

Desert Fiber Arts

Mystery Shawl Knit-Along (KAL)

Clue 0

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- ❖ This is a free pattern with no restrictions for improvement of the pattern and for sale of finished shawl.
- ❖ The shawl designer will be revealed with the last clue.
- ❖ Clues will be emailed to you on Wednesday mornings starting May 1st. You can check the Desert Fiber Arts webpage.
- ❖ This is a charted Lace Shawl with a 3 stitch garter edge.
- ❖ This is for knitters who have been knitting scarves and are ready for something more challenging, a larger project or want to learn new skills.
- ❖ There will be moments of panic but they are well defined and alternate stitches have been provided.
- ❖ Help for the KAL will be at the Desert Fiber Arts Studio at 101 N Union St Suite 208 in Kennewick on each Wednesday evening from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.
- ❖ Ⓢ can be a 3, 5 or 7 Nupp or a Bead just be consistent throughout the Clue.
- ❖ This pattern is suitable for lace weight, sock weight or very light DK weight yarn.
- ❖ This pattern is not suitable for bulky or worsted weight yarn, you will lose the lace definition and the final item will be too large
- ❖ This pattern is not suitable for variegated yarn, you will lose the lace definition
- ❖ With few well-marked exceptions
 - The 3 edge stitches are always knit-stitches on RS and WS and the first stitch is slipped purl wise, yarn in front, without knitting.
 - Even rows are purled except double YO-s, where first YO is purl stitch and the second YO knit stitch.

Yarn weight



Yardage

766 - 930 yards (700 - 850 m) your mileage might vary

Needle size

US 4/3.5 mm or whatever size needle floats your boat

Notions

Stitch markers, needle, size 6 E-Beads, crochet hook to fit your beads

Difficulty

Medium with bits of zing or twist, only a few spots of out-right panic

Skills you will master

- ❖ No-Hump Cast-on
- ❖ Increases
- ❖ Decreases
- ❖ Double Yarn Overs
- ❖ Slip Stitch Edge
- ❖ Short Rows
- ❖ Adding Beads to your knitting
- ❖ 3, 5, or 7 Nupp depending you choose
- ❖ Picking Up Stitches

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CO 3 sts. (This is a No-Hump Cast-on)

- a) Knit 3 st, turn work.
- b) Sl st purlwise with yarn in front, k2, turn work.
- c) Repeat row 2 until counting the slipped stitches on the side there are 13 slipped stitches.

Row 1

- a) Do not turn work. Rotate piece 90 degrees clockwise, place marker.
- b) Skip first slipped stitch, *insert needle under next sl st and pick up a stitch, skip next sl st,* repeat until you have picked up 6 stitches.
- c) Place marker, rotate piece 90 degrees clockwise; pick up and k 3 sts along CO edge.
- d) There should be 12 sts on your needle.(3 st, marker, 6 st, marker, 3 st).

Row 2 [WS]: sl 1st st purl wise with yarn in front, k2, p6, k3.

Starting May 1st you will continue with Chart 1 Row 3.