

This fun and shiny project weaves up quickly and makes a wonderfully wearable scarf. Lorna's Laces Pearl yarn blends silk and bamboo and produces a wonderfully lustrous fabric. Enjoy the weight of this scarf this autumn and winter, and relish the leno accents on each end. Our Autumn Lights scarf would be lovely worn atop a coat or sweater. Designed and woven by Cei Lambert.

LOOM

The Cricket Loom from Schacht

YARNS

Pearl, hand-dyed yarn from Lorna's LaceS





AUTUMN LIGHTS

STRUCTURE

Balanced plain weave with hand-worked leno borders.

EOUIPMENT

Schacht Cricket Loom, 10-dent Cricket rigid heddle reed, 1 stick shuttle or mini boat shuttle.

YARNS

Warp: Lorna's Laces Pearl (51% silk/49% bamboo; 220 yd/3.5oz) in #409 Rockwell, 200 yards. **Weft:** Lorna's Laces Pearl (51% silk/49% bamboo;220 yd/3.5oz) in #909 Sheridan, 150 yards.

WARP

Warp length: 90", which allows 18" for loom waste, fringe, and 70" woven length.

Warp ends: 80 Width in reed: 8"

EPI: 10 **PPI:** 10

Finished Length: 65" Fringe length: 4"

WARPING

Using Rockwell, warp 80 ends. We used the direct peg warping method.

WEAVING

Leave about 7" for twisted fringe. Use Sheridan as weft throughout. On your first pick, leave a tail 3-4 times the width of the warp for hemstitching. Weave about an inch, and then hemstitch the end of the scarf. Weave 4" and then place the heddle in neutral to make the border. Work 1:1 leno (see box below) all the way across the warp.

Beat the next pick into place about 1/2" from the previous pick. Weave your next pick and again beat gently into place about 1/2" from the previous pick, creating an open pattern. Weave four more picks, and work another row of leno. You will now have two full pattern rows of leno. Weave about 56" of plain weave and then repeat the above instructions to create a matching leno border. Finish with 4" of plain weave and then hemstitch the end of the piece. Cut off the loom, leaving plenty of extra warp for a twisted fringe.

FINISHING

Work a twisted fringe with two sets of three yarns for each finished twist. After creating the fringe, wash by hand in mild soap. Lay flat to dry. Steam press on high heat using a lot of pressure. Wear with panache.

Leno is a lace weave made by twisting warp threads around each other. For this scarf, we worked the 1:1 leno on a closed shed. For more about leno, please see *The Weaver's Idea Book* by Jane Patrick.





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