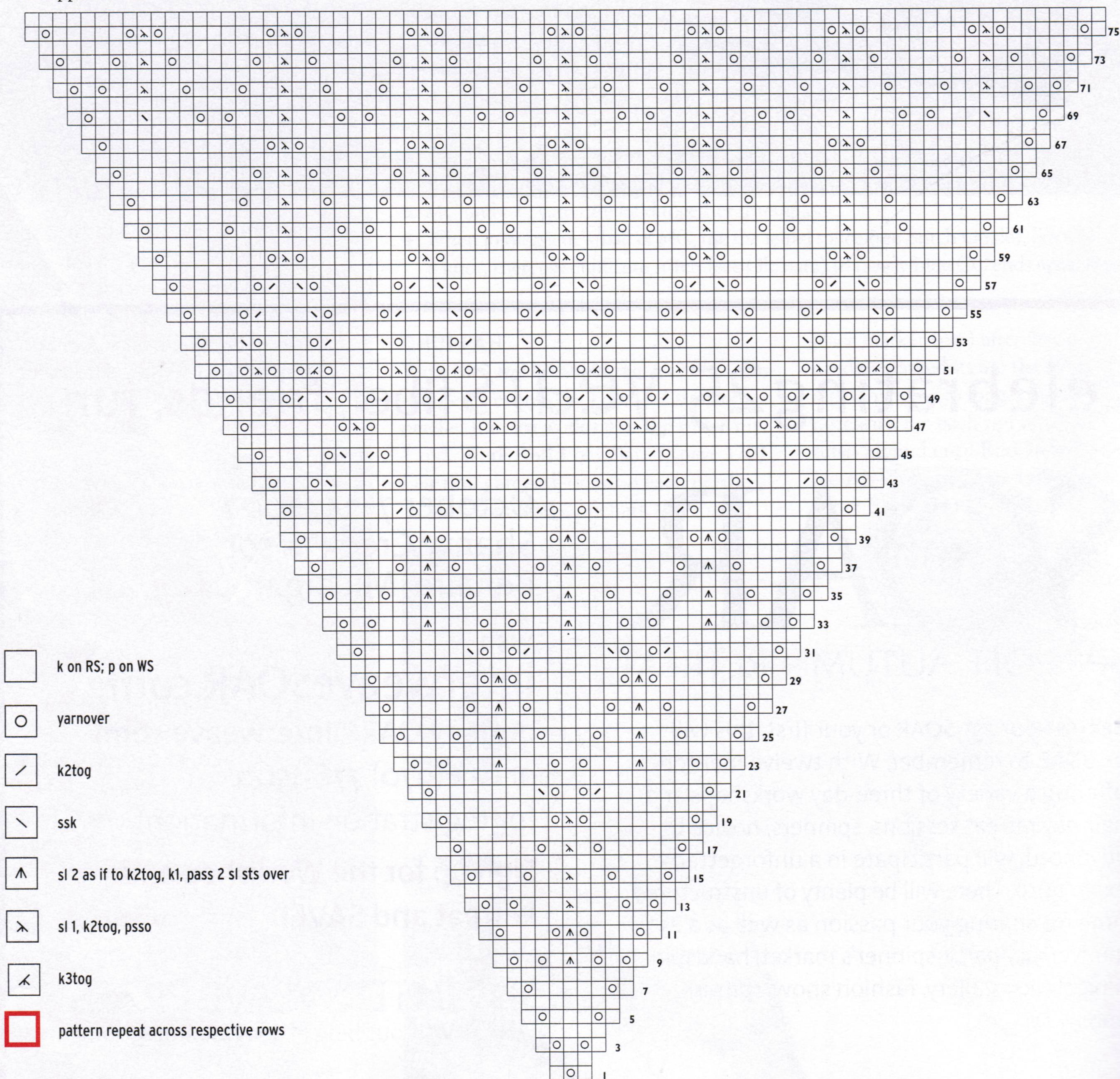
of the edge fringe, and tie four strands each from the first and second fringes in an overhand knot about 1" from edge of chuppah. Rep across, tying four strands from each pair of fringes until you reach the other side; the last four-strand half of the final edge fringe is left free.

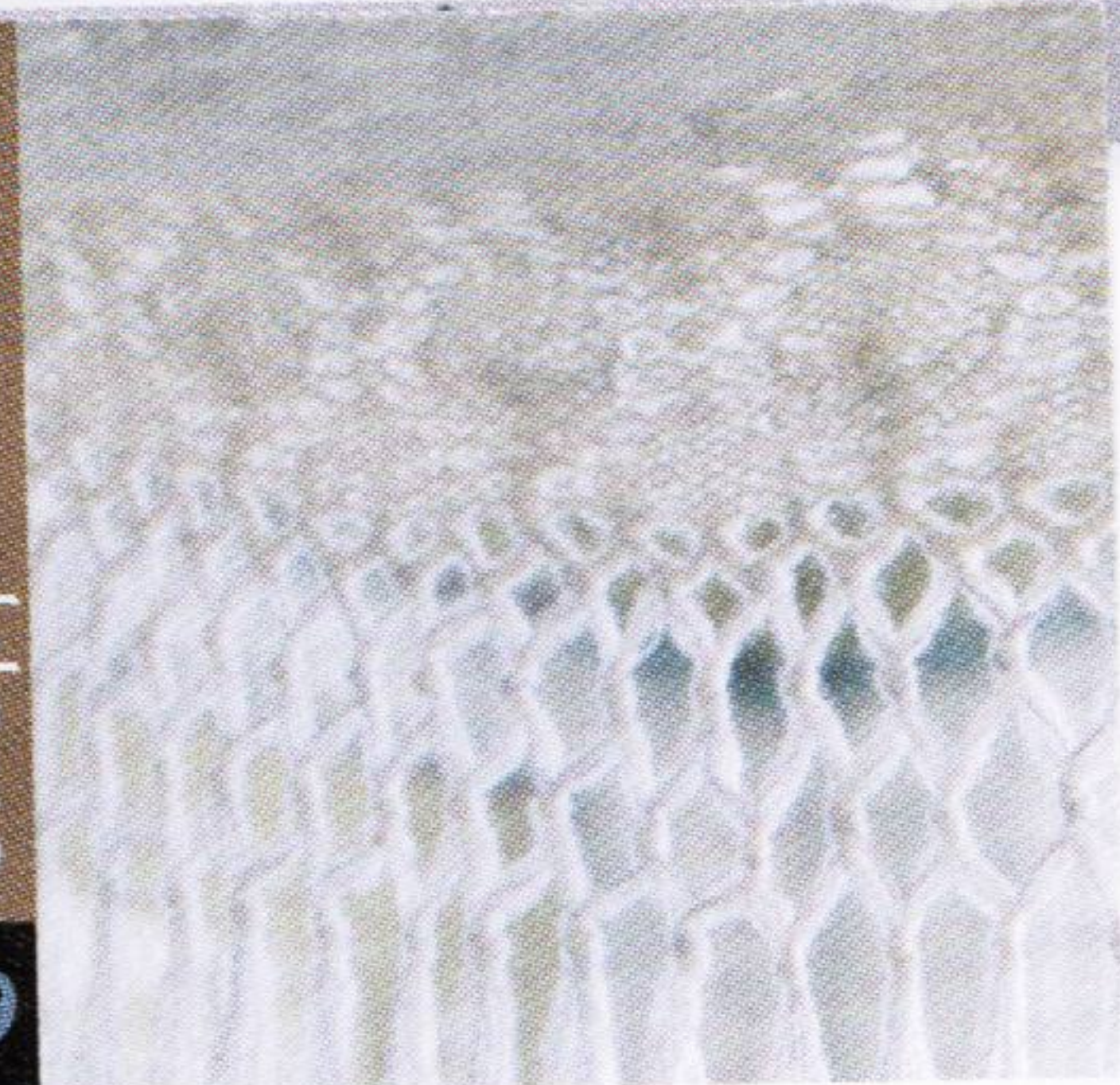
Row 2: Tie another row of overhand knots about 1" below the previous row, this time tying the fringes in their original eight-strand groups.

Row 3: Rep Row 1.

Trim ends of fringe even. ■

Chuppah Chart 1





Chuppah Chart 2

