

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.

On Row 13, work the increases in each set of the purl stitches as follows: purl in the front and back of the 1st purl stitch, purl 1 – a total of 18 stitches increased on the round.

Work the pattern chart through Row 18.

On Row 19, work the increases in each set of the purl stitches as follows: purl in the front and back of the 1st purl stitch, purl in the front and back of the 2nd purl stitch, purl 1 – a total of 36 stitches increased on the round.

On each of the following increase Rows (Row 25, 31, and 37) work the increases in each set of the purl stitches as follows: purl in the front and back of the 1st purl stitch, purl to the second to last purl stitch in the group, purl in the front and back of this purl stitch, purl 1 – a total of 36 stitches increased on the round.

After the last increase round you will have a total of 288 stitches. Work the chart through Row 42, increasing 1 stitch at the end of Round 42 for a total of 289 stitches.

Lace Chart

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Chart Key

□	knit
●	purl
○	YO (yarnover)
λ	SSK (slip 2 stitches knitwise, one at a time to the right hand needle, knit these 2 stitches together through the back loops)
∧	K2tog (knit 2 stitches together)
⌘	S11k2tog pss0 (slip 1 stitch knitwise, knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over the last stitch on right hand needle)
■	No stitch

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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