Storm Clouds Cowl
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Moss stitch edging, eyelet rounds, and garter stitch bands create a fantastic (and fantastically simple to execute) mix of textures made all the more dynamic by shifting through the colorways in a gradient Mini Skein Pack as you go! The gorgeous drape of the Queen of Hearts MCN is a perfect match for this one-pack project.

Yarn: Wonderland Yarns “Queen of Hearts” MCN fingering weight yarn: 1, 5oz mini skein pack: 80% superwash merino, 10% cashmere, 10% nylon: 510 yards: colors A thru E.
Needles & Notions: US size 5, 16” circulars (or size to obtain gauge); darning needle; stitch marker if desired.
Gauge: 23 sts & 36 rounds = 4” in stockinette stitch
Sizing: one size fits most, 9.5” tall, 25” around
Abbreviations: K: knit, P: purl, YO: yarn over, K2tog: knit two together
Notes: Assign your colors a letter A-E. For our sample we used the lightest color as A and worked our way down the pack to the darkest color, E. You may wish to use a jogless jog to keep your stripes neat.

With Color A, cast on 145 sts. Join in the round, careful not to twist stitches. Work Moss Stitch Band as follows:

[K1, P1] around for 1”
Garter detail:
P1 Round
K1 Round
P1 Round

Change to Color B.
K5 Rounds
K1, [K1, K2tog, YO] around
K4 Rounds

Change to Color A. Work garter detail:
K1 Round
P1 Round
K1 Round
P1 Round

Change to Color C.
K5 Rounds
K1, [K2tog, K2, YO] around
K4 Rounds

Change to Color A. Work garter detail:
K1 Round
P1 Round
K1 Round
P1 Round

Change to Color D.
K5 Rounds
K1, [K1, K2tog, YO] around
K4 Rounds

Change to Color A. Work garter detail:
K1 Round
P1 Round
K1 Round
P1 Round

Change to Color E. Work garter detail:
K1 Round
P1 Round

Change to Color D
K5 Rounds
K1, [K1, K2tog, YO] around
K4 Rounds

Change to Color E. Work garter detail:
P1 Round
K1 Round
P1 Round
K1 Round
P1 Round

Change to Color C.
K5 Rounds
K1, [K2tog, K2, YO] around
K5 Rounds

Change to Color E. Work garter detail:
P1 Round
K1 Round
P1 Round
K1 Round
P1 Round

Change to Color B.
K5 Rounds
K1, [K2tog, K1, YO] around
K4 Rounds

Change to Color E. Work garter detail:
K1 Round
P1 Round
K1 Round
P1 Round

Work Moss Stitch Band as before for 1”. Bind off loosely. Weave in ends.