



The Thrice Knit Poncho

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Sketched-On-A-Napkin Designs

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No doubt you are familiar with twice-backed potatoes? Well, this is my thrice-knit poncho. First, I knit a shawl, but the needles I used were too small, and I didn't like how the fabric draped (or failed to drape). Then, I knit a poncho, using a free pattern from the internet – close, but no cigar! Finally, I made up my own pattern and – voila!

Gauge: 3.5 sts = 1” on largest needles

Materials

Yarn: 8 skeins Noro Kureyon (110 yards each)

Needles: 24” circular needles Size US #9, #10, and #10.5 or size needed for gauge
36” circular in largest size

Notions: 4 stitch markers, one of a contrasting color

Abbreviations

CO = Cast On; **ST** = Stitch(es); **K** = Knit; **P** = Purl; **YO** = Yarn Over; **BO** = Bind Off; **PM** = Place Marker; **SM** = Slip Marker from left needle to right needle; **RND** = Round.

Instructions

Top Border

Using smallest needles, CO 7sts, PM, CO 60sts, PM, CO 7 sts, PM, CO 60sts, PM (of a contrasting color to denote the end of a rnd). Being careful not to twist the sts, join into a round. There should be 134 sts total.

Repeat the following two rows 7 times, but change to

needles one size larger on rnd 4 and to the largest needles on rnd 10.

Rnd 1: P around.

Rnd 2: K7, SM, YO, K to next marker, YO, SM, K7, SM, YO, K to next marker, YO, SM — *note that you are knitting the entire round, making YO increases on the outside of the 7 st sections.*

Body

Repeat the following two rnds until the vertical garter stitch bands in the front center and back center measure 25” or the desired length. Change to the longer circular needles as desired, when sts become too crowded on the shorter needle.

Rnd 1: P7, SM, K to marker, SM, P7, SM, K to end of rnd, SM — *note that you are knitting the entire round except for the 7 sts between markers, which you are purling.*

Rnd 2: K7, SM, YO, K to marker, YO, SM, K7, SM, YO, K to marker, YO, SM

Bottom Border

Repeat the following two rows 7 times, but bind off loosely on the last row.

Rnd 1: P around.

Rnd 2: K7, SM, YO, K to next marker, YO, SM, K7, SM, YO, K to next marker, YO, SM

Finishing

Weave in ends and block lightly with a steam iron.