

BASELINE

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Triangular garter stitch shawl with an i-cord border. The striping is rather striking, especially using high contrast yarns. The shawl is quite sizeable and in the shawl territory, but you will be adding width in sections and you can simply choose to stop adding sections at any time for a smaller shawl. Kidsilk Lace adds a wonderful fuzzy texture and a delicate translucent effect.

Try carrying your striping yarns inside the i-cord edge, instead of cutting after every stripe. It's easy, just make sure the working colour is picked up from underneath the resting colour and the yarns will be carried up practically invisibly. The working colour will wrap around the resting colour.

Make sure you keep the i-cord stitches **very loose**, especially at the beginning of the shawl. The very tip of my shawl curled a bit, but it relaxed after a bath and it blocked smooth.

Whether you are using commercially dyed yarn or lovely hand-dyed skeins, please keep in mind that colours might bleed. None of the examples shown bled, but I always knit up a sample and wash as you would my finished item to be sure. Please use common sense, reds and crazy pinks tend to bleed the most, any red/white combo is probably not a good idea. (We separate laundry, right?)

To minimise bleeding, gently soak the swatch and finished item in cold water with a mild detergent or wool wash. The gentler you wash your project the better it will look over time.

FINISHED SIZE

Approx. 170cm wingspan and 120cm deep.

NEEDLE

4mm, circular would work best due to large number of stitches towards the end. The shawl is knitted flat.

YARN

Red stripes:

A: 1x Sporty Merino - Zephyr
B: 1x Sporty Merino - Graphite
C: 1x Sporty Merino Juniper
1x Kidsilk Lace - Pucker

Green yellow:

A: 1x Sporty Merino - Fly
B: 1x Sporty Merino - Graphite
C: 1x Sporty Merino Wildcard
1x Kidsilk Lace - Fly

GAUGE

20 stitches and 18 rows = 10cm in garter stitch. Measurement taken after washing and laying flat to block.

ABBREVIATIONS

RS - right side
WS - wrong side
p - purl
k - knit
sts - stitches
m - marker
pm - place marker
slm - slip marker
k - knit
yo - yarn over
cdd - central double decrease - slip 2 together
knitwise, k1, pass first two stitches over the one
just knitted.
wyif - with yarn in front

INSTRUCTIONS:

Setup:

Cast on 3, knit 6 rows of i-cord. Do not turn work and pick up 5 along the i-cord, then pick up another 3 from cast on edge. Total stitches on the needle - 11.

Section 1: Use Colour A.

Row 1, (RS): k4, yo, cdd, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif
Row 2, (WS): k4, yo, k until 4 sts, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif
Row 3, (RS): k4, yo, **k1, cdd, k1**, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif
Row 4, (WS): k4, yo, k until 4 sts, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif
Row 5, (RS): k4, yo, **k2, cdd, k2**, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif
Row 6, (WS): k4, yo, k until 4 sts, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif
Row 7, (RS): k4, yo, **k to cdd, cdd, k to 4 sts before the end of row**, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif
Row 8, (WS): k4, yo, k until 4 sts, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Repeat Rows 7 and 8, until you have 49 stitches on the needle.

Row 39, (RS): k4, yo, k19, cdd, k19, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Row 40, (WS): k until 4 sts, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Row 41, (RS): k4, yo, k20, cdd, k19, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Row 42, (WS): k until 4 sts, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Looking at RS, you should have: 26 sts right side, central stitch, 24 sts left side. (51 sts.)

Section 2:

Row 1, (RS): k4, yo, k1, yo, k1, pm, yo, k19, cdd, k19, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Row 2, (WS): k until m, slm, k1, yo, k until 4sts, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Row 3, (RS): k4, yo, **k1, cdd, k1**, yo, k1, slm, yo, k19, cdd, k19, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Row 4, (WS): k until m, slm, k1, yo, k until 4sts, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Row 5, (RS): k4, yo, **k2, cdd, k2**, yo, k1, slm, yo, k19, cdd, k19, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Row 6, (WS): k until m, slm, k1, yo, k until 4sts, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Row 7, (RS): k4, yo, **k3, cdd, k3**, yo, k1, slm, yo, k19, cdd, k19, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Row 8, (WS): k until m, slm, k1, yo, k until 4sts, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Row 9, (RS): k4, yo, **k to cdd, cdd, k to 1 stitch before marker**, yo, k1, slm, yo, k19, cdd, k19, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Row 10, (WS): k until m, slm, k1, yo, k until 4sts, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Repeat rows 9 and 10 fourteen more times.



Section 2 continued:

Row 39, (RS): k4, yo, **k19, cdd, k19**, yo, k1, remove marker, yo, k19, cdd, k19, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Row 40, (WS): k until 4 sts, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Row 41, (RS): k4, yo, **k20, cdd, k19**, yo, k1, yo, k19, cdd, k19, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Row 42, (WS): k until 4 sts, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Looking at RS, in the new section you should have: 26 sts right side, central stitch, 24 sts left side + Section 1 stitches. (93 sts. in total)

Start striping Kidsilk Lace at approx. 65g of Sporty Merino Left. Approx. Row 16 in Section 3. Stripe sequence is in the notes. There was plenty of yarn leftover, you shouldn't be short of any colours.

Section 3:

Row 1, (RS): k4, yo, k1, yo, k1, pm, (yo, k19, cdd, k19, yo, k1) twice, slip 3 wyif

Row 2, (WS): k until m, slm, k1, yo, k until 4sts, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Row 3, (RS): k4, yo, **k1, cdd, k1**, yo, k1, slm, (yo, k19, cdd, k19, yo, k1) twice, slip 3 wyif

Row 4, (WS): k until m, slm, k1, yo, k until 4sts, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Row 5, (RS): k4, yo, **k2, cdd, k2**, yo, k1, slm, (yo, k19, cdd, k19, yo, k1) twice, slip 3 wyif

Row 6, (WS): k until m, slm, k1, yo, k until 4sts, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Row 7, (RS): k4, yo, **k3, cdd, k3**, yo, k1, slm, (yo, k19, cdd, k19, yo, k1) twice, slip 3 wyif

Row 8, (WS): k until m, slm, k1, yo, k until 4sts, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Row 9, (RS): k4, yo, **k to cdd, cdd, k to 1 stitch before marker**, yo, k1, slm, (yo, k19, cdd, k19, yo, k1) twice slip 3 wyif

Row 10, (WS): k until m, slm, k1, yo, k until 4sts, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Repeat rows 9 and 10 fourteen more times.

Row 39, (RS): k4, yo, **k19, cdd, k19**, yo, k1, remove marker, (yo, k19, cdd, k19, yo, k1) twice, slip 3 wyif

Row 40, (WS): k until 4 sts, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Row 41, (RS): k4, yo, **k20, cdd, k19**, yo, k1, (yo, k19, cdd, k19, yo, k1) twice, slip 3 wyif

Row 42, (WS): k until 4 sts, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Looking at RS, in the new section you should have: 26 sts right side, central stitch, 24 sts left side + Section 1 and 2 stitches. (135 sts.)

Section 4:

Row 1, (RS): k4, yo, k1, yo, k1, pm, (yo, k19, cdd, k19, yo, k1) three times, slip 3 wyif

Row 2, (WS): k until m, slm, k1, yo, k until 4sts, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Row 3, (RS): k4, yo, **k1, cdd, k1**, yo, k1, slm, (yo, k19, cdd, k19, yo, k1) three times, slip 3 wyif

Section 4 continued:

Row 4, (WS): k until m, slm, k1, yo, k until 4sts, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Row 5, (RS): k4, yo, **k2, cdd, k2**, yo, k1, slm, (yo, k19, cdd, k19, yo, k1) three times, slip 3 wyif

Row 6, (WS): k until m, slm, k1, yo, k until 4sts, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Row 7, (RS): k4, yo, **k3, cdd, k3**, yo, k1, slm, (yo, k19, cdd, k19, yo, k1) three times, slip 3 wyif

Row 8, (WS): k until m, slm, k1, yo, k until 4sts, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Row 9, (RS): k4, yo, **k to cdd, cdd, k to 1 stitch before marker**, yo, k1, slm, (yo, k19, cdd, k19, yo, k1) three times slip 3 wyif

Row 10, (WS): k until m, slm, k1, yo, k until 4sts, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Repeat rows 9 and 10 fourteen more times.

Row 39, (RS): k4, yo, **k19, cdd, k19**, yo, k1, remove marker, (yo, k19, cdd, k19, yo, k1) three times, slip 3 wyif

Row 40, (WS): k until 4 sts, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Row 41, (RS): k4, yo, **k20, cdd, k19**, yo, k1, (yo, k19, cdd, k19, yo, k1) three times, slip 3 wyif

Row 42, (WS): k until 4 sts, yo, k1, slip 3 wyif

Looking at RS, in the new section you should have: 26 sts right side, central stitch, 24 sts left side + Section 1 and 2 stitches. (177 sts.)

Section 5:

Like section 4, but you will be repeating (yo, k19, cdd, k19, yo, k1) four times. (219 sts.)

Section 6:

Like section 4, but you will be repeating (yo, k19, cdd, k19, yo, k1) five times. (261 sts.)

Section 7:

Like section 4, but you will be repeating (yo, k19, cdd, k19, yo, k1) six times. (303 sts.)

Section 8:

Like section 4, but you will be repeating (yo, k19, cdd, k19, yo, k1) seven times. (343 sts, see note below)

After 8 sections, your shawl should be plenty big. Finish the striping sequence, without adding any further sections. So, once you get to:

Row 39, (RS): k4, yo, **k19, cdd, k19**, yo, k1, remove marker, (yo, k19, cdd, k19, yo, k1) seven times, slip 3 wyif

Row 40, (WS): k until 3 sts, slip 3 wyif.

Just repeat these two rows, without increasing on the WS.

After you have finished your striping sequence: Bind off on RS using i-cord bind off. Turn the corner first by working 2 rows of i-cord blind (not attached) before *k2, k2tog tbl, slip 3 sts onto left needle, repeat from * until 6 stitches remain, Kitchener these together for a seamless finish.

Finishing:

Block lightly. I like to soak the project in a cold tap water with a bit of washing up liquid, and then I use the spin cycle on the washing machine (usually the shortest cycle, spin only) to remove excess water before laying out flat.



Stripe Sequence:

2 rows Kidsilk Lace
8 rows Colour A
3 times

Then:
2 rows Kidsilk Lace
6 rows Colour A
3 times

Then:
2 rows Kidsilk Lace
4 rows Colour A
3 times

Then:
2 rows Kidsilk Lace
2 rows Colour A
3 times

Cut Colour A, join in Colour B:

2 rows Kidsilk Lace
2 rows Colour B (Graphite)
3 times

Then:
2 rows Kidsilk Lace
4 rows Colour B (Graphite)
3 times

Then:
2 rows Kidsilk Lace
6 rows Colour B (Graphite)
3 times

Then:
2 rows Kidsilk Lace
8 rows Colour B (Graphite)
3 times

Cut Colour B, join in Colour C:

2 rows Kidsilk Lace
8 rows Colour C
3 times

Then:
2 rows Kidsilk Lace
6 rows Colour C
3 times

Then:
2 rows Kidsilk Lace
4 rows Colour C
3 times

Then:
2 rows Kidsilk Lace
2 rows Colour C
3 times

Hedgehog fibres

Hand-dyed yarns

