

Drift Cowl

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Short rows shape this simple over-the-shoulders slouchy cowl.

Sizing and Materials Details

Size: One size

Finished measurements: 14"/36 cm depth and 24"/61 cm upper circumference and 40"/102 cm lower circumference

Gauge: 12 sts and 16 rows = 4"/10 cm in Stockinette Stitch using size needle to obtain gauge.

Needles: US 11 (8 mm) knitting needles or size needed for gauge. *Adjust needle size as necessary to obtain the correct gauge.*

Yarn: 190 yards of chunky weight (CYCA #5) yarn. Sample made with Shaina Bilow Designs "Bear Hug" (100% pure merino superwash wool, 106 yds /100 g), 2 skeins.

Other Materials: scrap yarn and size K (7 mm) crochet hook for provisional cast on, tapestry needle. Extra knitting needle size US 11 (8 mm) or smaller for holding live stitches to graft.



Pattern Notes

- To adjust the circumference of the cowl, either add repetitions of the 44-row pattern or add extra (or omit) St-st rows in-between the short rows. *More yarn will be necessary to make the cowl larger.*

Abbreviations

GSR – German Short Row (worked the same on RS and WS)

To create a short row: Work to the spot in the pattern where you are instructed to GSR. Turn the work. With yarn in front, slip one stitch purlwise to the right hand needle. Wrap the yarn up and over the stitch to the back of the work and pull tightly. This creates a double stitch. Proceed with the next pattern instructions. To hide the double stitch on a subsequent row: knit or purl the double stitch together.

k – knit.

p – purl.

RS – right side (outside) of the fabric.

st/sts - stitch/stitches.

St-st - Stockinette Stitch; Worked flat: RS rows are knit and WS rows are purl. Worked in the round: all rounds are knit.

WS – wrong side (inside) of the fabric.

Tutorial Videos

Provisional Cast On

https://youtube.com/shorts/V_dCTPXAU60

German Short Rows (GSR)

https://youtu.be/F2lJ_wxq8tA

Removing the Provisional Cast On

<https://youtube.com/shorts/QORSUHz66KQ>

Kitchener Stitch

<https://youtu.be/A-PwmXPO7YQ>

Kitchener Stitch

With about 2"/5 cm of yarn for every stitch needing to be grafted, thread a tapestry needle with the yarn tail from the project. Hold the two needles with the live stitches parallel in your left hand.

Being sure not to pull yarn too tightly between the stitches, begin Kitchener Stitch as follows:

Set-up Step 1: Insert the tapestry needle through the first stitch on the front needle as if to PURL, pull the yarn through, leaving the stitch on the front needle.

Set-up Step 2: Insert the tapestry needle through the first stitch on the back needle as if to KNIT, pull the yarn through, leaving the stitch on the back needle.

*Step 1: Insert the tapestry needle through the first stitch on the front needle as if to KNIT, pull the yarn through, removing the stitch from the front needle.

Step 2: Insert the tapestry needle through the first stitch on the front needle as if to PURL, pull the yarn through, leaving the stitch on the front needle.

Step 3: Insert the tapestry needle through the first stitch on the back needle as if to PURL, pull the yarn through, removing the stitch from the back needle.

Step 4: Insert the tapestry needle through the first stitch on the back needle as if to KNIT, pull the yarn through, leaving the stitch on the back needle.

Repeat from * (Steps 1-4) until all stitches have been worked, adjusting the tension of the work every few stitches to make the graft look like an evenly tensioned row of knitting and not a seam.



Instructions

With scrap yarn and size K/7 mm hook, cast on 41 sts provisionally onto the US 11/8 mm knitting needle.

Change to working yarn and begin the cowl as follows:

Row 1 (RS): knit.

Row 2 (WS): purl.

Row 3: knit.

Row 4: purl.

Row 5: knit 25, GSR.

Row 6: purl 24.

Row 7: knit 20, GSR.

Row 8: purl 19.

Row 9: knit 15, GSR.

Row 10: purl 14.

Row 11: knit 10, GSR.

Row 12: purl 9.

Row 13: knit 5, GSR.

Row 14: purl 4.

Row 15: knit 41, closing each GSR by knitting the doubled stitches together.

Row 16: purl.

Row 17: knit 5, GSR.

Row 18: purl 4.

Row 19: knit 4, knit doubled stitch together, k5, GSR.

Row 20: purl 9.

Row 21: knit 9, knit doubled stitch together, k5, GSR.

Row 22: purl 14.

Row 23: knit 14, knit doubled stitch together, k5, GSR.

Row 24: purl 19.

Row 25: knit 19, knit doubled stitch together, k5, GSR.

Row 26: purl 24.

Row 27: knit 24, knit doubled stitch together, knit to the end of the row.

Row 28: purl.

Rows 29-44: beginning with a RS (knit) row, work in St-st.

Work rows 1-44 a total of 4 times, ending the last repeat after completing row 43.

Finishing

Carefully unravel the provisional cast on as you place the sts onto a spare knitting needle. With RS facing, use Kitchener Stitch to graft the sts from the beginning of the cowl to the sts at the end of the cowl.

Weave in ends. Block to soften stitches and smooth short rows.

