



MELTING MARL KERCHIEF

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Select five colors and melt them together with the fading marl technique. This little sideways shawl is beginner friendly and super quick to knit. The pattern is written for five colorways of West Wool Glowhair, but you can use as many colors as you like! The size is easy to customize by knitting more repeats for a larger kerchief or start decreasing earlier for an extra small size.



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Finished Measurements: 75" / 191cm wingspan length, 16" / 41cm at widest part in the center. Measurements taken after blocking.

Yarn: Lace weight held double

Yardage: Approximately 1000yds / 915m total

Color A - 200yds / 183m

Color B - 200yds / 183m

Color C - 200yds / 183m

Color D - 200yds / 183m

Color E - 200yds / 183m

Shown in: West Wool Glowhair (64% Mohair, 36% Mulberry Silk; 229yds / 210m per 25g ball)

Color A - White Peach (lightest)

Color B - Sherbert

Color C - Flamingo

Color D - Beatrix

Color E - Red Hot (darkest)

Needles: US 4 / 3.5mm circular in 24" / 60cm length or size needed to obtain gauge

Notions: Tapestry needle

Gauge: 20 sts & 32 rows = 4" / 10cm in moss stitch after blocking

Pattern Notes: "Using AB" means hold colors A & B together (1 strand of each color). Always hold two strands of yarn together throughout the entire project.

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Abbreviations

CO: cast on

k: knit

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

p: purl

RS: right side

sl: slip stitch purl-wise unless instructed otherwise

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

st/s: stitch/es

tbl: through back loop

WS: wrong side

wyif: with yarn in front

INSTRUCTIONS

Watch this Westknits video to assist with the I-cord Tab Cast On.

https://youtu.be/03_Jby1mRQ

“Using AB” means hold colors A & B together (1 strand of each color). Always hold two strands of yarn together throughout the entire project.

Using AB, CO 3 sts. *K3, sl3 sts onto left needle; repeat from * two more times, k3, pick up and k3 sts along the I-cord edge. Turn to work WS. 6 sts.

Next Row (WS): Pick up and k3 sts from the I-cord CO edge, k1, p1, k1, sl3 wyif. 9 sts.

Knit in the ends while introducing new strands of yarn for the marled stripes. Watch this Westknits video to assist with Knitting in the Ends for Marled Knitting.

https://youtu.be/gmu_HounuTw

INCREASES

Row 1 (RS): K3, m1, k1, p1, k1, sl3 wyif. 10 sts.

Row 2 (WS): K3, (p1, k1) twice, sl3 wyif.

Break color A and replace it with color C.

Row 3 (RS): Using BC, k3, (k1, p1) twice, sl3 wyif.

Row 4 (WS): K3, (k1, p1) twice, sl3 wyif.

Row 5 (RS): K3, m1, (p1, k1) twice, sl3 wyif. 11 sts.

Row 6 (WS): K3, (p1, k1) twice, p1, sl3 wyif.

Break color B and replace with with color D.

One strand of yarn is always changed every 4 rows. Always break the older color and replace it with a new color. The Fading Marl color sequence is... AB, BC, CD, DE, EA, AB, BC, etc... Continue fading the five colors throughout the entire project. Use CD for the next 4 rows where it says “Using next color combo”.

Pattern Repeat

Row 7 (RS): Using next color combo, k3, (p1, k1) to last 4 sts, p1, sl3 wyif.

Row 8 (WS): K3, (k1, p1) to last 4 sts, k1, sl3 wyif.

Row 9 (RS): K3, m1, (k1, p1) to last 4 sts, k1, sl3 wyif. 1 st increased.

Row 10 (WS): K3, (p1, k1) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 11 (RS): Using next color combo, k3, (k1, p1) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 12 (WS): K3, (k1, p1) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 13 (RS): K3, m1, (p1, k1) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif. 1 st increased.

Row 14 (WS): K3, (p1, k1) to last 4 sts, k1, sl3 wyif.

Repeat Rows 7 – 14 of Pattern Repeat 35 more times. 83 sts.

You can customize the size by knitting more repeats for a longer length or knit fewer repeats for a shorter length. The Increases section should use no more than half of your total yarn amounts. If you make the size much larger than the recommended sample size, you will need more yarn.

DECREASES

Pattern Repeat

Row 1 (RS): Using next color combo, k2, ssk, (k1, p1) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif. 1 st decreased.

Row 2 (WS): K3, (k1, p1) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 3 (RS): K3, (p1, k1) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 4 (WS): K3, (p1, k1) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 5 (RS): Using next color combo, k2, ssk, (p1, k1) to last 4 sts, p1, sl3 wyif. 1 st decreased.

Row 6 (WS): K4, (p1, k1) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 7 (RS): K4, (p1, k1) to last 3 sts, sl3 wyif.

Row 8 (WS): K3, (p1, k1) to last 4 sts, p1, sl3 wyif.

Repeat Rows 1 – 8 of Pattern Repeat 36 more times. 9 sts.

Next Row (RS): Using next color combo, k2, ssk, k1, p1, sl3 wyif. 8 sts.

Next Row (WS): K3, k1, p1, sl3 wyif.

Next Row (RS): K3, p1, k1, sl3 wyif.

Next Row (WS): K3, p1, k1, sl3 wyif.

Next Row (RS): Using next color combo, k2, ssk, p1, sl3 wyif. 7 sts.

Next Row (WS): K4, sl3 wyif.

Next Row (RS): K3, p1, sl3 wyif.

Next Row (WS): K4, sl3 wyif.

Next Row (RS): K2, ssk. 6 sts remain.



FINISHING

Break yarn leaving an 8" / 20cm 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 stitch.

Watch this Westknits video to assist with grafting the I-cord stitches together.

https://youtu.be/7yn6-iH2P_M

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

Watch this Westknits video to assist with weaving in the ends.

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

