

SHOCKWAVES

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Shockwaves is a light and airy wrap of generous proportions. A pleasant and easy knit, great for showcasing all your cherished speckled skeins. You'll need 4 colours of Hedgehog Fibres Skinny Singles yarn. Simple construction will let your yarns shine. You can either opt for a nice contrasting colours (Electric blue version) or go for an all speckle look (Fool's Gold gray version). No need to cut your yarn for the stripes, carry it inside the i-cord edge!

It's an ideal project for Hedgehog Fibres Skinny club yarns, past and present!

Finished size:

Approx. 240cm x 53 cm at the recommended gauge and light blocking.



**Tools and notions:**

4mm needle, circular or straight.
Tapestry needle and a small scale.

Yarn:

Electric blue version:

1 skein each of Hedgehog Fibres Skinny Singles:
Colour A: Birthday Cake
Colour B: Typewriter
Colour C: Electric
Colour D: Monarch

Fool's Gold gray version:

1 skein each of Hedgehog Fibres Skinny Singles
Colour A: Zephyr
Colour B: Construct
Colour C: Fool's Gold
Colour D: Salty Tales

Needle:

4mm, circular or straight, the garment is knitted flat. If you are a tight knitter use 4.25mm needle.

Gauge:

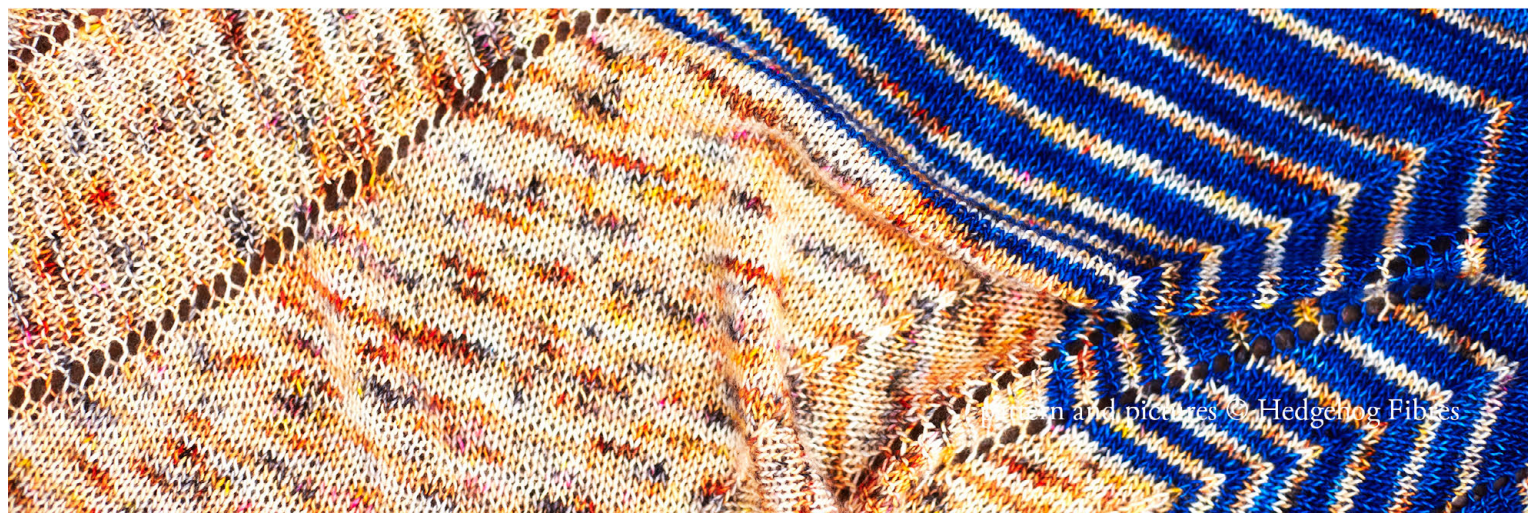
23 stitches and 26 rows is 10cm in garter stitch after light blocking. Gauge is not too important, but the recommended yarn will grow a bit after light blocking, especially at such an airy gauge. Block your swatch before you consider adding extra stitches to the width of the wrap.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Cast on 3, knit 128 rows of i-cord. Then pick up 128 along the i-cord, and pick up another 3 from cast on edge without turning work to the WS. Total stitches on the needle - 134.

Row 1 (RS): k8, yo, k9, cdd, k9, yo, k20, yo, k39, cdd, k9, yo, k5, yo, k9, cdd, k9, yo, k5, slip3 wyif
Row 2 (WS): k8, p21, k5, p51, k20, p21, k5, slip 3 wyif

cdd - central double decrease: slip two stitches together knitwise, k1, pass the two stitches over.
wyif - with yarn in front



Repeat the two rows, until 45g of colour A left. Start striping your yarns as follows:

Stripe sequence:

2 rows Colour B
8 rows Colour A
3 times

then:

2 rows Colour B
6 rows Colour A
3 times

then:

2 rows Colour B
4 rows Colour A
3 times

then:

2 rows Colour B
2 rows Colour A
3 times

Colour B onwards.

Knit in pattern until you have 45g left. Start the stripe sequence again with colours B and C. Finish the sequence, then knit with Colour C until you have 45g left. Start the stripe sequence again with colours C and D, finish the sequence then knit with Colour D until the length of the section matches the length of Colour A section.

Cast off the wrap using an i-cord cast off - there are plenty of tutorials online, should you need one. This one, for example <http://www.craftsy.com/blog/2013/10/i-cord-bind-off-tutorial/>

Notes:

Don't cut your yarns for the striping. Try to carry your striping yarns inside the i-cord edge. 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).

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 it as you would your finished item to be sure. Please use common sense as 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.

Finishing:

Weave in your ends if needed, block lightly to smooth out stitches.

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