

## A Fiber Story: From Bump to Shawl

I have a fair amount of fiber in the stash, and one of my intentions for 2014 is to spin and knit more of it. I pulled out one of my favorites - a gradient wool-silk from Fiber Optics (Olive to plum colorway).



I split it into two bumps lengthwise,



And then spun each one, onto a total of four spindle shafts:

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It was plied together (2-ply) into a lovely skein, sport-ish weight yarn, about 360 yards:



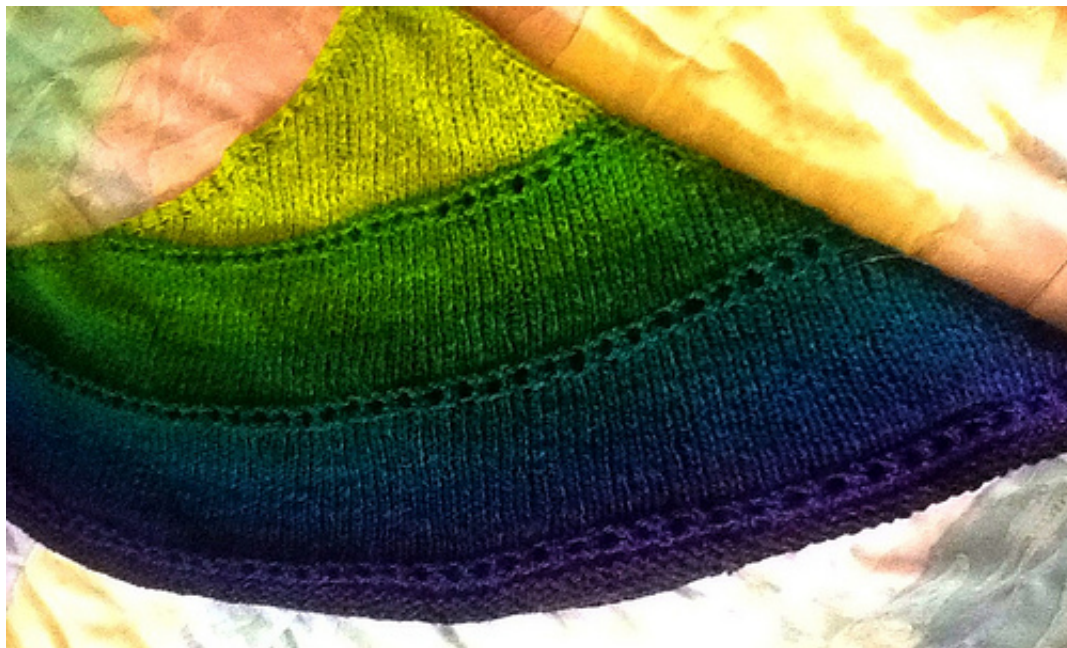
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Then I had to find a pattern for a shawl - something simple enough to let the yarn shine through. And I found this lovely free (!) pattern called [The Age of Brass and Steam Kerchief](#) which is quite adaptable size-wise. The knitting went very quickly, and voila! Yesterday I had a blocked shawl (I didn't stretch it much - this is wool and silk knit on a Size 7 needle, and I knit loosely, so it's going to drape beautifully without much help). See?



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See that little end there - the 6 inches or so? That's the yarn I had leftover from casting off -  
whew! I was really anxious that last row...

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Now it needs to be cold enough to wear it!

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