



SIMPLE COLORWORK COWL

A simple 1x1 repeat in two high- or low-contrast colors makes a great introduction to stranded colorwork.

- Finished Size:** Approx. 24"/61cm around x 10"/25.5cm deep.
- Yarn:** 2 skeins Brooklyn Tweed *Shelter* (140 yds/128m each); 1 each in main color (MC) Cast Iron and contrast color (CC) Fossil. Or approx. 220 yds/201m of an equivalent worsted-weight yarn: 125 yds/114m MC and 95 yds/87m CC.
- Needles & Notions:** US 7 (4.5mm) 24"/60cm circular needle, or size to obtain gauge. US 5 (3.75mm) 16"/40cm circular needle, or 2 sizes smaller than gauge needle. 1 stitch marker. Darning needle to finish.
- Gauge:** Approx. 20 sts = 4"/10cm in colorwork stitch in the round, after blocking.
- Glossary:** **Dec('d)** = decrease(d); **Inc('d)** = increase(d); **K** = knit; **K2Tog** = knit 2 sts together; **M1** = make one (with tip of left needle, lift strand running between needles from the front; knit into the back of it); **RS** = right side; **P** = purl; **St(s)** = stitch(es).
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- Cast on:** With smaller needle and MC, using cable cast-on method, cast on 120 sts. Do not join in round yet.
- First edging:** Row 1 (RS): *K1, P1*; repeat between * * to end. Do not turn. Join in round, being careful not to twist. Place marker to designate beginning of round; on subsequent rounds, slip marker as you come to it.
Round 1 (RS): *K1, P1*; repeat between * * to end. Continue in K1/P1 ribbing for 3 more rounds; at end of final round, M1. [1 st inc'd; 121 sts]
- Colorwork sequence:** Change to gauge needle and join CC leaving 8"/20cm tail for weaving in later. *Tips: Hold MC in right hand and CC in left hand; keep colors in same hands throughout. As you work, pull back on just completed sts to keep floats loose and even.* Round 1: *K1 with MC, K1 with CC*; repeat between * * to last st; K1 with MC.
Round 2: *K1 with CC, K1 with MC*; repeat between * * to last st; K1 with CC. Repeat Rounds 1 & 2 until piece measures approx. 9"/23cm from cast-on edge, ending with Round 2. Cut CC, leaving 8"/20cm tail for weaving in later.
- Second edging:** Change to smaller needle. Round 1: With MC, K2Tog, knit to end. [1 st dec'd; 120 sts]
Round 2: *K1, P1*; repeat between * * to end. Continue in K1/P1 ribbing for 3 more rounds.

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Bind off: With MC, bind off in pattern, matching tension of cast-on edge as closely as possible. Weave in ends as invisibly as possible on wrong side.

Blocking Soak piece for 20 minutes in tepid water with a little no-rinse wool soap. Gently squeeze out as much water as possible. Roll in towel to squeeze out more moisture. Lay cowl on moisture-safe surface gently pulling to desired dimensions. Allow to dry completely.