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And it's about time! Here is a no-nonsense cowl that will match your Sockhead Hat perfectly. In fact, it's even easier than the hat. No muss, no fuss...just beautiful yarn and cuddles.

Just like its sister-project, this cowl also has miles and miles of Stockinette Stitch. However, that also makes it an ideal project for travelling or TV knitting.

This neckwarmer can be worn a few different ways: fold the ribbed ends (inside or out), fold it in half or just pull it on and get out in the snow!

This cowl is knit in one piece in the round. This cowl has one size (adjustable) and no visible seam.



The Technical Stuff





Skill Level:

Rookie-Apprentice-Virtuoso-Genius

Skills: knit, purl

Sizes: adult medium

Finished Measurements:

approx 27 cm wide across middle (not across ribbing) and 50 cm long lying flat after blocking

Gauge:

approx 28 sts = 10 cm in St st on 2.75 mm as given on ball band

approx 30 sts and 44 rows = 10 cm in St st on 3 mm after blocking (designer's tension)

Note: Gauge is not crucial.

Yarn: fingering weight alpaca blend

Suggested Brand:

1 skein Misti Alpaca *Hand Paint Sock Yarn* 50% alpaca, 30% merino, 10% nylon, 10% silk 400 m per 100 g shown in colour HS49 Treasure

Note: You may use any 100 g skein of fingering / sock / 4-ply yarn.

Needles:

3 mm 40 or 50 cm circs or size needed to obtain gauge

Other Materials: tapestry needle or teeny crochet hook: stitch marker

Skill Level:

Rookie-Apprentice-Virtuoso-Genius

Skills: knit, purl,

Sizes: adult mediium

Finished Measurements:

approx 10.5" wide across middle (not across ribbing) and 20" long lying flat after blocking

Gauge:

approx 28 sts = 4" in St st on US 2 as given on ball band

approx 30 sts and 44 rows = 4" in St st on US 2.5 after blocking (designer's tension)

Note: Gauge is not crucial.

Yarn: fingering weight alpaca blend

Suggested Brand:

1 skein Misti Alpaca *Hand Paint Sock Yarn* 50% alpaca, 30% merino, 10% nylon, 10% silk 437 yds per 3.5 oz shown in color HS49 Treasure

Note: You may use any 100 g skein of fingering / sock / 4-ply yarn.

Needles:

US 2.5 16" or 20" circs or size needed to obtain gauge

Other Materials: tapestry needle or teeny crochet hook; stitch marker



Instructions:

CO 160 sts (or a multiple of 4) with German Twisted method (see Resources below) or your favourite stretchy method.

Join in the rnd being careful not to twist sts. Pm for beg of rnd. SI m throughout.

K2, P2 for 10 cm / 4".

If you have a yarn scale, I would suggest weighing your ball now and record below how many grams you used for the ribbing. This way, you can knit until you have that many grams left for the ribbing on the other end (and make the most of your ball of scrumptious sock yarn).

The sample shown used 13 grams.

I used _____ grams.



Next: Work in St st (knit every st) for approx 30 cm / 12" or until you have the same amount left for the ribbing (+ 1 gram for safety).

Next: K2, P2 for 10 cm / 4".

Next: BO with the Super Stretchy bind off (see Resources below) or your favourite stretchy method.

Finishing:

Tie off and weave in ends.

Block lightly. The sample was blocked with a water spray bottle and then gently ironed.

For companion projects check out

Sockhead Slouch Hat and Pioneer Gloves

FREE on Ravelry!

Resources

German Twisted Cast On

http://www.knittinghelp.com/video/play/german-twisted-cast-on

Super Stretchy Bind Off

http://www.knitty.com/ISSUEfall09/FEATjssbo.php



approx = approximately pm = place marker beg = beginning prev = previous **BO** = bind off psso = passover **BOR** = beginning of round pu = pick up **CC** = contrasting colour pwise = purlwise **ch** = chain rem = remaining circ(s) = circular needle(s) rep = repeat cn = cable needle rev St st = reverse stockinette stitch CO = cast on rnd(s) = round(s) cont = continue RS = right side dc = double crochet **sc** = single crochet dpn(s) = double pointed needle(s) sk = skip dec(s) = decrease(s) **skp** = slip one stitch, knit one stich, pass slipped stitch foll = follow(ing) over knitted stitch (decrease) hdc = half-double crochet sI = slip hk = hooksl1k = slip one stitch knitwise inc = increase sl1p = slip one stitch purlwise incl = including sl m = slip marker **K** = knit sp(s) = space(s)**K2tog** = knit two stitches together (decrease) ssk = slip, slip, knit two slipped stitches together **Kfb** = knit into front and back of stitch (increase) (decrease) Ktbl = knit through back loop sssk = slip, slip, slip, knit all slipped stitches together kwise = knitwise (double decrease) lp(s) = loop(s)st(s) = stitche(s)m = marker St st = stockinette stitch / stocking stitch **M1** = make one (increase) tbl = through back loops M1L = left slanting increase tog = together M1R = right slanting increase WS = wrong side MC = main colour wyib = with yarn in back P = purlwyif = with yarn in front **P2tog** = purl two stitches together (decrease) YO = yarn over patt = pattern

