

Authentic or not? 'Shetland' knitting patterns 1840-1880 – Sources

The swatches on display were knit from 19th century patterns. Many pattern books are available online. The swatches chosen and their digitised pattern locations are listed below. Two useful lists of early knitting books are: Mostly Pointless Drivel blogpost from Feb. 23, 2012, '19th Century Knitting Sources Online':

<http://bookworm1860.blogspot.co.uk/2012/02/19th-century-knitting-sources-online.html> and Books and Writers: Knitting, English literature before 1910: <http://www.booksandwriters.co.uk/K/knitting--english-literature-before-1910.html>

Original pattern books may be consulted in the National Library of Scotland, the British Library, the National Art Library at the V&A, and the Knitting Reference Library at the Winchester School of Art. Historical and biographical information in the exhibition was compiled from pattern books and Richard Rutt's, *A History of Hand Knitting*, 1987.

Display case 1: Frances Lambert, 1846-1847

'Twelve Patterns for Shetland shawls, etc.' *The Hand-Book of Needlework, Decorative and Ornamental*, 5th ed., London: John Murray, 1846, p. 362-375.

<http://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=nyp.33433006773919;view=1up;seq=9>

'1. Zigzag Stripe Pattern'
'2. Leaf Pattern'
'3. Open Diamond Pattern'
'4. Shell Pattern'
'5. Leaf and Trellis Pattern'
'6. Rocket Pattern'

'7. Ladder Pattern'
'8. Oeillet Pattern'
'9. Fan Pattern'
'10. Spider Web Pattern'
'11. Star Pattern'
'12. Scallop Pattern'

Two more patterns from Lambert:

'Herringbone, or Shetland Stitch for a Purse', *The Hand-Book of Needlework, Decorative and Ornamental*, as above, p.418-419.

'Another Pretty Shetland Pattern' *My Knitting Book* (second series), London: John Murray, 1847, p.122-124.

http://viewer.soton.ac.uk/library/image/00394036/1/LOG_0000

Display case 2: Various authors, 1844-1878

Mrs Henry Owen, 1844

'Shetland Scarf', *The Illuminated Ladies' Book of Useful and Ornamental Needlework*, 2nd ed., London: Brooks, p.100-102.

<https://ia802306.us.archive.org/25/items/illuminatedladi00owengooq/illuminatedladi00owengooq.pdf>

Elizabeth Jackson, 1844-1845

'An Open Stitch for Shetland Shawls and Scarfs', *The Practical Companion to the Work Table*, London: Hamilton, Adams, & Co., p.72-73.

https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=ldwDAAAQAAJ&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs_ge_summary_r&cad=0#v=onepage&q&f=false

'A Beautiful Shetland Pattern', from *The Practical Companion to the Work-Table*, London: Simpkin, Marshall & Co., p.92-95. Includes 'Transparent Pattern for Shetland Shawls and Scarfs', p.72-73.

<https://ia801505.us.archive.org/14/items/krl00394023/krl00394023.pdf>

Miss Watts, 1845

'Shetland Wool Ruffle', *The Illustrated Knitting, Netting, & Crochet Book*, London: J. Miland, p.19-21. Not digitised, but contact Carol Christiansen at carol@shetland-museum.org.uk for a copy of this pattern.

Marie Jane Cooper, 1847

'Shetland Shawl Pattern', *The New Guide to Knitting & Crochet*, Hastings: Cooper, and London: Parry, Blenkarn & Co., p.14-15. Includes 'Shetland Knitted Scarf', p.16-17.

<https://ia601407.us.archive.org/22/items/newguidetoknitt00coopgoog/newguidetoknitt00coopgoog.pdf>

Mrs Warren, 1848

'Small Knitted Shetland Scarf', *The Drawing Room Magazine*, v.1, London: Houlston and Stoneman, p.337-338.

https://books.google.com.au/books?id=DlcEAAAAQAAJ&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs_ge_summary_r&cad=0#v=onepage&q&f=false

Esther Copley, 1849

Patterns 83-86, 'Small Shetland Pattern (sometimes called Spider-net)', p.38-39 and 'Pattern 110, Shetland Pattern – Single Leaf', p.46, *The Comprehensive Knitting Book*, London: Tegg and Co.

https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=IFkEAAAAQAAJ&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs_ge_summary_r&cad=0#v=onepage&q&f=false

Elvina Mary Corbould, 1878

'Shetland Veil', *The Lady's Knitting-Book*, second series, London: Hatchards, p.53-54.

<https://archive.org/details/krl00402940>

Display case 3: Jane Gaugain, 1842-1857

'Pattern XXIV, Handsome Square Knit Shawl', *The Lady's Assistant in Knitting, Netting, and Crochet Work*, 2nd vol., Edinburgh: I. J. Gaugain, 1842, p.105-117. <https://archive.org/details/krl00376346>

'Pattern XLIX, Very Handsome Shetland Scarf', *The Lady's Assistant in Knitting, Netting, and Crochet Work*, Vol. III, Edinburgh: I. J. Gaugain 1857, p.129-147.

<http://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=caia.ark:/13960/t03x9j98z;view=1up;seq=7>

'Pattern VI, Elegant Small Square Shetland Neckerchief', as above, 1857, p.28-29.

Mdlle Eléonore Riego de la Branchardiere, 1846-1867

'Shetland Shawl', 1846, *Knitting, Crochet and Netting*, London: S. Knights, p.21-25.

<https://ia801508.us.archive.org/33/items/krl00376347/krl00376347.pdf>

'Centre for Shetland Shawl', *The Knitting Book*, London: Simpkin, Marshall, 1848, p.32-35.

<https://archive.org/stream/krl00402915#page/n0/mode/2up>

'Round Shetland Veil', 1867, *The Abergeldie Winter Book*, London: Simpkin, Marshall & Co., p.24-25.

<https://archive.org/details/krl00376326>