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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 4.

<https://youtu.be/UgtV8U3E3iE>

Mohair Dare: You can hold 1 strand of lace weight mohair silk together with any of your 4 fingering weight colors for a fluffy marled accent. Now is the final chance to customize your colors and the size of your shawl for the grand finale. Be brave and make it your own. You're almost finished!

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 instructions in this clue include size variations to help accommodate your remaining yarn.

These are the amounts per color that I used during Clue 4.

Color A - 30g (131yds / 120m)

Color B - 33g (144yds / 132m)

Color C - 33g (144yds / 132m)

Color D - 33g (144yds / 132m)

There are 3 bands of Brioche Stitch or Garter Stitch in the border. Each of the 3 striped bands uses approximately 32 – 34g of yarn (16g or 17g of each color in one section of Brioche or Garter Stitch).

There are 2 Solid Stripes knitted in reverse stockinette stitch. Each 4-row Solid Stripe requires approximately 8g of yarn.

The I-cord BO requires approximately 12g of yarn total. I worked a Striped I-cord BO with 2 colors, using approximately 6g of each color (12g total).

INSTRUCTIONS

SECTION 5

Follow instructions for the Brioche Option to add a brioche border to your shawl or skip ahead to the Simple Stripes Option for a non-brioche border option.

Brioche Option

Each Brioche band uses approximately 16g or 17g of yarn for each color. I used about 16g of Color A and 16g of Color D for Brioche 1 instructions.

Brioche 1

Row 1 (RS): Using A, k74, pm, k to last 3 sts, m1, sl3 wyif. Do not turn. Slide sts to work the same side with color D. 479 sts.

Row 1 (RS): Using D, k3, p1, (sl1yo, p1) to m, slm, (sl1yo, p1) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif. Turn to work WS.

Row 2 (WS): Using A, k3, (sl1yo, brp1) to m, slm, sl1yo, (brp1, sl1yo) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif. Do not turn. Slide sts to work the same side with color D.

Row 2 (WS): Using D, k3, (brk1, sl1yo) to m, slm, brk1, (sl1yo, brk1) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif. Turn to work RS.

Pattern Repeat

Row 3 (RS): Using A, k3, sl1yo, brkyobrk, sl1yo, (brk1, sl1yo) to m, slm, (brk1, sl1yo) to last 5 sts, brkyobrk, sl1yo, sl3 wyif. Do not turn. Slide sts to work the same side with color D. 4 sts increased.

Row 3 (RS): Using D, k3, brp1, sl1yo, p1, (sl1yo, brp1) to m, slm, (sl1yo, brp1) to last 7 sts, sl1yo, p1, sl1yo, brp1, sl3 wyif. Turn to work WS.

Row 4 (WS): Using A, k3, (sl1yo, brp1) to m, slm, sl1yo, (brp1, sl1yo) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif. Do not turn. Slide sts to work the same side with color D.

Row 4 (WS): Using D, k3, (brk1, sl1yo) to m, slm, brk1, (sl1yo, brk1) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif. Turn to work RS.

Rows 5 – 8: Repeat Rows 3 & 4 of Pattern Repeat twice more. 491 sts. Break color A.

Customize the Size: You can skip ahead to the I-cord BO instructions after completing any Brioche section to finish your shawl early. Otherwise, keep going to make the border bigger!

Solid Stripe 1

I used about 8g of color B for this 4-row Solid Stripe.

Row 1 (RS): Using B, k4, brkyobrk, k1, (brk1, k1) to m, slm, (brk1, k1) to last 5 sts, brkyobrk, k1, sl3 wyif. 495 sts.

Row 2 (WS): K to m, slm, k to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 3 (RS): K3, p to m, slm, p to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 4 (WS): K to m, slm, k to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Break color B.

Brioche 2

I used about 17g of Color D and 17g of Color C for Brioche 2 instructions.

Row 1 (RS): Using D, k4, kyok, k to m, slm, k2tog 8 times, k1, (m1, k1) 16 times, *k1, k2tog 16 times, k1, (m1, k1) 16 times; repeat from * once more, k to last 5 sts, kyok, k1, sl3 wyif. Do not turn. Slide sts to work the same side with color C. 507 sts.

Row 1 (RS): Using C, k3, p1, (sl1yo, p1) to m, slm, (sl1yo, p1) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif. Turn to work WS.

Row 2 (WS): Using D, k3, (sl1yo, brp1) to m, slm, sl1yo, (brp1, sl1yo) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif. Do not turn. Slide sts to work the same side with color C.

Row 2 (WS): Using C, k3, (brk1, sl1yo) to m, slm, brk1, (sl1yo, brk1) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif. Turn to work RS.

Pattern Repeat

Row 3 (RS): Using D, k3, sl1yo, brkyobrk, sl1yo, (brk1, sl1yo) to m, slm, (brk1, sl1yo) to last 5 sts, brkyobrk, sl1yo, sl3 wyif. Do not turn. Slide sts to work the same side with color C. 4 sts increased.

Row 3 (RS): Using C, k3, brp1, sl1yo, p1, (sl1yo, brp1) to m, slm, (sl1yo, brp1) to last 7 sts, sl1yo, p1, sl1yo, brp1, sl3 wyif. Turn to work WS.

Row 4 (WS): Using D, k3, (sl1yo, brp1) to m, slm, sl1yo, (brp1, sl1yo) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif. Do not turn. Slide sts to work the same side with color C.

Row 4 (WS): Using C, k3, (brk1, sl1yo) to m, slm, brk1, (sl1yo, brk1) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif. Turn to work RS.

Rows 5 – 8: Repeat Rows 3 & 4 of Pattern Repeat twice more. 519 sts. Break color D.

Customize the Size: You can skip ahead to the I-cord BO instructions after completing any Brioche section to finish your shawl early. Otherwise, keep going to make the border bigger!

Solid Stripe 2

I used about 8g of color A for this 4-row Solid Stripe.

Row 1 (RS): Using A, k4, brkyobrk, k1, (brk1, k1) to m, slm, (brk1, k1) to last 5 sts, brkyobrk, k1, sl3 wyif. 523 sts.

Row 2 (WS): K to m, slm, k to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 3 (RS): K3, p to m, slm, p to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 4 (WS): K to m, slm, k to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Break color A.

Brioche 3

I used about 17g of Color C and 17g of Color B for Brioche 3 instructions.

Row 1 (RS): Using C, k4, kyok, k to m, slm, k2tog 8 times, k1, (m1, k1) 16 times, *k1, k2tog 16 times, k1, (m1, k1) 16 times; repeat from * once more, k to last 5 sts, kyok, k1, sl3 wyif. Do not turn. Slide sts to work the same side with color B. 535 sts.

Row 1 (RS): Using B, k3, p1, (sl1yo, p1) to m, slm, (sl1yo, p1) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif. Turn to work WS.

Row 2 (WS): Using C, k3, (sl1yo, brp1) to m, slm, sl1yo, (brp1, sl1yo) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif. Do not turn. Slide sts to work the same side with color B.

Row 2 (WS): Using B, k3, (brk1, sl1yo) to m, slm, brk1, (sl1yo, brk1) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif. Turn to work RS.

Pattern Repeat

Row 3 (RS): Using C, k3, sl1yo, brkyobrk, sl1yo, (brk1, sl1yo) to m, slm, (brk1, sl1yo) to last 5 sts, brkyobrk, sl1yo, sl3 wyif. Do not turn. Slide sts to work the same side with color B. 4 sts increased.

Row 3 (RS): Using B, k3, brp1, sl1yo, p1, (sl1yo, brp1) to m, slm, (sl1yo, brp1) to last 7 sts, sl1yo, p1, sl1yo, brp1, sl3 wyif. Turn to work WS.

Row 4 (WS): Using C, k3, (sl1yo, brp1) to m, slm, sl1yo, (brp1, sl1yo) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif. Do not turn. Slide sts to work the same side with color B.

Row 4 (WS): Using B, k3, (brk1, sl1yo) to m, slm, brk1, (sl1yo, brk1) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif. Turn to work RS.

Rows 5 – 8: Repeat Rows 3 & 4 of Pattern Repeat twice more. 547 sts. Break color B.

This is the recommended final size of the shawl for your 4 colors (100g each) of fingering weight yarn. Skip ahead to the I-cord BO to finish your Mystery MusiKAL shawl. If you want to make the shawl even larger, then repeat Solid Stripe 2 & Brioche 3 instructions once more or twice more. If you work additional repeats of Solid Stripe 2 & Brioche 3, then you will need more yarn. Dive into your stash and make the shawl your own!

Simple Stripes Option

Garter Stitch 1

This section uses approximately 16g of Color A and 16g of Color D.

Row 1 (RS): Using A, k74, pm, k to last 3 sts, m1, sl3 wyif. 479 sts.

Slip the stitch marker onto your right needle when you reach it.

Row 2 (WS): K to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 3 (RS): Using D, k3, m1, k to last 3 sts, m1, sl3 wyif. 481 sts.

Row 4 (WS): K to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Pattern Repeat

Row 5 (RS): Using A, k3, m1, k to last 3 sts, m1, sl3 wyif. 2 sts increased.

Row 6 (WS): K to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif. Turn to work WS.

Row 7 (RS): Using D, k3, m1, k to last 3 sts, m1, sl3 wyif. 2 sts increased.

Row 8 (WS): K to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif. Turn to work WS.

Rows 9 – 16: Repeat last 4 rows twice more, resulting in 4 stripes of each color. 493 sts. Break color A.

Customize the Size: You can skip ahead to the I-cord BO instructions after completing any Garter Stitch section to finish your shawl early. Otherwise, keep going to make the border bigger!

Solid Stripe 1

I used about 8g of color B for this 4-row Solid Stripe.

Row 1 (RS): Using B, k3, m1, k to last 3 sts, m1, sl3 wyif. 495 sts.

Row 2 (WS): K to m, slm, k to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 3 (RS): K3, m1, p to last 3 sts, m1, sl3 wyif. 497 sts.

Row 4 (WS): K to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Break color B.

Garter Stitch 2

This section uses approximately 17g of Color D and 17g of Color C.

Row 1 (RS): Using D, k3, m1, k to m, slm, k2tog 8 times, k1, (m1, k1) 16 times, k1, *k2tog 16 times, k1, (m1, k1) 16 times; repeat from * once more, k to last 3 sts, m1, sl3 wyif. 507 sts.

Row 2 (WS): K to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 3 (RS): Using C, k3, m1, k to last 3 sts, m1, sl3 wyif. 509 sts.

Row 4 (WS): K to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Pattern Repeat

Row 5 (RS): Using D, k3, m1, k to last 3 sts, m1, sl3 wyif. 2 sts increased.

Row 6 (WS): K to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 7 (RS): Using C, k3, m1, k to last 3 sts, m1, sl3 wyif. 2 sts increased.

Row 8 (WS): K to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Rows 9 – 16: Repeat last 4 rows twice more, resulting in 4 stripes of each color. 521 sts. Break color D.

Customize the Size: You can skip ahead to the I-cord BO instructions after completing any Garter Stitch section to finish your shawl early. Otherwise, keep going to make the border bigger!

Solid Stripe 2

I used about 8g of color A for this 4-row Solid Stripe.

Row 1 (RS): Using A, k3, m1, k to last 3 sts, m1, sl3 wyif. 523 sts.

Row 2 (WS): K to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 3 (RS): K3, m1, p to last 3 sts, m1, sl3 wyif. 525 sts.

Row 4 (WS): K to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Break color A.

Garter Stitch 3

This section uses approximately 17g of Color C and 17g of Color B.

Row 1 (RS): Using C, k3, m1, k to m, slm, k2tog 8 times, k1, (m1, k1) 16 times, k1, *k2tog 16 times, k1, (m1, k1) 16 times; repeat from * once more, k to last 3 sts, m1, sl3 wyif. 535 sts.

Row 2 (WS): K to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 3 (RS): Using B, k3, m1, k to last 3 sts, m1, sl3 wyif. 537 sts.

Row 4 (WS): K to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Pattern Repeat

Row 5 (RS): Using C, k3, m1, k to last 3 sts, m1, sl3 wyif. 2 sts increased.

Row 6 (WS): K to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 7 (RS): Using B, k3, m1, k to last 3 sts, m1, sl3 wyif. 2 sts increased.

Row 8 (WS): K to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Rows 9 – 16: Repeat last 4 rows twice more, resulting in 4 stripes of each color. 549 sts. Break color B.

This is the recommended final size of the shawl for your 4 colors (100g each) of fingering weight yarn. Continue with the I-cord BO to finish your Mystery MusiKAL shawl. If you want to make the shawl even larger, then repeat Solid Stripe 2 & Garter Stitch 3 instructions once more or twice more. If you work additional repeats of Solid Stripe 2 & Garter Stitch 3, then you will need more yarn. Dive into your stash and make the shawl your own!

I-cord BO

Use the color for Next Row (RS) that you want to feature for the I-cord BO. The next row and I-cord BO require approximately 12g of yarn. I used color B for the next Row and then I worked a striped I-cord BO with colors A & B.

Follow this row if you did the Brioche Option.

Next Row (RS): Using B, k4, brkyobr, k1, (brk1, k1) to m, remove m, (brk1, k1) to last 5 sts, brkyobr, k1, sl3 wyif. 551 sts.

Follow this row if you did the Garter Stitch Option

Next Row (RS): Using B, k3, m1, k to m, remove m, k to last 3 sts, m1, sl3 wyif. 551 sts.

BO all sts on the next WS row using an I-cord BO. You can work a striped I-cord BO with any 2 colors OR you can just work a regular I-cord BO with 1 color. If you work a regular I-cord BO with 1 color, then you will repeat "k2, k2tog tbl, sl3 sts onto left needle" with the same color until 6 final sts remain.

Striped I-cord BO Option

Next Row (WS): *(Using B, k2, k2tog tbl, slip 3 sts onto left needle) twice, (Using A, k2, k2tog tbl, slip 3 sts onto left needle) twice; repeat from * until 6 final sts remain.

Single Color I-cord BO Option

Next Row (WS): Using any color you like for the BO, *k2, k2tog tbl, slip 3 sts onto left needle; repeat from * to last 3 sts. 6 total sts remain.

Break yarn leaving an 6" / 15cm tail. Place the first 3 sts onto your right needle and the last 3 sts onto your left needle with the purl bumps facing each other and both needles pointing to the right. Graft the remaining 6 sts together.

Watch this Westknits video to assist with grafting sts together.

<https://youtu.be/Vks4ERYhU44>

FINISHING

Weave in ends and wet block the finished shawl to smooth the fabric.

Watch this Westknits video to assist with Weaving in Ends.

<https://youtu.be/33NkCgk27rQ>

Watch this Westknits video to assist with Blocking Your Shawl.

<https://youtu.be/MfNFwqaO5Y>

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