



Olivia Cowl

About the Olivia Cowl.....

The Olivia Cowl is a reversible and versatile cowl for little ones. The cowl can either be knitted seamlessly in the round, or knitted flat and seamed at finishing. There are many options on how it can be worn. It can be decorated with a nice big button, or worn without further adornment.

Skill level: • o o o o (1 of 5)

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SIZES

One size – child,
Width: 17", Length: 8"

MATERIALS

- **Yarn**

80g superbulky weight yarn that gives the correct gauge.
Sample used one skein of Malabrigo Rasta (150g/82m/90yds), 100% Merino wool.
Please note, that additional yarn will be needed if making the cowl longer.

- **Needles**

15mm/US 19 DPNs circular needle, or straight needles (depending upon version being knitted, and preferred method), or needle size to obtain gauge.

- **Other**

one stitch marker, darning needle, one big button (optional)

GAUGE

6.5 sts x 12 rows *in pattern* or 6 sts x 14 rows *in stockinette stitch* = 10cm/4" after blocking

KNITTING TECHNIQUES

- *Long-tail cast on over 2 needles:* <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrW2IKWemMY>

ABBREVIATIONS

Beg = beginning; **BO** = bind off; **BOR** = beginning of rnd; **K** = knit; **P** = purl; **Rep** = repeat; **Rnd(s)** = Round(s);
RS = right side of work; **Sl1** = slip one st as if to purl; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **WS** = wrong side of work



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Version 1: The cowl is knitted in the round from the top down, then the 2nd section is worked flat.

OR:

Version 2: The cowl is knitted flat and sewn together at the top at finishing.

INSTRUCTIONS

Version 1 :

Cast on **28** sts with **15mm/US19** needles using long-tail cast on over 2 needles or your preferred cast on style.

Join in the Rnd, be careful not to twist stitches. Place BOR marker at beg of Rnd.

Rnd 1: Knit all sts.

Rnd 2: *K1, P1*, rep from * to end.

Rnds 3-14: Rep Rnds 1-2 six times **

Rnd 15: Repeat Rnd 1

Rnd 16 (or final repeat of Rnd 2, if adding additional rounds): *K1,P1*, rep from * to the last two stitches of the rnd. Knit the last two stitches.

***If you prefer a longer cowl, make extra repeats of Rnds 1-2 before moving on to Rnds 15-16. After Rnd 16 (or final Rnd 2 repeat), you will be working the section that will be knitted flat. Rnd 16 (or the final Rnd 2 repeat) sets up the piece for the flat knitted section.*

Turn. From now on you will work the piece flat rather than in the round.

Row 1(WS): Sl1, P to the last st, K1.

Row 2 (RS): Sl1, *P1, K1*; rep from * to last st, K1
Rep Rows 1-2 additional 3 times.

Next Row: BO all sts purlwise.

Version 2:

Cast on **30** sts with **15mm/US19** needles using long-tail cast on over 2 needles or your preferred cast on style.

Row 1(WS): Sl1, P to the last st, K1.

Row 2 (RS): Sl1, *P1, K1*; rep from * to last st, K1

Rows 3-24: Rep Rows 1-2 additional 11 times.***

****If you prefer a longer cowl, make extra repeats of Rows 1-2.*

Next Row: BO all sts in pattern.

FINISHING:

Version 1: Weave in all ends. Block as desired. Enjoy!

Version 2: Sew the sides of the top of the cowl together. Recommended methods for seaming the knitted edges together are (1) whip stitching or (2) the invisible seaming method, aka mattress stitch.

Photo tutorials can be found here:

(1) <http://www.knittingfairy.com/techniques3.htm>

(2) <http://www.knitty.com/ISSUESpring04/mattress.html>

Weave in all ends. Block as desired.

Optional: attach button to decorate your cowl as shown in the picture (page 2). Enjoy!

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