

# Exploring Waves

©2009 Laurie Lee/Alarming Female Design



*Exploring Waves pays homage to Holly Webb's simple yet lovely pattern, Exploring Stripes, originally published in Interweave Knits Winter 02/03. I've knit several variations on this design and this time wanted to experiment with the idea of wavy lines.*

*Holly's pattern is out of print and hard to find, but here's another take on a one-skein beaded bag, knit with beautiful Koigu KPPPM.*

**MATERIALS:** One skein Koigu Painter's Palette Premium Merino (100% Merino, 50g/175 yd/160 m), any color. US 2 (3 mm) 16" circular needles; four or five US 2 dpns. 612 #6 glass beads.

**GAUGE:** 8 sts/inch in circular stockinette.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Wind skein of wool into a center-pull ball. Using a beading needle, string beads onto ball of wool, and place ball with beads into a plastic bowl about 8" in diameter. Push the beads about 10 yds down the length of wool to free up yarn with which to knit. You'll need to push the beads in sections (about 100 beads at a time) to get them to move smoothly, without placing undue strain on the yarn.

CO 121 st. Join into round, being careful not to twist, pm. Knit three rds. Next rd, begin seed st: Rd 1 – k 1, p 1. Rd 2 – p 1, k 1. Repeat these two rds; at the end of the last round, k 2tog (120 sts). Next rd, create eyelets as follows: [k 8, yo, k 2tog]. Knit one rd. Now you will start using the beads. Every other round, you will need 20 beads (until decreases begin). When necessary, push the beads (in sections) about 10 yds down the wool.

## MAIN PATTERN:

R1 (and all odd rds): k around

R2: [k5, sl1 wyif, slide bead to sit atop sl st]

R4: [sl1 wyif, slide bead to sit atop sl st, k5]

R6: k1, [sl1 wyif, slide bead to sit atop sl st, k5], end k4

R8: k2, [sl1 wyif, slide bead to sit atop sl st, k5], end k3

R10: k2, [sl1 wyif, slide bead to sit atop sl st, k5], end k3

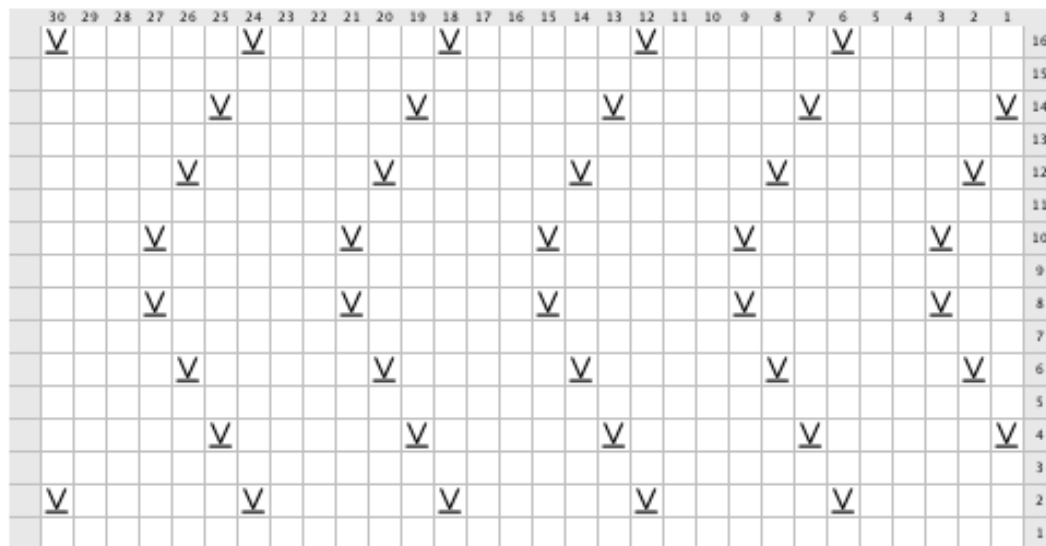
R12: k1, [sl1 wyif, slide bead to sit atop sl st, k5], end k4

R14: [sl1 wyif, slide bead to sit atop sl st, k5]

R16: [k5, sl1 wyif, slide bead to sit atop sl st]

Chart 1 for Rds 1-16 follows on next page.

# CHART 1



Created in Knit Visualizer ([www.knitfoundry.com](http://www.knitfoundry.com))

## Legend:

- knit
- slip wyif

## Notes:

When instructed to "sl wyif," slip st pw, slide a bead to sit atop the slipped stitch, and work the next st as instructed.

Repeat these 16 rows twice. Now you will begin to skip beads occasionally; the effect will be of the beads tapering off.

R1 (and all odd rds): k around

R2: [k5, sl1 wyif, slide bead to sit atop sl st]

R4: [sl1 wyif, slide bead to sit atop sl st, k5]

R6: k1, [sl1 wyif, slide bead to sit atop sl st, k5], end k4

R8: k2, [sl1 wyif, slide bead to sit atop sl st, k5], end k3

R10: k2, [sl1 wyif, slide bead to sit atop sl st, k5], end k3

R12: k1, [sl1 wyif, slide bead to sit atop sl st, k5], end k4

R14: [sl1 wyif, slide bead to sit atop sl st, k5, sl1 wyif, slide bead to sit atop sl st, k11, sl1 wyif, slide bead to sit atop sl st, k5, sl1 wyif, slide bead to sit atop sl st, k5]

R16: [k5, sl1 wyif, slide bead to sit atop sl st]

R18: [k5, sl1 wyif, slide bead to sit atop sl st, k11, sl1 wyif, slide bead to sit atop sl st, k5, sl1 wyif, slide bead to sit atop sl st, k5, sl1 wyif, slide bead to sit atop sl st]

R20: [sl1 wyif, slide bead to sit atop sl st, k5]

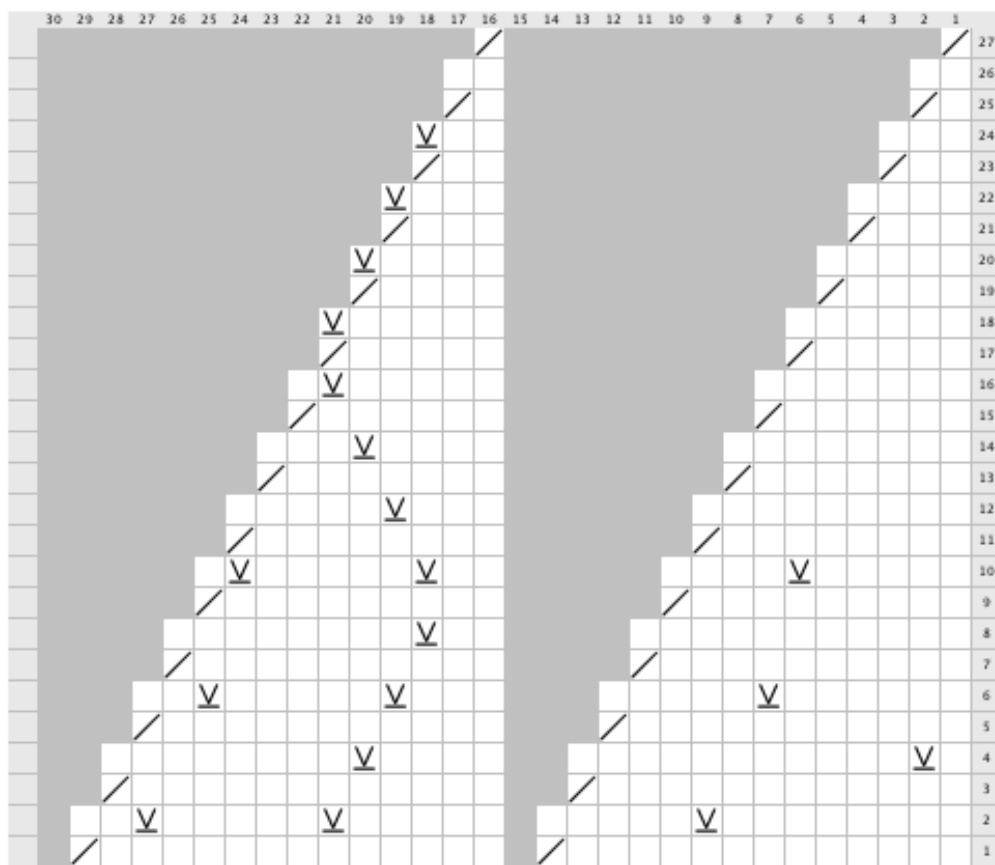
R22: [k7, sl1 wyif, slide bead to sit atop sl st, k11, sl1 wyif, slide bead to sit atop sl st, k5, sl1 wyif, slide bead to sit atop sl st, k4]

R24: [k2, sl1 wyif, slide bead to sit atop sl st, k11, sl1 wyif, slide bead to sit atop sl st, k5, sl1 wyif, slide bead to sit atop sl st, k9]

Chart 2 for next 24 rds follows on next page.



## CHART 3 FOR DECREASES



Created in Knit Visualizer ([www.knitfoundry.com](http://www.knitfoundry.com))

Thread yarn end through remaining sts and pull snug. Knit 3 st i-cord for 30 in. Weave i-cord in and out through eyelets. Tie ends of i-cord together and pull to close bag. Weave in ends.

Pattern and images copyright 2009 by Laurie Lee/Alarming Female Design. All rights reserved.

For more patterns visit my blog at <http://www.alarmingfemale.com>