



Alice Starmore's
CLUARAN SHAWL
VIDEO CLASS KIT

PROSPECTUS

The Cluaran Shawl builds on the techniques learned while making the Sulaire Shawl, further developing your openwork skills with a more complex motif and edging.

The thistle (In Gaelic, *cluaran*) has world renown as a national symbol of Scotland. The natural defences of the plant perfectly suit the associated mottos, such as that of The Order of the Thistle – the highest honour awarded in Scotland – *Nemo me impune lacessit* (nobody attacks me with impunity) and that of the Scottish suffragettes – *Ye mauna tramp on the Scots thistle*.

There is also great beauty in the plant and its highly definitive form lends itself well to emblematic interpretation. Thus, it has appeared in many forms of art and design throughout Scotland. The obvious avenue of interpretation in knitting would be in some form of colourwork depiction, but one of the aspects of the thistle that I find most appealing is that its formidable structure surrounds an extremely delicate flowerhead which produces a thistledown as light and soft as air. This led me to explore the idea of representing the thistle in some form of openwork. The challenge was to depict both the strength and delicacy of the plant through shape, texture and openwork stitches.

The Cluran Shawl is a timeless and very versatile design. Choose from two sizes and whichever colour of Hebridean 2 Ply suits your favourite outfit.



The Cluaran Video Class Kit includes –

- online access to 1hr and 24 mins of detailed video tutorials.
- a colour-printed patterncard with full instructions.
- all the Alice Starmore Hebridean 2 Ply yarn required to make the Cluaran Shawl in your chosen colour and size.

The online video tutorials cover all the key points of the design. This project assumes previous experience with an openwork project, and is an ideal progression on in skill level from the Sulaire Shawl Video Class Kit.

The Cluaran can be made in any of our available Hebridean 2 Ply colours and is shown here in the large size in Wild Orchid, and in the small size in Glen. Needles are not included in this kit; you will require 1 pair of 40cm-long 3.25mm needles.













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