



# GEOGRADIENT SHAWL

MYSTERY SHAWL KNIT ALONG 2023

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CLUE 1

Welcome to the 14th Westknits Mystery Shawl Knit Along (MKAL)! We are going to have so much fun knitting an out of this world shawl design. This year's shawl will be a geometric explosion of color using a gradient of four colors. Join me as I guide you through the mesmerizing stitches of this year's mystery shawl with video tutorials throughout October.



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**Yarn:** Fingering weight

**Yardage:** Approximately 1520yds / 1388m total

Color A - 380yds / 347m

Color B - 380yds / 347m

Color C - 380yds / 347m

Color D - 380yds / 347m

**Needles:** US 4 / 3.5mm in 40" / 100cm length or size needed to obtain gauge

1 spare circular needle the same size or smaller for holding sts OR waste yarn.

**Notions:** 4 stitch markers, tapestry needle

**Gauge:** 24 sts & 48 rows = 4" / 10cm in garter stitch before blocking

## Garter Stitch Swatch

If you would like to see how your colors interact, cast on 30 stitches and knit some colorful stripes, knitting on the right side and wrong side for garter stitch.

I recommend striping the colors by knitting 8 rows of each color, resulting in 4 garter ridges for each stripe like this...

Knit 8 rows with color A.

Knit 8 rows with color B.

Knit 8 rows with color C.

Knit 8 rows with color D.

Repeat those stripes again to see your A, B, C, D striping effect and check your stitch gauge.

## Westknits Workshops

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## Westknits Kits

We have dozens of curated color palettes to inspire your next Westknits project. Collect a Westknits kit at Stephen & Penelope! We ship worldwide!

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## Abbreviations

**BO:** bind off

**CO:** cast on

**k:** knit

**k2tog:** knit 2 sts together

**k3tog:** knit 3 sts together

**kfb:** knit into front and back of stitch

**m:** marker

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

**M1L:** (make 1 left) with left needle, lift strand between sts from the front, knit through the back loop

**M1R:** (make 1 right) with left needle, lift strand between sts from the back, knit through the front loop

**p2tog:** purl 2 sts together

**pm:** place marker

**RS:** right side

**sl:** slip stitch purl-wise unless instructed otherwise

**slm:** slip marker

**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

**wyib:** with yarn in back

**wyif:** with yarn in front

**yo:** yarn over

These are the original Clue 1 instructions. They are exactly the same as the instructions featured in the first Clue 1 PDF update. It features a multi-directional modular construction with stripes.

There is an alternate Clue 1 version on page 9. Follow the alternate instructions instead of this version for a simpler beginning to your Geogradient Shawl. The alternate Clue 1 instructions produce the same overall shape and size as the original Clue 1 instructions.

Check out the SPOILER thread in the MKAL 2023 Ravelry group to see what both this original Clue 1 and the alternate Clue 1 look like.

<https://www.ravelry.com/discuss/westknits-mkal-2023/4279759/1-25>

## CLUE 1 INSTRUCTIONS

Watch this Westknits video to assist with the techniques used in SECTIONS 1 – 8.

<https://youtu.be/tUE-cVqMp0E>

### SECTION 1

#### Stripe 1

Using A, CO 36 sts using the Long Tail CO method.

**Next Row (WS):** K1, k2tog, k32, sl1 wyif. 35 sts.

**Next Row (RS):** K to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Next Row (WS):** K1, k2tog, k to last st, sl1 wyif. 1 st decreased.

Repeat last 2 rows twice more, resulting in 4 garter ridges. 32 sts. Break color A.

Use color B for the next stripe. Weave in your ends as you knit using the Weavin' Stephen technique demonstrated in the technique video linked at the beginning of this section.

#### Stripe Pattern Repeat

Use a new color for Row 1.

**Row 1 (RS):** K to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Row 2 (WS):** K1, k2tog, k to last st, sl1 wyif. 1 st decreased.

Repeat last 2 rows 3 more times, resulting in 4 garter ridges. Break yarn.

Work Stripe Pattern Repeat twice more, using color C for the third stripe and color D for the fourth stripe.

There should be 32 sts after Stripe 1.  
There should be 28 sts after Stripe 2.  
There should be 24 sts after Stripe 3.  
There should be 20 sts after Stripe 4.

### SECTION 2

This section is attached to the previous section's live sts while it is being knit.

#### Stripe 1

Using A, CO 3 sts onto the left needle.

**Row 1 (RS):** K2, sl2 wyif (last color A st and next color D st). Turn to work WS. 4 sts.

**Row 2 (WS):** K2tog, k1, sl1 wyif. 3 sts.

**Row 3 (RS):** Kfb, k to last color A st, sl2 wyif (last color A st and next color D st). Turn to work WS. 5 sts.

**Row 4 (WS):** K2tog, kfb, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Row 5 (RS):** Kfb, k to last color A st, sl2 wyif (last color A st and next color D st). Turn to work WS. 7 sts.

**Row 6 (WS):** K2tog, kfb, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

Pay close attention to the end of Row 7. You will "sl3 wyif".

**Row 7 (RS):** Kfb, k to last color A st, sl3 wyif (last color A st and next 2 color D sts). Turn to work WS. 10 sts.

**Row 8 (WS):** K3tog, kfb, k to last st, sl1 wyif. 9 sts.

Break color A. Use color B for the next stripe.

#### Stripe Pattern Repeat

Use a new color for Row 1.

**Row 1 (RS):** Kfb, k to last st, sl2 wyif (last new color st and next color D st). Turn to work WS. 2 sts increased.

**Row 2 (WS):** K2tog, kfb, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Row 3 (RS):** Kfb, k to last st, sl2 wyif (last new color st and next color D st). Turn to work WS. 2 sts increased.

**Row 4 (WS):** K2tog, kfb, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Row 5 (RS):** Kfb, k to last st, sl2 wyif (last new color st and next color D st). Turn to work WS. 2 sts increased.

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**Row 7 (RS):** Kfb, k to last st, sl3 wyif (last new color st and next 2 color D sts). Turn to work WS. 3 sts increased.

**Row 8 (WS):** K3tog, kfb, k to last st, sl1 wyif. 1 st decreased.

Break yarn.

Work Stripe Pattern Repeat twice more. Use color C for the third stripe and color D for the fourth stripe.

There should be 9 sts after Stripe 1.  
There should be 17 sts after Stripe 2.  
There should be 25 sts after Stripe 3.  
There should be 33 sts after Stripe 4.

### Stripe 5

**Row 1 (RS):** Using A, kfb, k32, pick up and k4 along the left selvedge of SECTION 1, (m1, pick up and k4 along the left selvedge of SECTION 1) 3 times, pick up and knit 1 final st into the corner of SECTION 1. 54 sts.

**Row 2 (WS):** Kfb, k52, sl1 wyif. 55 sts.

**Row 3 (RS):** Kfb, k to last st, sl1 wyif. 1 st increased.

**Row 4 (WS):** Kfb, k to last st, sl1 wyif. 1 st increased.

Repeat last 2 rows twice more. 61 sts. Break color A.

### Stripe 6

Using B, repeat Rows 3 & 4 four more times. 69 sts. Break color B.

### Stripe 7

Using C, repeat Rows 3 & 4 four more times. 77 sts. Break color C.

### Stripe 8

Using D, repeat Rows 3 & 4 four more times. 85 sts. Break color D.

Place 85 sts onto waste yarn or a spare circular needle.

### SECTION 3

**Row 1 (RS):** Using A, pick up and k16 sts along the right edge of SECTION 1, (m1, pick up and k4 along the right edge of SECTION 2) 4 times. 36 sts.

**Row 2 (WS):** K1, k2tog, k32, sl1 wyif. 35 sts.

**Next Row (RS):** K to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Next Row (WS):** K1, k2tog, k to last st, sl1 wyif. 1 st decreased.

Repeat last 2 rows twice more, resulting in 4 garter ridges. 32 sts. Break color A.

Use color B for the next stripe.

#### Stripe Pattern Repeat

Use a new color for Row 1.

**Row 1 (RS):** K to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Row 2 (WS):** K1, k2tog, k to last st, sl1 wyif. 1 st decreased.

Repeat last 2 rows 3 more times, resulting in 4 garter ridges. Break yarn.

Work Stripe Pattern Repeat twice more. Use color C for the third stripe and color D for the fourth stripe.

There should be 32 sts after Stripe 1.  
There should be 28 sts after Stripe 2.  
There should be 24 sts after Stripe 3.  
There should be 20 sts after Stripe 4.

### SECTION 4

This section is attached to the previous section's live sts while it is being knit.

### Stripe 1

Using A, CO 3 sts onto the left needle.

**Row 1 (RS):** K2, sl2 wyif (last color A st and next color D st). Turn to work WS. 4 sts.

**Row 2 (WS):** K2tog, k1, sl1 wyif. 3 sts.

**Row 3 (RS):** Kfb, k to last color A st, sl2 wyif (last color A st and next color D st). Turn to work WS. 5 sts.

**Row 4 (WS):** K2tog, kfb, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Row 5 (RS):** Kfb, k to last color A st, sl2 wyif (last color A st and next color D st). Turn to work WS. 7 sts.

**Row 6 (WS):** K2tog, kfb, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

Pay close attention to the end of Row 7. You will "sl3 wyif".

**Row 7 (RS):** Kfb, k to last color A st, sl3 wyif (last color A st and next 2 color D sts). Turn to work WS. 10 sts.

**Row 8 (WS):** K3tog, kfb, k to last st, sl1 wyif. 9 sts.

Break color A. Use color B for the next stripe.

#### Stripe Pattern Repeat

Use a new color for Row 1.

**Row 1 (RS):** Kfb, k to last st, sl2 wyif (last new color st and next color D st). Turn to work WS. 2 sts increased.

**Row 2 (WS):** K2tog, kfb, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Row 3 (RS):** Kfb, k to last st, sl2 wyif (last new color st and next color D st). Turn to work WS. 2 sts increased.

**Row 4 (WS):** K2tog, kfb, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Row 5 (RS):** Kfb, k to last st, sl2 wyif (last new color st and next color D st). Turn to work WS. 2 sts increased.

**Row 6 (WS):** K2tog, kfb, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

Pay close attention to the end of Row 7. You will "sl3 wyif".

**Row 7 (RS):** Kfb, k to last st, sl3 wyif (last new color st and next 2 color D sts). Turn to work WS. 3 sts increased.

**Row 8 (WS):** K3tog, kfb, k to last st, sl1 wyif. 1 st decreased.

Break yarn.

Work Stripe Pattern Repeat twice more, using color C for the third stripe and color D for the fourth stripe.

There should be 9 sts after Stripe 1.  
There should be 17 sts after Stripe 2.  
There should be 25 sts after Stripe 3.  
There should be 33 sts after Stripe 4.

### Stripe 5

**Row 1 (RS):** Using A, kfb, k32, pick up and k4 along the left selvedge of SECTION 3, (m1, pick up and k4 along the left selvedge of SECTION 3) 3 times, pick up and knit 1 final st into the corner of SECTION 3, sl1 picked up selvedge st from SECTION 2 wyif. 55 sts.

**Row 2 (WS):** K2tog, kfb, k51, sl1 wyif. 55 sts.

**Row 3 (RS):** Kfb, k to last st, sl2 wyif (last st and next picked up selvedge st from SECTION 2). 2 sts increased.

**Row 4 (WS):** K2tog, kfb, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

Repeat last 2 rows twice more. 61 sts. Break color A.

### Stripe 6

Using B, repeat Rows 3 & 4 four more times. 69 sts. Break color B.

### Stripe 7

Using C, repeat Rows 3 & 4 four more times. 77 sts. Break color C.

### Stripe 8

Using D, repeat Rows 3 & 4 four more times. 85 sts. Break color D.

Place 85 sts onto waste yarn or a spare circular needle.

### SECTION 5

**Row 1 (RS):** Using A, pick up and k16 sts along the right edge of SECTION 3, (m1, pick up and k4 along the right edge of SECTION 4) 4 times. 36 sts.

**Row 2 (WS):** K1, k2tog, k32, sl1 wyif. 35 sts.

**Next Row (RS):** K to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Next Row (WS):** K1, k2tog, k to last st, sl1 wyif. 1 st decreased.

Repeat last 2 rows twice more, resulting in 4 garter ridges. 32 sts. Break color A.

Use color B for the next stripe.

### Stripe Pattern Repeat

Use a new color for Row 1.

**Row 1 (RS):** K to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Row 2 (WS):** K1, k2tog, k to last st, sl1 wyif. 1 st decreased.

Repeat last 2 rows 3 more times, resulting in 4 garter ridges. Break yarn.

Work Stripe Pattern Repeat twice more. Use color C for the third stripe and color D for the fourth stripe.

There should be 32 sts after Stripe 1.

There should be 28 sts after Stripe 2.

There should be 24 sts after Stripe 3.

There should be 20 sts after Stripe 4.

### SECTION 6

This section is attached to the previous section's live sts while it is being knit.

### Stripe 1

Using A, CO 3 sts onto the left needle.

**Row 1 (RS):** K2, sl2 wyif (last color A st and next color D st). Turn to work WS. 4 sts.

**Row 2 (WS):** K2tog, k1, sl1 wyif. 3 sts.

**Row 3 (RS):** Kfb, k to last color A st, sl2 wyif (last color A st and next color D st). Turn to work WS. 5 sts.

**Row 4 (WS):** K2tog, kfb, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Row 5 (RS):** Kfb, k to last color A st, sl2 wyif (last color A st and next color D st). Turn to work WS. 7 sts.

**Row 6 (WS):** K2tog, kfb, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

Pay close attention to the end of Row 7. You will "sl3 wyif".

**Row 7 (RS):** Kfb, k to last color A st, sl3 wyif (last color A st and next 2 color D sts). Turn to work WS. 10 sts.

**Row 8 (WS):** K3tog, kfb, k to last st, sl1 wyif. 9 sts.

Break color A. Use color B for the next stripe.



### Stripe Pattern Repeat

Use a new color for Row 1.

**Row 1 (RS):** Kfb, k to last st, sl2 wyif (last new color st and next color D st). Turn to work WS. 2 sts increased.

**Row 2 (WS):** K2tog, kfb, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Row 3 (RS):** Kfb, k to last st, sl2 wyif (last new color st and next color D st). Turn to work WS. 2 sts increased.

**Row 4 (WS):** K2tog, kfb, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Row 5 (RS):** Kfb, k to last st, sl2 wyif (last new color st and next color D st). Turn to work WS. 2 sts increased.

**Row 6 (WS):** K2tog, kfb, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

Pay close attention to the end of Row 7. You will "sl3 wyif".

**Row 7 (RS):** Kfb, k to last st, sl3 wyif (last new color st and next 2 color D sts). Turn to work WS. 3 sts increased.

**Row 8 (WS):** K3tog, kfb, k to last st, sl1 wyif. 1 st decreased.

Break yarn.

Work Stripe Pattern Repeat twice more, using color C for the third stripe and color D for the fourth stripe.

There should be 9 sts after Stripe 1.  
There should be 17 sts after Stripe 2.  
There should be 25 sts after Stripe 3.  
There should be 33 sts after Stripe 4.

### Stripe 5

**Row 1 (RS):** Using A, kfb, k32, pick up and k4 along the left selvedge of SECTION 5, (m1, pick up and k4 along the left selvedge of SECTION 5) 3 times, pick up and knit 1 final st into the corner of SECTION 5, sl1 picked up selvedge st from SECTION 4 wyif. 55 sts.

**Row 2 (WS):** K2tog, kfb, k51, sl1 wyif. 55 sts.

**Row 3 (RS):** Kfb, k to last st, sl2 wyif (last st and next picked up selvedge st from SECTION 4). 2 sts increased.

**Row 4 (WS):** K2tog, kfb, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

Repeat last 2 rows twice more. 61 sts. Break color A.

### Stripe 6

Using B, repeat Rows 3 & 4 four more times. 69 sts. Break color B.

### Stripe 7

Using C, repeat Rows 3 & 4 four more times. 77 sts. Break color C.

### Stripe 8

Using D, repeat Rows 3 & 4 four more times. 85 sts. Break color D.

Place 85 sts onto waste yarn or a spare circular needle.

## SECTION 7

### Stripe 1

Using A, pick up and k16 sts from the right selvedge of SECTION 5, (m1, pick up and k4) 4 times along the right selvedge of SECTION 6. 36 sts. Turn to work WS.

**Next Row (WS):** K1, k2tog, k32, ssk (last st together with a picked up st from the CO edge of SECTION 1). 35 sts.

**Next Row (RS):** Sl1 wyif, place yarn in back, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Next Row (WS):** K1, k2tog, k to last st, ssk (last st together with next picked up st from the CO edge of SECTION 1). 1 st decreased.

Repeat last 2 rows twice more, resulting in 4 garter ridges. 32 sts. Break color A.

Use color B for the next stripe.

### Stripe Pattern Repeat

**Row 1 (RS):** Sl1 wyif, place yarn in back. Using next color, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Row 2 (WS):** K1, k2tog, k to last st, ssk (last st together with next picked up st from the CO edge of SECTION 1). 1 st decreased.

**Row 3 (RS):** Sl1 wyif, place yarn in back, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Row 4 (WS):** K1, k2tog, k to last st, ssk (last st together with next picked up st from the CO edge of SECTION 1). 1 st decreased.

Repeat last 2 rows twice more, resulting in 4 garter ridges. Break yarn.

Work Stripe Pattern Repeat twice more. Use color C for the third stripe and color D for the fourth stripe.

There should be 32 sts after Stripe 1.  
There should be 28 sts after Stripe 2.  
There should be 24 sts after Stripe 3.  
There should be 20 sts after Stripe 4.

## SECTION 8

### Stripe 1

Using A, CO 3 sts onto the left needle.

**Row 1 (RS):** K2, sl2 wyif (last color A st and next color D st). Turn to work WS. 4 sts.

**Row 2 (WS):** K2tog, k1, ssk (last st together with next picked up st from the CO edge of SECTION 1). 3 sts.

**Row 3 (RS):** Sl1 wyif, place yarn in back, kfb, sl2 wyif (last color A st and next color D st). Turn to work WS. 5 sts.

**Row 4 (WS):** K2tog, kfb, k1, ssk (last st together with next picked up st from the CO edge of SECTION 1).

**Row 5 (RS):** Sl1 wyif, place yarn in back, kfb, k2, sl2 wyif (last color A st and next color D st). Turn to work WS. 7 sts.

**Row 6 (WS):** K2tog, kfb, k3, ssk (last st together with next picked up st from the CO edge of SECTION 1).

Pay close attention to the end of Row 7. You will "sl3 wyif".

**Row 7 (RS):** Sl1 wyif, place yarn in back, kfb, k4, sl3 wyif (last color A st and next 2 color D sts). Turn to work WS. 10 sts.

**Row 8 (WS):** K3tog, kfb, k5, ssk (last st together with next picked up st from the CO edge of SECTION 1). 9 sts.

Break color A. Use color B for the next stripe.

#### Stripe Pattern Repeat

**Row 1 (RS):** Sl1 wyif, place yarn in back. Using next color, kfb, k to last st, sl2 wyif (last new color st and next color D st). Turn to work WS. 2 sts increased.

**Row 2 (WS):** K2tog, kfb, k to last st, ssk (last st together with next picked up st from the CO edge of SECTION 1).

**Row 3 (RS):** Sl1 wyif, place yarn in back, kfb, k to last st, sl2 wyif (last new color st and next color D st). Turn to work WS. 2 sts increased.

**Row 4 (WS):** K2tog, kfb, k to last st, ssk (last st together with next picked up st from the CO edge of SECTION 1).

**Row 5 (RS):** Sl1 wyif, place yarn in back, kfb, k to last st, sl2 wyif (last new color st and next color D st). Turn to work WS. 2 sts increased.

**Row 6 (WS):** K2tog, kfb, k to last st, ssk (last st together with next picked up st from the CO edge of SECTION 1).

Pay close attention to the end of Row 7. You will "sl3 wyif".

**Row 7 (RS):** Sl1 wyif, place yarn in back, kfb, k to last st, sl3 wyif (last new color st and next 2 color D sts). Turn to work WS. 3 sts increased.

**Row 8 (WS):** K3tog, kfb, k to last st, ssk (last st together with next picked up st from the CO edge of SECTION 1). 1 st decreased.

Break yarn.

Work Stripe Pattern Repeat twice more. Use color C for the third stripe and color D for the fourth stripe.

There should be 9 sts after Stripe 1.

There should be 17 sts after Stripe 2.

There should be 25 sts after Stripe 3.

There should be 33 sts after Stripe 4.

### Stripe 5

**Row 1 (RS):** Sl1 wyif, place yarn in back. Using A, kfb, k31, pick up and k4 along the right selvedge of SECTION 7, (m1, pick up and k4 along the right selvedge of SECTION 7) 3 times, pick up and knit 1 final st into the corner of SECTION 7, sl1 picked up st from SECTION 6 wyif. 55 sts.

**Row 2 (WS):** K2tog, kfb, k51, ssk (last st together with next selvedge st from SECTION 2). 55 sts.

**Row 3 (RS):** Sl1 wyif, place yarn in back, kfb, k to last st, sl2 wyif (last st and next picked up selvedge st from SECTION 6). 2 sts increased.

**Row 4 (WS):** K2tog, kfb, k to last st, ssk (last st together with next selvedge st from SECTION 2).

Repeat last 2 rows twice more. 61 sts. Break color A.

### Stripe 6

**Row 1 (RS):** Sl1 wyif, place color A in back. Using B, kfb, k to last st, sl2 wyif (last st and next picked up selvedge st from SECTION 6). 2 sts increased.

**Row 2 (WS):** K2tog, kfb, k to last st, ssk (l last st together with next selvedge st from SECTION 2).

**Row 3 (RS):** Sl1 wyif, place yarn in back, kfb, k to last st, sl2 wyif (last st and next picked up selvedge st from SECTION 6). 2 sts increased.

**Row 4 (WS):** K2tog, kfb, k to last st, ssk (last st together with next selvedge st from SECTION 2).

Repeat last 2 rows twice more. 69 sts. Break color B.

### Stripe 7

**Row 1 (RS):** Sl1 wyif, place color B in back. Using C, kfb, k to last st, sl2 wyif (last st and next picked up selvedge st from SECTION 6). 2 sts increased.

**Row 2 (WS):** K2tog, kfb, k to last st, ssk (last st together with next selvedge st from SECTION 2).

**Row 3 (RS):** Sl1 wyif, place yarn in back, kfb, k to last st, sl2 wyif (last st and next picked up selvedge st from SECTION 6). 2 sts increased.

**Row 4 (WS):** K2tog, kfb, k to last st, ssk (last st together with next selvedge st from SECTION 2).

Repeat last 2 rows twice more. 77 sts. Break color C.

### Stripe 8

**Row 1 (RS):** Sl1 wyif, place color C in back. Using D, kfb, k to last st, sl2 wyif (last st and next picked up selvedge st from SECTION 6). 2 sts increased.

**Row 2 (WS):** K2tog, kfb, k to last st, ssk (last st together with next selvedge st from SECTION 2).

**Row 3 (RS):** Sl1 wyif, place yarn in back, kfb, k to last st, sl2 wyif (last st and next picked up selvedge st from SECTION 6). 2 sts increased.

**Row 4 (WS):** K2tog, kfb, k to last st, ssk (last st together with next selvedge st from SECTION 2).

Repeat last 2 rows twice more. 85 sts. Break color D.

Leave the 85 sts from SECTION 8 on the needle.

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<https://www.ravelry.com/groups/westknits-mkal-2023?s=tab>

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Each week during the MKAL, we will release a special weekly newsletter featuring participants' progress. Sign up for the Westknits newsletter at [www.westknits.com](http://www.westknits.com)!



## ALTERNATE CLUE 1 OPTION

Follow these alternate instructions if you would like to knit a simpler Clue 1 with all 4 colors. These instructions create a beautiful radiating striped pattern without the modular techniques and multi-directional construction in the original Clue 1 instructions on page 3 of this PDF. The Clue 1 YouTube tutorial linked at the beginning of page 3 only demonstrates the original Clue 1 instructions. These new alternate Clue 1 instructions include several individual video links to assist with the techniques featured in this version. Only knit one version of Clue 1, so choose the original version on page 3 OR this new simpler version here.

If you are knitting this alternate Clue 1 option, you will have plenty of yarn to knit the entire shawl. I had leftovers of all four colors at the end of my shawl. There are also options at the end of the shawl to customize the size by stopping early or maximizing the size to create a larger shawl during Clue 4.

Check out the SPOILER thread in the MKAL 2023 Ravelry group to see what the Clue 1 options look like.

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**k2tog:** knit 2 sts together

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**kfb:** knit into front and back of stitch

**m:** marker

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

**M1L:** (make 1 left) with left needle, lift strand between sts from the front, knit through the back loop

**M1R:** (make 1 right) with left needle, lift strand between sts from the back, knit through the front loop

**p2tog:** purl 2 sts together

**pm:** place marker

**RS:** right side

**sl:** slip stitch purl-wise unless instructed otherwise

**slm:** slip marker

**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

**wyib:** with yarn in back

**wyif:** with yarn in front

**yo:** yarn over

## SECTION 1

Using A, CO 8 sts using Emily Ocker's circular cast on method. Watch this video at the 6:04 minute mark to learn how to work this cast on.

<https://youtu.be/3Wx5SzJEQqM>

You can also just CO 8 sts using the Long tail CO method as well for an easier cast on technique. Watch this Westknits video to assist with the Long Tail CO method.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mwLE60tEK5Q&t=8s>

Once you have 8 sts cast on, place marker and join to work in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts. Use your long circular needle and the Magic Loop Method to begin working in the round for Rnd 1. Watch this Westknits video to assist with the Magic Loop technique.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hpFHbHmrCcc>

**Rnd 1:** (K1, m1) 8 times. 16 sts.

**Rnd 2:** (P1, pm, p2, pm, p1) 4 times.

### Pattern Repeat

**Rnd 3:** (K1, slm, M1L, k to m, M1R, slm, k1) 4 times. 8 sts increased.

**Rnd 4:** (P1, slm, p to m, slm, p1) 4 times.

Repeat last 2 rows 3 more times, resulting in 5 color A garter ridges. 48 sts. Break color A.

Use the Weavin' Stephen technique to weave in your ends as you knit. Watch this Westknits video to assist with this technique.

<https://youtu.be/Fz292NAjH2M>

Using B, Repeat Rnds 3 & 4 of Pattern Repeat 4 times, resulting in 4 color B garter ridges. 80 sts. Break color B.

Using C, Repeat Rnds 3 & 4 of Pattern Repeat 4 times, resulting in 4 color C garter ridges. 112 sts. Break color C.

Using D, Repeat Rnds 3 & 4 of Pattern Repeat 4 times, resulting in 4 color D garter ridges. 144 sts. Break color D.

Using A, Repeat Rnds 3 & 4 of Pattern Repeat 4 times, resulting in 4 color A garter ridges. 176 sts. Break color A.

Using B, Repeat Rnds 3 & 4 of Pattern Repeat 4 times, resulting in 4 color B garter ridges. 208 sts. Break color B.

Using C, Repeat Rnds 3 & 4 of Pattern Repeat 4 times, resulting in 4 color C garter ridges. 240 sts. Break color C.

Using D, Repeat Rnds 3 & 4 of Pattern Repeat 4 times, resulting in 4 color D garter ridges. 272 sts. Break color D.

Using A, Repeat Rnds 3 & 4 of Pattern Repeat 4 times, resulting in 4 color A garter ridges. 304 sts. Break color A.

Using B, Repeat Rnds 3 & 4 of Pattern Repeat 3 times, resulting in 3 color B garter ridges. 328 sts. Continue using color B for the Next Rnd.

**Next Rnd:** (K1, slm, M1L, m1, k to m, M1R, slm, k1) 4 times. 340 sts.

**Next Rnd:** (P1, slm, p to m, slm, p1) 4 times.

Break color B. There should be 4 color B garter ridges. Keep these 340 sts on your needle.