SHIBUI KNITS

GRADIENT COWL
A spectrum of Silk Cloud blends quietly in this simple seed-stitch cowl. Three strands of Silk Cloud are held together, with one strand periodically changing to a new color to create soft transitions from one color to the next, and back again.

**SIZES**
S (L)

**FINISHED DIMENSIONS**
11.25" width
45 (72)" circumference

**SKILL LEVEL**
Intermediate

**MATERIALS**
Shibui Knits Silk Cloud
60% Kid Mohair, 40% Silk
330 yds / 25 g
1 (2) skeins Color A
1 skein Color B
1 (2) skeins Color C
1 skein Color D
Shown in Ash (A), Imperial (B), Velvet (C), & Dusk (D)

**GAUGE**
16 sts & 24 rows = 4" in Seed Stitch after blocking, with 3 strands of Silk Cloud held together, on size 9 needles or size needed to obtain gauge

**TOOLS**
Size 9 (5.5 mm) needles
Size I (5.5 mm) crochet hook
Waste yarn
Tapestry needle

**NOTES**
Gradient begins with a provisional cast-on and is worked in Seed Stitch with 3 strands of Silk Cloud held together throughout. Ends are grafted together using a Kitchener-style stitch specifically suited for the Seed Stitch pattern. Before you cast on, wind each skein of Silk Cloud into 3 balls per color.
DIRECTIONS
With size 9 needle, crochet hook, and waste yarn, CO 45 sts using the Crochet Provisional Cast-On method (see Techniques). Break waste yarn and join 3 strands of color A as working yarn.

All Rows: *K1, p1; rep from * to last st, k1 (seed stitch pattern).
Work in seed stitch until piece measures 2.5 (4)” from CO edge. Break one strand of color A, and join one strand of color B. Cont in seed stitch until piece measures 5 (8)” from CO edge. Break one strand of color A, and join one strand of color B. Cont in seed stitch until piece measures 7.5 (12)” from CO edge. Break last strand of color A, and join one strand of color B (you now have 3 strands of color B). Cont in seed stitch until piece measures 10 (16)” from CO edge.

Cont to work 2.5 (4)” bands of seed stitch, breaking and joining one strand of Silk Cloud in the following color sequence:

2B, 1A
1B, 2A
3A
2A, 1C
1A, 2C
3C
2C, 1D
1C, 2D
3D
2D, 1C
1D, 2C
3C
2C, 1A
1C, 2A

Leave stitches on needle and break yarn, leaving a tail approx 4 times the width of the piece for grafting.

FINISHING
Remove waste yarn from provisional cast-on and place live stitches on second ndl. Bring ends together with WS facing inward (WS shows purl st first on each ndl), and ndls parallel and pointing to the right. Thread tail onto tapestry ndl and graft in seed stitch as folls:

Insert tapestry ndl as if to purl in first st of front ndl, pull yarn through, leaving st on ndl.
Insert tapestry ndl as if to purl in first st of back ndl, pull yarn through, leaving st on ndl.

* Insert tapestry ndl as if to knit in first st of front ndl, drop st off ndl and pull yarn through.
Insert tapestry ndl as if to knit in second st of front ndl, pull yarn through, leaving st on ndl.
Insert tapestry ndl as if to knit in first st of back ndl, drop st off ndl and pull yarn through.
Insert tapestry ndl as if to knit in second st of back ndl, pull yarn through, leaving st on ndl.
Insert tapestry ndl as if to purl in first st of front ndl, drop st off ndl and pull yarn through.
Insert tapestry ndl as if to purl in second st of front ndl, pull yarn through, leaving st on ndl.
Insert tapestry ndl as if to purl in first st of back ndl, drop st off ndl and pull yarn through.
Insert tapestry ndl as if to purl in second st of back ndl, pull yarn through, leaving st on ndl.

Repeat from * until all sts have been grafted together. Break yarn. Weave in ends. Block to measurements.

TECHNIQUES
Select tutorials available at: www.shibuiknits.com/pages/techniques

CROCHET PROVISIONAL CAST-ON
Video – https://is.gd/crochetcaston
With waste yarn and crochet hook, start a chain a few sts long. Hold the knitting ndl in the LH. *Bring waste yarn around behind ndl and over hook, pull yarn through loop to chain 1 (1 st made on ndl). Return yarn behind ndl. Rep from * until the desired number of sts have been CO. Chain a few more sts off the ndl, cut yarn, fasten off and mark this end with a knot.
To remove waste yarn and release live sts later, unfasten end of chain with knot and unravel it.

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