

Cowlie conditions ahead!

This is a stash blaster, cold buster free pattern for January. It's a quick and easy project that can be finished easily during a wintery afternoon.



This cowl can also be worn as a thick head band.

Note before beginning...

You will be using three to four yarns in various weights, colors and textures from your stash and a large needle size to accommodate the thickness. Your cowl should be relaxed enough to be comfortable and a larger size knitting needle will allow this. Lay your yarn out flat and play around with color combos and textures until you find the one you like best. I used a combination of boucle texture, worsted, and bulky.

Rating: Easy

No gauge for this project.

Materials:

1 skein each of Lion Brand Yarn Wool-Ease Thick & Quick Super Chunky, 80% acrylic, 20% wool, 6 oz, 170 gms, 108 yds, 98 meters, Colors Teal and Pumpkin.

1 skein of Lion Brand Yarn Landscapes, Super Bulky, 50% wool and 50% acrylic, 1.75 oz, 50 g, 55 yd, 50 m, Spring Desert #273.

1 skein Lion Brand Yarn Homespun, Bulky, 98% acrylic, 2% polyester, 6 oz, 170 g, 185 yd, 169 m, Color: Fawn.

US size 19 (15m) straight needles.

1 large eyed tapestry needle.

Pattern:

Cast On 8 stitches.

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: Purl

Row 3: *Knit 1, Y/O, repeat*to end of row, knit last stitch.

Row 4: Purl and drop Y/O's of needle to end of row.

A Y/O, or Yarn Over knit wise as done in this pattern, is accomplished by bringing your yarn forward to the front of your knitting and continue to knit your stitch normally, bringing the Y/O through to sit on your right hand needle. Purling the next row will allow you to drop the Y/O stitches and create a hole which will help you achieve an open weave look.

Repeat these 4 rows for 21" or to desired length. End with a purl row. Your cowl should be able to go over your head, so you might want to measure the circumference of your head, if you're unsure, before you bind off.

Bind off, and leave a tail long enough to seam your cowl (12" or more). I usually turn my knitting wrong side out to seam. Use a strand from your chosen stash yarn to seam your cowl.

Block if necessary.

Resources:

Here's a link to a great little video from the Stitch Witch that demos basic yarn overs.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Qg_ttEMUo&feature=fvw

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