

Victorian Neck Cozy

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A soft lacy cowl to wear in place of a scarf. Wear it under your coat, over your coat, or on its own!



One size: approximately 21" around the top, 72" around the bottom edging, and 12" from top to bottom

Materials: approximately 350 yards fingering/sportweight yarn (yarn used: 2 skeins Hand Maiden Swiss Mountain Cashmere and Silk), 1 U.S. size 5 (3.75mm) 16" or 24" circular needle, stitch markers

Gauge: 5 st/inch, in stockinette stitch, blocked

Directions:

Cast on 108 stitches. Join, being careful not to twist stitches, and begin to work in the round. Knit 1 round, purl 1 round, and begin to work the lace pattern.

Round 1: work the 12 stitches of Row 1 of the lace pattern (ignoring the "no stitch" spaces on the chart) a total of 9 times.

Round 2: (and all subsequent even-numbered rows) knit the knit stitches and purl the purl stitches

Work Rows 1-6 of the pattern 8 times, a total of 48 rows.

Start the increases:

Work Row 7 of the lace chart, working the increases by purling in the front and back of each of the purl stitches – a total of 18 stitches increased on this round.

Work the pattern chart through Row 12.

Edging

At the end of the last round, using the working yarn, cast on 7 stitches on the left needle. Knit these 7 stitches, knitting the last cast-on stitch together with the first stitch of the body of the cowl. Turn so that the wrong side is facing you. You will now work the edging back and forth (turning your work at the end of each row) as follows:

Row 1: sl1, p1, yo, p2tog, p1, yo, p1, yo, p1 (9sts)

Row 2: k 8, k next stitch together with 1 st from the body

Row 3: sl1, p1, yo, p2tog, p5

Row 4: bind off 2 st, k 5, k next stitch together with 1 st from the body (7 sts)

Repeat these 4 rows a total of 144 times, binding off after the last repeat. Sew the bound off edge to the cast-on edge of the start of the edging.

Weave in any ends and trim. Using a steam iron, carefully steam-press the edging, pulling the points out as you press it. You can gently steam-press the body of the cowl below the start of the increases, but do not press the body above the increases, as you want it to gently hug the neck.

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