



Stumptown Cowl

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This cowl is a dream to work – with an interesting stitch pattern, and DK or fingering-weight options, it'll fly off of your needles and onto your neck.



MATERIALS

Yarn, DK version: approximately 230 yds/210 m.

I used Knitted Wit DK, colorway Dirty Bird (yellow) or Pecan Sandies (brown).

Yarn, Fingering version: 350 yds/320 m.

Needles, DK version: US6/4mm needle for small circumference knitting, or size needed to get gauge.

Needles, Fingering version: US4/3.5mm needle for small circumference knitting, or size needed to get gauge.

Notions: Nine stitch markers (including three unique, end-of-repeat markers), tapestry needle

GAUGE

DK version: 18 sts = 4"/10 cm in stockinette stitch, measured after blocking.

Fingering version: 24 sts = 4"/10 cm in stockinette stitch, measured after blocking.

SKILL LEVEL

Advanced beginner.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Both versions: 22"/56 cm circumference, 10"/25 cm tall, measured at the tallest point.

ABBREVIATIONS

k: knit.

k2tog: knit two stitches together as one. (One stitch decreased)

m: marker.

pm: place marker.

r(s): row(s).

rep: repeat.

rm: remove marker.

sm: slip marker.

ssk: slip/slip/knit. Slip one stitch as if to knit. Slip another stitch as if to purl. Insert left needle

into the front of these two stitches and knit them together. (One stitch decreased)

st, sts: stitch, stitches.

tbl: through the back loop.

yo: yarn over. (One stitch decreased)

PATTERN NOTES

Although gauge is not crucial, please note that if your gauge differs from that listed in the pattern, your yardage needs and size of finished object will need to be adjusted.

Applied I-Cord Bind Off: Cast on 2 sts using Cable Cast-On (below). (k1-tbl, k2tog-tbl, then slip both sts back to left-hand needle) repeat until 2 sts remain, bind off last 2 sts.

Cable Cast-On: Begin with at least 2 sts on left needle (if you are beginning a project this way, make a slip-knot and knit on one stitch). Insert right needle between the last two sts on left needle and knit a stitch, placing the new stitch on the left needle.

Instructions for DK version are given first, with numbers for fingering weight version in parenthesis. If only one number is given, it's for both versions.

Instructions are given for a one-loop cowl. If you have more yarn and would like to make a double-loop cowl, just work the pattern repeats more than three times (seven times seems a reasonable number for a double-loop cowl). Each repeat is 37 (49) sts.

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Using cast on method of your choice, cast on 111 (147) sts.

R1: k to end.

R2: p to end.

R3: [k18 (24), pm, k1, pm, k18 (24), place end-of-repeat marker] three times.

MESHY SECTION

R1: [(k2tog, yo) to 2 sts before m, k2tog, sm, (k1, yo, k1) into 1 st, pm, ssk, (yo, ssk) to end of repeat marker] three times.

R2: k to end.

R3: [(k2tog, yo) to 3 sts before m, k2tog, k1, sm, (k1, yo, k to 1 st before m, yo, k1), sm, k1, ssk, (yo, ssk) to end of repeat marker] three times.

R4: k to end.

R5: [(k2tog, yo) to 2 sts before m, k2tog, sm, (k1, yo, k to 1 st before m, yo, k1), sm, ssk, (yo, ssk) to end of repeat marker] three times.

R6: k to end.

Work Rs 3-6 three (four) times total.

TRANSITION SECTION

R1: (k to m, rm, k5 (7), k2tog, yo, pm, k1, pm, yo, ssk, k to m, rm, k to end of repeat marker) three times.

R2: k to end.

R3: k to 2 sts before m, k2tog, yo, sm, k1, sm, yo, ssk, k to end of repeat marker) three times.

R4: p to end.

R5: k to 2 sts before m, k2tog, yo, sm, k1, sm, yo, ssk, k to end of repeat marker) three times.

R6: k to end.

Alternate between MESHY SECTION and TRANSITION SECTION two times total, then work MESHY SECTION once more.

ENDING SECTION

R1: (k to 2 sts before m, k2tog, sm, k1, yo, k to one st before m, yo, k1, sm, ssk, k to end of repeat marker) three times.

R2 (and all even Rs 2-16): k to end.

R3: [(k2tog, yo) to 3 st before m, k1, k2tog, sm, k1, yo, k to one st before m, yo, k1, sm, ssk, k1, (yo, ssk) to end of repeat marker] three times.

Rs 5-8: Work Rs 1-2 twice.

R9: [(k2tog, yo) to 3 sts before m, k2tog, k1, sm, k1, yo, k to 1 st before m, yo, k1, sm, k1, ssk, (yo, ssk) to end of repeat marker] three times.

Rs 11-16: Work Rs 1-2 three times.

FINISHING

Bind off using Applied I-Cord Bind Off (see Pattern Notes).

