

How to Design a Triangular Shawl

A Quick Reference Sheet – by Make My Day Creative

Construction Type	Top Down	Bottom Up	Centre Top Out	Sideways	Diagonal
Row direction	Horizontal	Horizontal	Diagonal, with reflection at centre	Vertical	Diagonal
Foundation row	Top edge	Bottom point	Centre top edge point	Either top edge corner	Either diagonal edge
Increases/Decreases	Decreases at both row ends	Increases at both row ends	Increases at row ends and at centreline	Increases at one row end, then decreases on same row ends	Decreases at one row end.
Angle of increase or decrease pattern	Any, but 45° or less is preferable	Any, but 45° or less is preferable	45° – less than 45° will also work (top edge dips towards centre point)	Any, but 45° or more is preferable	45° for a symmetrical shawl. Any if you are going for an asymmetric design
Size limitations	Foundation row defines top edge length	None – keep crocheting until desired size is reached.	None – keep crocheting until desired size is reached.	Changing from increasing to decreasing pattern defines the half way point. Make sure the shawl is half the desired size before switching.	Foundation row defines diagonal edge length. Calculate the length of the top edge given the angle of decreases to make sure finished shawl is desired size.
Diagram Colour Key: Foundation Row Increase Edge Decrease Edge Row Direction					

Remember, more detail is available in the “How to Design Crochet Patterns” blog series!

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