

Twelve Days of Knitmas

a mystery knit-along
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Thanks so much for joining us on the Twelve Days of Knitmas Mystery Knit-Along!

Beginning December 26th, you'll receive one clue each day for twelve days. The clues will be added to your Ravelry library. Sign up for our [email list](#) and you'll get the clues right in your inbox. Email subscribers will get added bonuses, including some delicious cocktail recipes from our collection, so sign up now!

While the pattern will remain a mystery until December 26th, here's what you need to know to get ready:

Day Zero

Sizes: 8" x 108" (24" x 108")/ 20.5cm x 275cm (61cm x 275cm), or length as desired.

Needles: US 5/ 3.75mm or size to obtain gauge in SS, and US 6/ 4.0cm or size to obtain gauge in colorwork.

*It is recommended to change needle sizes if you are new to colorwork (the pattern is simple, don't worry!) or have tighter stitches when knitting colorwork.

Gauge: 26 stitches and 36 rows = 4"/ 10cm over Stockinette stitch and over colorwork.

Yarn: fingering weight in four colors; 117 yards/ 107 meters (350 yards/ 321 meters) of each color.

Notions: stitch markers, tapestry needle.

Samples knit in: Nomadic Knits Twelve Days of Knitmas 2021 kits in Team Melissa and Team Becky.

Can you help me choose colorway combinations?

Sure! We've curated two kits on our website: Team Becky and Team Melissa.

For stash divers, here's a guide for creating your own combination:

Color 1: a bold solid/ semi-solid color.

Color 2: a speckled colorway - best if the speckles include bits of Colors 1, 3, and 4.

Color 3: another solid/ semi-solid color, with or without some more speckles.

Color 4: a soft neutral color.

All colorways should be in similar weight (fingering), but let's mix up those bases! Merino, merino-nylon, merino-nylon-cashmere, single ply, two ply, four ply, bring it all!

Please remember - this is just knitting and there are no hard and fast rules for color selections. Choose what makes your heart happy.

Don't be intimidated by the long list of abbreviations; we won't be using all of them.

We hope you'll join our [Facebook group](#) to knit along with us! We'll be having tons of fun and giving away awesome prizes.

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Day One - Lumps of coal...

This stitch pattern was borrowed from the Lumpy Hat and Socks which will be introduced in issue eleven : head over heels. It's a variable ribbing that changes from 1x1 to 2x2, with the knits and purls shifting their positions every fourth row. There's a gentle rhythm that emanates from my fingers as I knit ribbing, and changing this up every few rows keeps my mind engaged enough to be interesting, but not too much that I can't socialize with my lingering Christmas guests or catch up on my favorite shows.

Notes: The pattern directions are written as: scarf (shawl). For example, CO 100 (300) means the scarf knitters CO 100 and the shawl knitters CO 300. This notation will be used throughout the pattern.

Each section of the pattern will include the approximate weight (in grams) used for that section. We did this to help you determine how much wiggle room you have for modifying the pattern if you decide to add length, skip a day, sub in colors, etc.

The edges of the scarf and shawl are worked in faux i-cord - slipping the last 3 sts with the yarn in front every row - to create a clean border. Join the next color before slipping the last 3 sts of the row before by laying the yarn between the needles with the tail sticking out the RS of the work. Don't stress if you haven't done it before; it's easy!

Most of all, have fun!

It's cast-on day!

Directions

Using C1 and gauge needles (the smaller ones), cast on 100 (300) sts using the cable cast-on or your favorite not-very-stretchy CO.

Setup Row (WS): k2tog x 3, [k2tog, p2tog] to last 6 sts, k2tog x 3. 50 (150) sts.

Note: Place a removable stitch marker (progress keeper) on one of the first few stitches in the next row to mark the RS. Use it to keep track of your daily progress by moving it to your daily starting row, if you wish.

Refer to written directions or chart below.

Row 1 (RS): k3, work Row 1 of Lumpy Stitch pattern to last 3 sts, sl 3 wyif.

Row 2 (WS): k3, work next row of Lumpy Stitch pattern to last 3 sts, sl 3 wyif.

Work in established pattern of Row 2, working the next row of Lumpy Stitch pattern with faux i-cord edging, until you have worked Rows 1 - 16 twice and then Rows 1 - 8 once more. Cut C1.

Using C2:

Maintaining edge pattern, work Lumpy Stitch Rows 9 & 10. Cut C2.

Using C3:

Maintaining edge pattern, work Lumpy Stitch Rows 11 - 16, then Rows 1 - 8. Cut C3.

Lumpy Stitch Pattern

Row 1 (RS): [k1, p1] across.

Row 2 (WS): [k1, p1] across.

Rows 3 & 4: as Rows 1 & 2.

Row 5: [k2, p2] across.

Row 6: [k2, p2] across.

Rows 7 & 8: as Rows 5 & 6.

Row 9: [p1, k1] across.

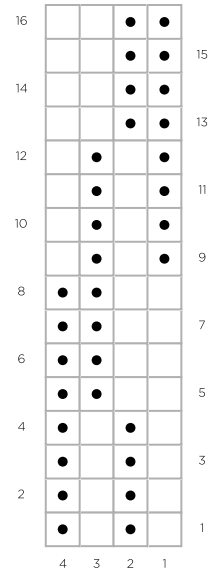
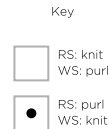
Row 10: [p1, k1] across.

Rows 11 & 12: as Rows 9 & 10.

Row 13: [p2, k2] across.

Row 14: [p2, k2] across.

Rows 15 & 16: as Rows 13 & 14.



Yarn used:

Approximately 3 grams for every 15 (5) rows.

C1 - 8 (24) grams

C2 - 0.5 (1.5) grams

C3 - 3 (8.5) grams

C4 - 0 grams

ABBREVIATIONS

BO
bind off

BOR
beginning of round

C1 - C4
colors 1 - 4

cn
cable needle

CC
contrasting color

CO
cast on

dec'd
decreased

DPN
double-pointed needle

GS
garter stitch

GSR
German short row

inc'd
increased

k
knit

KFB
knit 1 into front and back of a stitch;
single knit increase

ktbl
knit through back loop

k1b
knit 1 below

k2tog
knit 2 stitches together; single right-
leaning decrease

k3tog
knit 3 stitches together; double right-
leaning decrease

LH
left hand

m
marker

m1
make one stitch knitwise; single knit
increase

m1P
make one stitch purlwise

m1R
make one right; single right-leaning knit
increase

m1L
make one left; single left-leaning knit
increase

MC
main color

N
needle

p
purl

PFB
purl 1 into front and back of a stitch;
single purl increase

pm
place marker

p2tog
purl 2 stitches together; single decrease

pssso
pass slipped stitch over

ptbl
purl through back loop

rep
repeat

RH
right hand

rnd(s)
round(s)

RS
right side

sl
slip stitch purlwise

sl 3 wyif
slip 3 stitches with yarn in front (this
means the side facing you as you're
knitting)

skpo
slip 1 knitwise, knit 1, pass slipped st over

sk2po
slip 1 knitwise, k2tog, pass slipped st
over

sm
slip marker

ssk
slip 2 stitches knitwise, knit these 2
stitches together through back loops;
single left-leaning decrease

st
stitch

sts
stitches

SS
stockinette stitch

tbl
through back loop

tog
together

WS
wrong side

w&t
wrap and turn

wyib
with yarn in back

wyif
with yarn in front

yo
yarn over

1x1 ribbing
(k1, p1) repeat