

# COLOR CRAVING

WEST  
KNITS

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This long scarf begins with two stitches and quickly increases in size with five yarn overs every other row. The giant holes elongate the shape and three final short row wedges are added at each corner, producing bold color blocks.

## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

75" / 190cm long, 38" / 97cm at widest part.

Measurements taken after blocking.

## YARN

Fingering weight

Yardage: Color A: 340yds / 311m

Color B: 345yds / 315m  
Color C: 300yds / 274m

Shown in: The Plucky Knitter Primo Fingering (75% Merino, 20% Cashmere, 5% Nylon; 390yds / 357m per 100g skein)

Color A - Lonesome Highway  
Color B - Tiptoe  
Color C - Sticky Toffee

## NEEDLES & NOTIONS

40" US 6 / 4mm circular  
spare 40" circular needle  
same size or smaller.

Tapestry needle

## GAUGE

20 sts & 48 rows = 4" / 10cm in garter stitch

## ABBREVIATIONS

BO: bind off  
CO: cast on  
k: knit  
k2tog: knit two together  
p: purl  
RS: right side  
sl: slip, slipped stitches are slipped purl-wise  
ssk: slip slip knit  
st/s: stitch/es  
tbl: through back loop  
WS: wrong side  
wyif: with yarn in front  
yo: yarn over

## PATTERN NOTES

The following links lead to instructional videos.

Clue 1:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jjBsw9t3pXQ&feature=em-share\\_video\\_user](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jjBsw9t3pXQ&feature=em-share_video_user)

Clue 2

<http://youtu.be/4cOdXveLGYI>



## INSTRUCTIONS

### >>> SECTION 1 <<<

Using A, CO 2 sts. (Instead of doing a slip knot followed by one long tail CO stitch, just place the strand of yarn on top of the needle and then work 1 long tail CO stitch).

**Row 1 (RS):** K1, yo 5 times, sl1 wyif.

**Row 2 (WS):** K1, k1/p1 into each yo (10 total sts), sl1 wyif.

**Row 3 (RS):** Using B, k to middle of row, yo 5 times, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Row 4 (WS):** K to 5 yo's, k1/p1 into each yo (10 total sts), k to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Row 5 (RS):** Using A, k to middle of row, yo 5 times, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Row 6 (WS):** K to 5 yo's, k1/p1 into each yo (10 total sts), k to last st, sl1 wyif.

Repeat last 4 rows twice more, then repeat Rows 3 & 4 once more. 82 sts. Carry colors A & B along the right edge as you stripe colors. As you knit a few stripes, the 2-stitch CO will look a little loose and messy. You can pull on the yarn from the CO to undo it, leaving a gap.

**Row 17 (RS):** Using A, k1, (k2tog, yo twice, ssk) 10 times, yo 5 times, (k2tog, yo twice, ssk) 10 times, sl1 wyif.

**Row 18 (WS):** K1, (k1, k1/p1 into double yo, k1) 10 times, k1/p1 into each of the 5 yo's (10 total sts), (k1, k1/p1 into double yo, k1) 10 times, sl1 wyif. 92 sts.

Repeat Rows 3-6 three more times, then repeat Rows 3 & 4 once more. 162 sts.

**Row 33 (RS):** Using A, k1 (k2tog, yo twice, ssk) 20 times, yo 5 times, (k2tog, yo twice, ssk) 20 times, sl1 wyif.

**Row 34 (WS):** K1, (k1, k1/p1 into double yo, k1) 20 times, k1/p1 into each of the 5 yo's (10 total sts), (k1, k1/p1 into double yo, k1) 20 times, sl1 wyif. 172 sts.

Repeat Rows 3-6 three more times, then repeat Rows 3 & 4 once more. 242 sts.

**Row 49 (RS):** Using A, k1 (k2tog, yo twice, ssk) 30 times, yo 5 times, (k2tog, yo twice, ssk) 30 times, sl1 wyif.

**Row 50 (WS):** K1, (k1, k1/p1 into double yo, k1) 30 times, k1/p1 into each of the 5 yo's (10 total sts), (k1, k1/p1 into double yo, k1) 30 times, sl1 wyif. 252 sts.

Repeat Rows 3-6 three more times, then repeat Rows 3 & 4 once more. 322 sts.

**Row 65 (RS):** Using A, k1 (k2tog, yo twice, ssk) 40 times, yo 5 times, (k2tog, yo twice, ssk) 40 times, sl1 wyif.

**Row 66 (WS):** K1, (k1, k1/p1 into double yo, k1) 40 times, k1/p1 into each of the 5 yo's (10 total sts), (k1, k1/p1 into double yo, k1) 40 times, sl1 wyif. 332 sts.

Repeat Rows 3-6 three more times, then repeat Rows 3 & 4 once more. 402 sts.

**Row 81 (RS):** Using A, k1 (k2tog, yo twice, ssk) 50 times, yo 5 times, (k2tog, yo twice, ssk) 50 times, sl1 wyif.

**Row 82 (WS):** K1, (k1, k1/p1 into double yo, k1) 50 times, k1/p1 into each of the 5 yo's (10 total sts), (k1, k1/p1 into double yo, k1) 50 times, sl1 wyif. 412 sts. Break colors A & B.

## >>> STITCH COUNT CHART <<<

Use this chart to help reassure your stitch counts as you reach the middle of each RS row.

The number in the left column is the RS row number.

The right column shows the number of stitches knit until you reach the middle of the row before executing "yo 5 times".

Row #	K to Middle of Row
3	6
5	11
7	16
9	21
11	26
13	31
15	36
17	yo row
19	46
21	51
23	56
25	61
27	66
29	71
31	76
33	yo row
35	86
37	91
39	96
41	101
43	106
45	111
47	116
49	yo row
51	126
53	131
55	136
57	141
59	146
61	151
63	156
65	yo row
67	166
69	171
71	176
73	181
75	186
77	191
79	196
81	yo row

## >>> SECTION 2 <<<

**Row 1 (RS):** Using C and with RS facing, pick up and k39 sts along SECTION 1 selvedge (1 picked up stitch into each selvedge stitch starting at the corner next to the last live stitch from SECTION 1), CO 5 sts using the cable CO method, pick up and k39 sts (1 picked up stitch into each selvedge stitch), k1, yo twice, k204, sl1 wyif. Slip remaining 206 sts from the left half of SECTION 1 onto a spare circular needle.

**Row 2 (WS):** K to double yo, k1/p1 into each yo (4 total sts), k to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Row 3 (RS):** K86, yo twice, k to 11 sts before end of row, turn to work WS.

**Row 4 (WS):** K to double yo, k1/p1 into each yo (4 total sts), k to 5 sts before end of row, turn to work RS.

**\*Row 5 (RS):** K to middle of yo hole, yo twice, k to 11 sts before last turn, turn to work WS.

**Row 6 (WS):** K to double yo, k1/p1 into each yo (4 total sts), k to 5 sts before last turn, turn to work RS.\*

Repeat last 2 rows 4 more times.

**Row 15 (RS):** K5, (k2tog, yo twice, ssk) 15 times, k3, yo twice, k3, (k2tog, yo twice, ssk) 34 times, k3, turn to work WS.

**Row 16 (WS):** K3, (k1, k1/p1 into double yo, k1) 34 times, k3, k1/p1 into each yo (4 total sts), k3, (k1, k1/p1 into double yo, k1) 15 times, turn to work RS.

Repeat Rows 5 & 6 seven more times.

**Row 31 (RS):** K5, (k2tog, yo twice, ssk) 9 times, k3, yo twice, k3, (k2tog, yo twice, ssk) 16 times, k3, turn to work WS.

**Row 32 (WS):** K3, (k1, k1/p1 into double yo, k1) 16 times, k3, k1/p1 into each yo (4 total sts), k3, (k1, k1/p1 into double yo, k1) 9 times, turn to work RS.

Repeat Rows 5 & 6 seven more times.

**Row 47 (RS):** K to middle of yo hole, yo twice, k to last color C st (closing the short row gaps), sl1 wyif.

**Row 48 (WS):** K to double yo, k1/p1 into each yo (4 total sts), k to last color C st (closing the short row gaps), sl1 wyif. There should be 385 total color C sts. Break color C.

## >>> SECTION 3 <<<

This section uses the same techniques as SECTION 2, but with different numbers and color B. You can refer back to the Clue 2 video (<http://youtu.be/4cOdXveLGYI>) for the yarn over and short row technique demonstrations.

With RS facing, slip 132 color C sts onto a spare circular needle. You should now be at the middle of the color C yo hole.

**Row 1 (RS):** Using color B, k the remaining 253 C sts (you should now be at the gap between color C and color A), yo 5 times, k205 sts from spare circular needle (the live color A sts from SECTION 1), sl1 wyif (the last color A st).

**Row 2 (WS):** K to 5 yo's, k1/p1 into each yo (10 total sts), k to last color B st, sl1 wyif. 469 sts.

**Row 3 (RS):** K to middle of yo hole, yo 5 times, k to 19 sts before end of row, turn to work WS.

**Row 4 (WS):** K to 5 yo's, k1/p1 into each yo (10 total sts), k to 22 sts before end of row, turn to work RS.

**\*Row 5 (RS):** K to middle of yo hole, yo 5 times, k to 19 sts before last turn, turn to work WS.

**Row 6 (WS):** K to 5 yo's, k1/p1 into each yo (10 total sts), k to 22 sts before last turn, turn to work RS.\*

Repeat last 2 rows 4 more times.

**Row 15 (RS):** K22, (k2tog, yo twice, ssk) 33 times, k2, yo 5 times, k2, (k2tog, yo twice, ssk) 26 times, k2, turn to work WS.

**Row 16 (WS):** K2, (k1, k1 into first yo, p1 into second yo, k1) 26 times, k2, k1/p1 into each yo (10 total sts), k2, (k1, k1 into first yo, p1 into second yo, k1) 33 times, turn to work RS.

Repeat Rows 5 & 6 seven more times.

**Row 31 (RS):** K to middle of yo hole, yo 5 times, k to last color B st (closing the short row gaps), sl1 wyif.

**Row 32 (WS):** K to 5 yo's, k1/p1 into each yo (10 total sts), k to last color B st (closing the short row gaps), sl1 wyif. There should be 619 total color B sts. Break color B.



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## >>> SECTION 4 <<<

With RS facing, slip 333 color B sts onto spare circular needle (all sts until reaching the middle of the 5 yo hole).

**Row 1 (RS):** Using A, k the remaining 286 B sts, yo twice, k131 sts from spare circular needle (the live color C sts from SECTION 2), sl1 wyif.

**Row 2 (WS):** K to double yo, k1/p1 into each yo (4 total sts), k to last st, sl1 wyif. 422 sts.

**Row 3 (RS):** K to middle of yo hole, yo twice, k to 10 sts before end of row, turn to work WS.

**Row 4 (WS):** K to double yo, k1/p1 into each yo (4 total sts), k to 21 sts before end of row, turn to work RS.

**\*Row 5(RS):** K to middle of yo hole, yo twice, k to 10 sts before last turn, turn to work WS.

**Row 6 (WS):** K to double yo, k1/p1 into each yo (4 total sts), k to 21 sts before last turn, turn to work RS.\*

Repeat last 2 rows 4 more times.

**Row 15 (RS):** K21, (k2tog, yo twice, ssk) 38 times, k1, yo twice, k1, (k2tog, yo twice, ssk) 18 times, k3, turn to work WS.

**Row 16 (WS):** K3, (k1, k1/p1 into double yo, k1) 18 times, k1, k1/p1 into each yo (4 total sts), k1, (k1, k1/p1 into double yo, k1) 38 times, turn to work RS.

Repeat Rows 5 & 6 seven more times.

**Row 31 (RS):** K to middle of yo hole, yo twice, k to last color A st (closing the short row gaps), sl1 wyif.

**Row 32 (WS):** K to double yo, k1/p1 into each yo (4 total sts), k to last color A st (closing the short row gaps), sl1 wyif. Break color A. Turn to work RS.

## BORDER

**Rnd 1:** Using C, \*K to middle of yo hole, yo twice, repeat from \* once more, k to end of color B (all B sts from spare circular needle), yo 5 times. Join to work in the rnd.

**Row 2:** \*P to double yo, k1/p1 into each yo (4 total sts), repeat from \* once more, p to 5 yo's, k1/p1 into each yo (10 total sts).

**Row 3:** \*K to middle of yo hole, yo twice, repeat from \* once more, k to middle of yo hole, yo 5 times, k5.

**Row 4:** \*P to double yo, k1/p1 into each yo (4 total sts), repeat from \* once more, p to 5 yo's, k1/p1 into each yo (10 total sts), p5.

## >>> FINISHING <<<

I recommend the picot BO for a flexible and decorative edge. The yardage estimates for this pattern reflect using the picot bind off. If you prefer an I-cord BO, that will require more yardage. Another BO option is the K2tog tbl BO. It will use less than the recommended yardage.

### Picot BO

BO all sts with a picot BO as follows, \*CO 3 sts using the cable CO method, BO 6 sts using the k2tog tbl BO method, repeat from \* to end of rnd.

### I-cord BO

If you prefer a more stream-lined finish to the shawl try working an I-cord BO as follows, CO 3 sts using the cable CO method, \*k2, k2tog tbl, slip 3 sts back onto left needle, repeat from \* to end of rnd. This BO will take more than the recommended yardage. You could also try working the BO in a fourth color.

### K2tog tbl BO

For a quick and simple shawl edge, BO all sts as follows, \*k2tog tbl, slip stitch back onto left needle, repeat from \* to end of rnd.

Break yarn, weave in ends, block the finished shawl, and wear it with pride and joy!