



Diamond Lace Cowl

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Materials

Yarn: One ball of laceweight yarn - 350-400 yards

Needles: 24" Size US #3 circular needle

Notions: One ring marker

Size

Finished dimensions after blocking: Approximately 27" around x 15" deep

Abbreviations

DDEC = Double Decrease (slip 1 knitwise, K2tog, pass slipped stitch over); **K** = Knit; **K2tog** = Knit 2 Together; **P** = Purl; **SSK** = Slip-Slip-Knit (slip 2 stitches knitwise, one by one, return both to left needle and knit them together through back;); **ST** = Stitch(es); **YO** = Yarn Over.

Notes

Due to the fineness of the laceweight yarn, you should use a needle with a smooth transition from cable to needle for this project. Avoid needles with a gap (no matter how small) where the needle shaft enters the metal ferrule which connects it to the cable. The following currently available circular needles are good options: Addi Turbo and Turbo Lace; Susan Bates Quicksilver; Hiya Hiya Stainless; Chiao Goo Stainless; Dyakraft Darn Pretty; Lantern Moon; Bryspun.

Recommended Techniques

Cable Cast On

Make a slipknot in yarn, and place on left needle tip. This loop will be the first stitch. Insert right needle into slipknot and K1, but do not remove the slipknot from the left needle. Place the stitch just formed onto left needle. *Insert right needle between new stitch on left needle and previous stitch; K1. Place this new stitch onto left needle. Repeat from * to desired number of stitches, keeping stitches comfortably loose, but not sloppy.

For a smoother join, don't count the slipknot as a stitch. When you join, drop and undo the slipknot.

Russian Bind Off

P1; *pulling new stitch to twice the height of the stitches on the needle; place it on left needle, keeping it very loose, and P2tog with next stitch. Repeat from * to end, keeping stitches loose and bind off elastic.

Instructions

Bottom Edging

Cast on 160 stitches using Cable Cast On method. Join to work in the round, being sure that the work is not twisted. You will notice that you magically have a round of purl stitches as your cast on edge.

Round 1: K

Round 2: P

Round 3: K

Round 4: P

Lace Pattern

- Round 1 K
- Round 2 * K1, YO, SSK, K5, K2tog, YO; repeat from * to end of round.
- Round 3 K
- Round 4 * K2, YO, SSK, K3, K2tog, YO, K1; repeat from * to end of round.
- Round 5 K
- Round 6 * K3, YO, SSK, K1, K2tog, YO, K2; repeat from * to end of round.
- Round 7 K
- Round 8 * K4, YO, DDEC, YO, K3; repeat from * to end of round.
- Round 9 K
- Round 10 * K2, K2tog, YO, K3, YO, SSK, K1; repeat from * to end of round.
- Round 11 K
- Round 12 * K1, K2tog, YO, K5, YO, SSK; repeat from * to end of round.
- Round 13 K
- Round 14 K2tog, * YO, K7, YO, DDEC; repeat from * to end of round, but last repeat will end as follows:
- Slip last stitch knitwise, remove marker,
 - slip next stitch purlwise and pass last stitch of round over it (completing DDEC).
 - Return resulting stitch to left needle and replace marker on right needle. Take care that you don't lose the last YO of the round.

Repeat Rounds 3-14 until work measures 14" or to desired length.

Top Edging

- Round 1 K
- Round 2 P
- Round 3 K
- Round 4 P
- Round 5 K

Bind off, using Russian Bind Off.

Weave in ends and block as appropriate for your yarn.