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CLUE 2

Abbreviations

brk: brioche knit also known as bark, knit the stitch (that was slipped in the previous row) together with its yarn over.

brp: brioche purl also known as burp, purl the stitch (that was slipped in the previous row) together with its yarn over.

CO: cast on

k: knit

k2tog: knit 2 sts together

k3tog: knit 3 sts together

kfb: knit into front and back of stitch

kyo4k: (k1, yo) 4 times into the same stitch without taking the stitch off the left needle, k1 and then take the stitch off the left needle, resulting in 9 sts coming from 1 stitch. 8 sts increased.

kyok: k1, yo, then knit into that same stitch once more and take it off the left needle, resulting in 3 total sts coming out of 1 stitch. 2 increased sts.

m: marker

m1: (make 1) increase 1 stitch using the backwards loop cast on method

p: purl

pm: place marker

RS: right side

sl: slip stitch purl-wise unless instructed otherwise

sl1yo following a k or brk st: (slip 1 yarn over) bring the working yarn under the needle to the front of the work, slip the next stitch purl-wise, then bring the yarn over the needle (and over the slipped stitch) to the back, in position to work the following stitch.

sl1yo following a p or brp st: (slip 1 yarn over) working yarn is already in front, slip the next stitch purl-wise, then bring the yarn over the needle (and over the slipped stitch), then to the front under the needle, into position to work the following stitch.

slm: slip marker

ssk: (slip slip knit) slip first stitch knit-wise, slip second stitch knit-wise, knit those 2 sts together tbl

sssk: (slip slip slip knit) slip first stitch knit-wise, slip second stitch knit-wise, slip third stitch knit-wise, knit those 3 sts together tbl

st/s: stitch/es

tbl: through back loop

WS: wrong side

wyib: with yarn in back

wyif: with yarn in front

yo: yarn over

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Watch this Westknits video to assist with the techniques in Clue 2.

https://youtu.be/LDBgFEMyEnM

Mohair Dare: This wonderfully wavy section provides another great mohair moment if you want to add an optional lace weight mohair accent to your shawl. Color C is used as the main color in this section for some wavy eyelet stripes. You can substitute color C with 1 strand of lace weight mohair during this entire section OR hold 1 strand of lace weight mohair together with your fingering weight color C for a fluffy marled accent.

For another mohair modification, you could hold 1 strand of lace weight mohair together with colors A, B or D for a fluffy accent stripe during the short row Squiggles.

Get creative with your Mohair Dare color pops! I think it would look fabulous if just one of the color A, B or D garter stitch Squiggles was substituted with a color pop of mohair held double for an extra fluffy random Squiggle.

Yardage Note: These approximate yarn amounts per color are based on fingering weight yarn that contains 437yds / 400m per 100g skein. The yarn used in each section may vary slightly depending on your gauge and yarn type. Don't worry if your yarn usage is a bit different from mine. The final Clue 4 instructions will include size variations to help accommodate your remaining yarn.

These are the amounts per color that I used during Clue 2.
Color A - 18g (79yds / 72m)
Color B - 22g (96yds / 88m)
Color C - 13g (57yds / 52m)
Color D - 21g (92yds / 84m)

I added a Mohair Dare by holding one strand of lace weight mohair silk together with color C for some fluffy eyelet stripes. I used about 6g (57yds / 52m) of mohair.

INSTRUCTIONS

SECTION 2 - Squiggles

With RS facing, this section begins with color A and continues with the first 3 I-cord sts from Section 1 Scallop 3.

Squiggle 1

Row 1 (RS): Using A, k3, kfb, k48, k2tog, ssk, k49, k2tog, ssk, k37. 143 sts worked. There should be 15 sts remaining at the end of the row. Turn to work WS. 158 sts.

Row 2 (WS): K27, pm, k to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 3 (RS): K3, kfb, k to m, remove m, turn to work WS. 159 sts.

Row 4 (WS): K24, pm, k to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 5 (RS): K3, kfb, k to m, remove m, turn to work WS. 160 sts.

Row 6 (WS): K27, pm, k to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 7 (RS): K3, kfb, k to m, remove m, turn to work WS. 161 sts.

Row 8 (WS): K24, pm, k to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 9 (RS): K3, kfb, k to m, remove m, turn to work WS. 162 sts.

Row 10 (WS): K27, pm, k to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 11 (RS): K3, kfb, k to m, remove m, turn to work WS. 163 sts.

Row 12 (WS): K to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

There should be 7 color A garter ridges.

Break color A.

Eyelet Stripe 1

Follow these instructions along with the video tutorial to assist with "closing the short row gap".

k1 while closing the short row gap: Using left needle tip, pick up a garter bump below the stitch you just knit. Knit this picked-up stitch together with the next stitch on your left needle.

k2tog while closing the short row gap: Using left needle tip, pick up a garter bump below the stitch you just knit. Knit this picked-up stitch together with the next 2 stitches on your left needle. 1 stitch decreased.

Row 1 (RS): Using C, k3, kfb, k3, *k2tog 6 times, k1 while closing the short row gap, k7, m1, (k1, m1) 12 times, k7, k2tog while closing the short row gap, k2tog 5 times; repeat from * twice more, sl3 wyif. 167 sts.
Row 2 (WS): K3, (k2tog, yo) to last 4 sts, k1, sl3 wyif.

Carry color C along the edge while striping colors. When the pattern instructs to "Cross color C on top of your working yarn", this will twist the yarns around each other and trap color C along the WS of the I-cord edge.

Use color D for Squiggle 2 when Row 1 says "Using next color". The garter stitch short rows wedges, feature colors A, D, & B. You can use these 3 colors in any order that you like. A, D, B, A, D B, etc… or A, B, D, A, B, D, etc… Color C will always be used for the 2-row Eyelet Stripe.

Squiggle 2

Row 1 (RS): Using next color, k3, kfb, k to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif. 1 st increased.
Row 2 (WS): K15, pm, k to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 3 (RS): Cross color C on top of your working yarn. K3, kfb, k to m, remove m, turn to work WS. 1 st increased.
Row 4 (WS): K28, pm, k to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 5 (RS): Cross color C on top of your working yarn. K3, kfb, k to m, remove m, turn to work WS. 1 st increased.
Row 6 (WS): K24, pm, k to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 7 (RS): Cross color C on top of your working yarn. K3, kfb, k to m, remove m, turn to work WS. 1 st increased.
Row 8 (WS): K28, pm, k to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 9 (RS): Cross color C on top of your working yarn. K3, kfb, k to m, remove m, turn to work WS. 1 st increased.
Row 10 (WS): K24, pm, k to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 11 (RS): Cross color C on top of your working yarn. K3, kfb, k to m, remove m, turn to work WS. 1 st increased.
Row 12 (WS): K28, pm, k to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 13 (RS): Cross color C on top of your working yarn. K3, kfb, k to m, remove m, turn to work WS. 1 st increased.
Row 14 (WS): K to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

There should be 7 garter ridges.

Break yarn.

Eyelet Stripe 2

Row 1 (RS): Using C, k3, kfb, k11, *k2tog 6 times, k1 while closing the short row gap, k7, (m1, k1) 12 times, k8, k2tog while closing the short row gap, k2tog 5 times; repeat from * twice more, sl3 wyif. 175 sts.

Row 2 (WS): K3, (k2tog, yo) to last 4 sts, k1, sl3 wyif.

Squiggle 3

Repeat Squiggle 2 instructions once more with color B. 182 sts.

Eyelet Stripe 3

Row 1 (RS): Using C, k3, kfb, k19, *k2tog 6 times, k1 while closing the short row gap, k7, (m1, k1) 12 times, k8, k2tog while closing the short row gap, k2tog 5 times; repeat from * twice more, sl3 wyif. 183 sts.

Row 2 (WS): K3, (k2tog, yo) to last 4 sts, k1, sl3 wyif.

Squiggle 4

Repeat Squiggle 2 instructions once more with color A. 190 sts.

Eyelet Stripe 4

Row 1 (RS): Using C, k3, kfb, k27, *k2tog 6 times, k1 while closing the short row gap, k7, (m1, k1) 12 times, k8, k2tog while closing the short row gap, k2tog 5 times; repeat from * twice more, sl3 wyif. 191 sts.

Row 2 (WS): K3, (k2tog, yo) to last 4 sts, k1, sl3 wyif.

Squiggle 5

Repeat Squiggle 2 instructions once more with color D. 198 sts.

Eyelet Stripe 5

Row 1 (RS): Using C, k3, kfb, k35, *k2tog 6 times, k1 while closing the short row gap, k7, (m1, k1) 12 times, k8, k2tog while closing the short row gap, k2tog 5 times; repeat from * twice more, sl3 wyif. 199 sts.

Row 2 (WS): K3, (k2tog, yo) to last 4 sts, k1, sl3 wyif.

Squiggle 6

Repeat Squiggle 2 instructions once more with color B. 206 sts.

Eyelet Stripe 6

Row 1 (RS): Using C, k3, kfb, k43, *k2tog 6 times, k1 while closing the short row gap, k7, (m1, k1) 12 times, k8, k2tog while closing the short row gap, k2tog 5 times; repeat from * twice more, sl3 wyif. 207 sts.

Row 2 (WS): K3, (k2tog, yo) to last 4 sts, k1, sl3 wyif.

Squiggle 7

Repeat Squiggle 2 instructions once more with color A. 214 sts.

Eyelet Stripe 7

Row 1 (RS): Using C, k3, kfb, k51, *k2tog 6 times, k1 while closing the short row gap, k7, (m1, k1) 12 times, k8, k2tog while closing the short row gap, k2tog 5 times; repeat from * twice more, sl3 wyif. 215 sts.

Row 2 (WS): K3, (k2tog, yo) to last 4 sts, k1, sl3 wyif.

Squiggle 8

Repeat Squiggle 2 instructions once more with color D. 222 sts.

Eyelet Stripe 8

Row 1 (RS): Using C, k3, kfb, k59, *k2tog 6 times, k1 while closing the short row gap, k7, (m1, k1) 12 times, k8, k2tog while closing the short row gap, k2tog 5 times; repeat from * twice more, sl3 wyif. 223 sts.

Row 2 (WS): K3, (k2tog, yo) to last 4 sts, k1, sl3 wyif.

Break color C.

Squiggle 9

Repeat Squiggle 2 instructions once more with color B. 230 sts.

Break color B. Place 230 sts onto a spare needle or waste yarn.

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