

# Camino Bubbles



Pattern Name: Camino Bubbles by Kieran Foley

Source: knit/lab

Yarn: Miss Babs Yummy 2-ply in Across the Universe, 1.65 skeins, 186 g

Gauge: (I used 3.25 mm)

Size: blocked to 16x84

Tags: repaired, drop-stitch

## Pattern Note

When working a row after a YO row, be very careful that the YOs do NOT get out of order with the sts on either side of them. AMHIK! (Had to drop down some sts in the middle of the bubble to fix a YO-K-K-YO.)

## Joining New Yarn

Normally I spit-splice, but this yarn is superwash. So I did my normal thing of leaving the old and new tails both hanging down about 6 inches. That would have worked fine, but I happened to do it in the bubble area, NOT in one of the solid stockinette areas. Once I'm done knitting, I'll duplicate stitch

across the bubble so I have ends in the two solid areas on either side, then remove the original yarn. Duh! (See Replacing a Strand for details.)

Now that I'm weaving in the ends, I would make this pattern again only with wool that I could spit-splice.

## **September 16, 2018**

Wound the yarn. Yummy is definitely the right name!

## **September 17, 2018**

I was **very** unhappy to discover that the top and bottom edges of Summit *as designed* will NOT match (but I did a different BO than the designed one, so mine actually did), so I'm taking a very close look at the top and bottom edges of this pattern before I start.

I'm also not thrilled by the appearance of the left and right edges based on the photos.

Also, based on the looseness of the stitches on either side of the dropped stitches in Summit, I'm thinking I should twist the bubble stitches not just on the RS as called for but on the WS as well.

I may just work sts 9-57 and leave off the side borders altogether. My other stockinette-based shawls had zero problems with ANY edges rolling after blocking.

## **September 18, 2018**

Recharted using my font, as their symbols, er, don't work for me. I will swatch tomorrow using crochet CO and start immediately with chart A, no bottom border of any kind, and I'm going to work sts 9-57, so no side borders of any kind.

I'm also going to experiment on the WS rows with doing twisted purls on the left half and plain purls on the right half, just to see if that makes the dropped areas look neater. (I'm not a big fan of the appearance of half-twisted ribbing, where you do k1tbl, p1 across, then p1, k1 back.)

## **September 19, 2018**

Swatched one pattern repeat on a size 5/3.75 mm to get slightly larger holes. I definitely will do Ptbl (purl through the back loop—technically, through the trailing leg) in the bubble area, so the dropped sts look a little neater.

But the size 5 is too big, so I'm going to do another swatch on a size 3. I also need to do more than one patt rpt to see how the yarn works up at full width. I don't think I'll switch yarn, but I'd like a better idea of the final appearance.

After looking at other projects, I'm going to add three sts to each selvedge, as K1-P1-K1, and I'm going to do the bottom ribbing after all.

## September 20, 2018

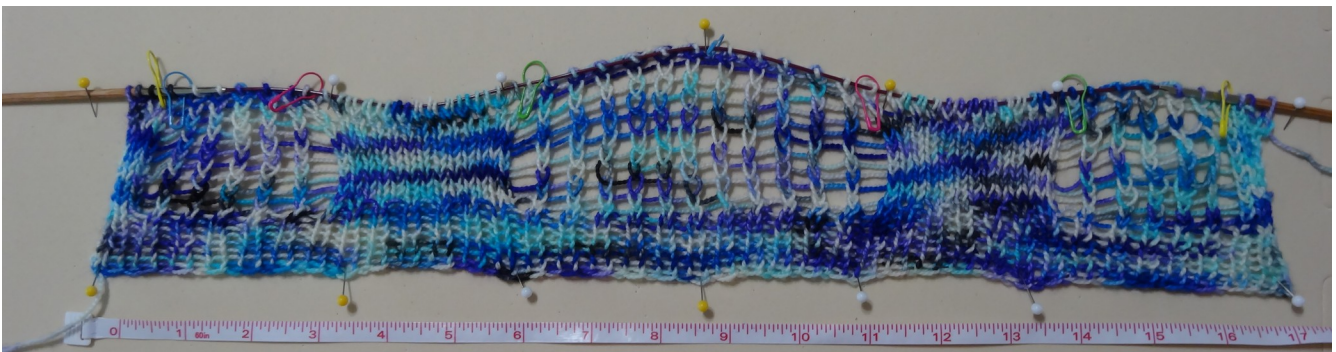
Before and after pics are swatch 2, CO on size 3 with an E hook (exactly fits my size 3/3.25 mm needle gauge hole), with two repeats plus slightly smaller K1-P1-K1 borders, so I CO 79. I worked just eight rows of 1x1 ribbing, and I'm hoping that this swatch will become the actual project.

I'm working WS rows with Ptbl (twisted purls) to corral the dropped sts a bit better. I also prefer the consistency of twisted sts every row instead of EOR.

I think the trick to this pattern is the stockinette blocks. The bubbles are going to bubble along regardless, but to really control their overall shape, my first impression is that having fairly dense stockinette between them is key.

It's definitely a good idea to work the following WS before actually raveling the stitches down (just drop them off the needle as you go on the RS, work back, THEN pull out the rungs).

Finished chart A, worked row 1 of chart B, ran a lifeline, worked chart B row 2, dropped the sts. It's really cool to see the bubbles develop.



*Initial chart after dropping. Notice how far crochet CO stretches.*

## September 22, 2018

DEFINITELY a good idea to twist the purls above the Ktbls. When I stretch the fabric, the twisted sts want to close themselves (NOT what happened on Summit, but the dropped sts there were isolated from one another, so not as big a deal).

I decided I needed a chart with both repeats showing explicitly instead of having just the one repeat. Tried the stitch map, and went back to my own knitting font. I did have to use legal paper to print it at a decent font size.

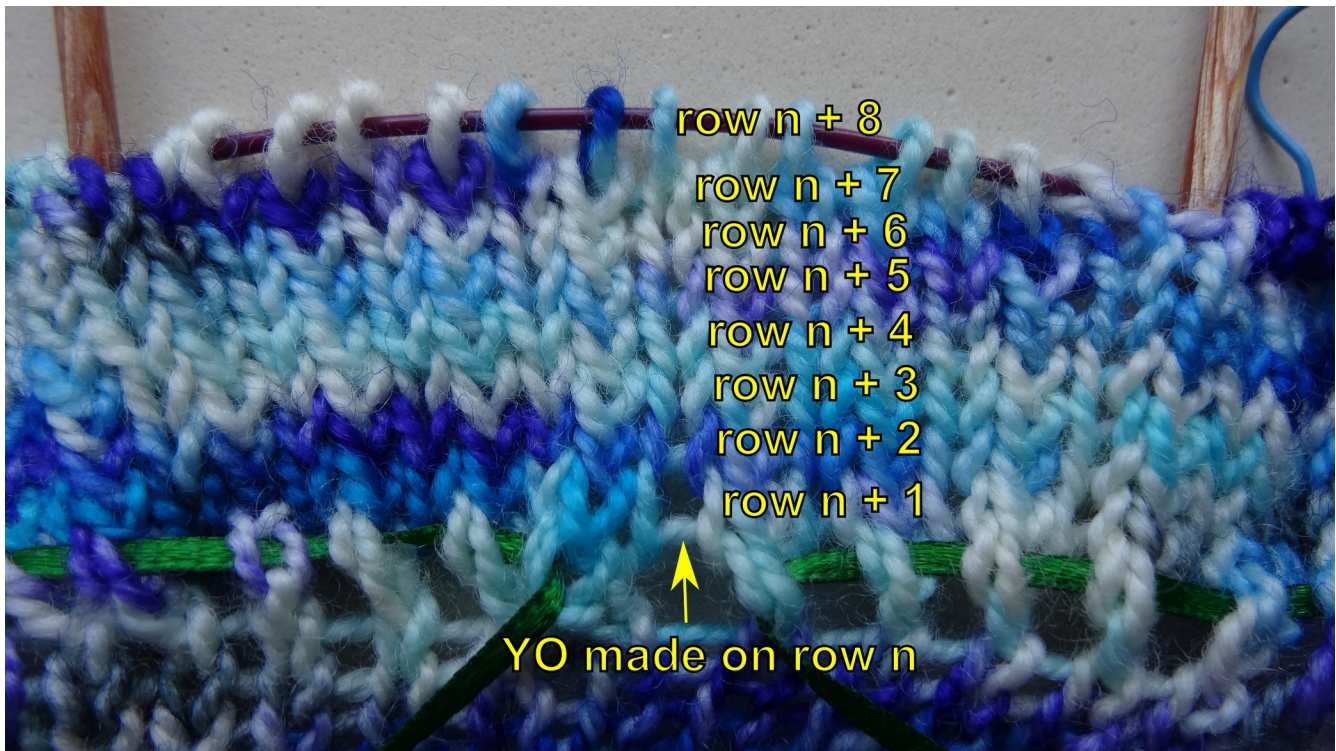
I have different colored markers before st 9, between 21-22 (twice), between 44-45 (twice), and after 57, so my chart has each of those groups of symbols in their own table column. Then I colored each column border with a matching colored pencil so I always know exactly where I am on the row.

I'm putting lifelines through rows 1 and 17 of chart B--just in case the worst happens.

Normally I'm very OCD about writing down the row number when I complete it. But since this pattern's rows are repeated so much, I'm not bothering. I do, however, have to count to make sure I



don't work right on past row 17 or 1! The easiest way to count is in a column above a YO. The horizontal strand at the bottom is row 1/17, then I just count 2, 3, 4... (or 18, 19, 20...) up each "proper" stitch, *including the one on the needle*, to know how many rows I've completed.



*Counting rows since YO: If YO was on row 17, I just finished row 26.*

As I was hoping, two repeats give me enough width (to cover my upper arms), so swatch 2 will become the FO. I didn't pull it as hard as possible, since it's still on the needle, but 16 inches is what I was hoping for.

## **September 24, 2018**

Finished second repeat of chart B. Pinned it out again for planning purposes. Chart A was about 7 inches, and each repeat of chart B looks like it will add 5 inches.

## **September 26, 2018**

Finished fifth repeat of chart B.

## **September 28, 2018**

While dropping the sts in repeat 6, I noticed a st that shouldn't have been dropped. Since it was in the solid stockinette area below the new bubble forming in repeat 7, which means I would have had to finagle in not just that stitch but the YOs on each side of it, I decided to frog.

I stuck [a spare size 2-ish circ](#) in the dropped st and fed it thru the sts to the left as well as possible. Then I dropped off half the sts to expose the ones above and to the left of the incorrectly dropped st, then carefully frogged just 3 or 4 sts down the 8 or so rows. Once I got down there and was sure those few

sts were safely on the needle, I frogged the 3 or 4 sts to their left. I most definitely did NOT simply pull the needle out and start yanking the yarn. Nope. I did [controlled frogging](#), as I had already dropped and raveled half the real dropped stitches, so I wanted to be more careful about getting them all back on the needle.

It went reasonably quickly, then I worked the next row back onto my project size 3 and got back all the rows I ripped.

## **September 29, 2018**

Finished eighth repeat of chart B and pinned it out. It's 52x15, with each rpt making 5-6 inches. I'll do another 4 rpts, with chart C adding about 2-3 inches.

## **October 3, 2018**

Finished repeat 10. Probably going to have half a ball left--what to do with it???

## **October 4, 2018**

Completed repeat 12 of chart B and pinned it out. It's 75 inches, which is more than long enough, so I'm going to forego a thirteenth repeat and instead do chart C and finish it off.

Finished the knitting. Need to move where the ends are when I had to break the yarn to remove a join. Will take pics of the process.

## **October 5, 2018**

Did the strand replacement this morning. Yeah, that was interesting. I've put notes and pics into their own project, Replacing a Strand.

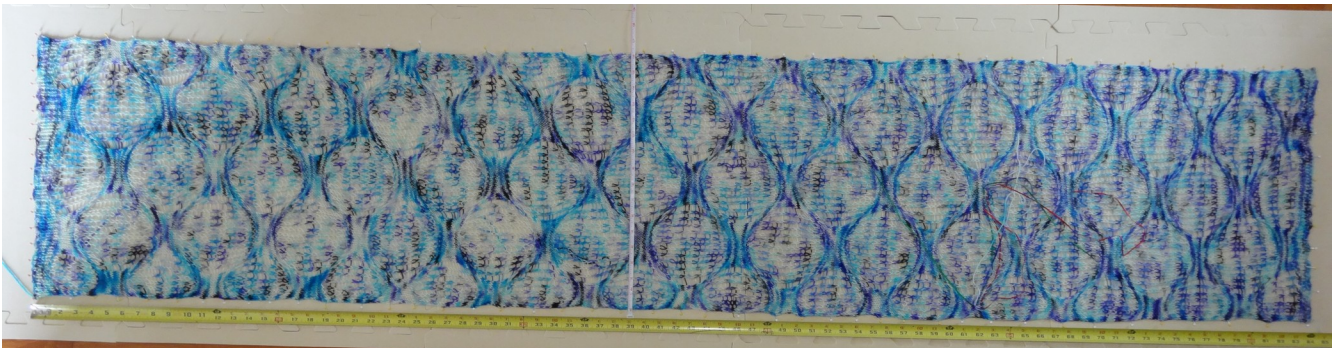
## **October 5, 2018**

Blocked to 16x84, which kept the bubbles circular. That was also as long as the selvages allowed the fabric to be pulled. It could easily be blocked wider and thus shorter.





*The world's weirdest egg carton--or a bra for a mutant centipede.*



*Pinned out.*

## **December 3, 2018**

Eventually I'm going to reblock this as wide as possible. If that doesn't work, it will get reknit with another stitch repeat.