MISDIRECTED COWL

A warm, oversized, easy-to-knit lace cowl that's great for color scraps!

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MATERIALS

YARN

MC: Approximately 220 yards / 201 meters dk weight yarn.

CC: Approximately 170 yards / 155 meters dk weight yarn.

YARN SHOWN

MC: Wooly Wonka Freya DK (100% BFL, 300 yards/274 meters per 100 grams) in Pewter (gray)

MC: Wooly Wonka Freya DK (100% BFL, 300 yards/274 meters per 100 grams) in Winterfell (green)

NEEDLES

US 7 (4.5 mm)

GAUGE

24 sts per 4 inch/10 cm, 28 rows per 4 inch/10 cm, stockinette.

NOTIONS

darning needle

FINISHED SIZES

One: 21 in / 53.3 cm tall; 34 in / 86.4 cm circumference

PATTERN NOTES

CONSTRUCTION

This pattern is knit flat and sewn together when you're finished. The pattern doesn't call for a provisional cast on, but if you prefer to use seam together live edges, you could use a provisional cast on without impacting the overall appearance of the cowl.

As written, all right leaning lace repeats are worked with MC, and all left leaning are worked with CC.

This cowl is really tall: tall enough that you can wear it around your neck and over your head at once (see photos).

MODIFICATIONS

HEIGHT

The finished cowl is really tall (this is awesome). But! If this isn't your cup of tea, adjust the number of stitches CO to any multiple of 8 and you'll be on your merry way. You could also make it larger if you want.

CIRCUMFERENCE

This is a standard, single-wrap cowl. To make a cowl that wraps twice (or even three times!), grab a ton of yarn and just keep knitting until you've reached the desired size. Alternate the colors and patterns whenever you feel motivated.

YARN WEIGHT

Because this is so simple, it can be knit in any yarn weight you like. Just remember to adjust the CO multiple by 8 and have plenty of yarn handy.

INSTRUCTIONS

SETUP

Using MC, CO 97 sts.

LACE REPEATS

Using MC, work 3 repeats of Right Lace motif.

Using CC, work 1 repeats of Left Lace motif.

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Using MC, work 4 repeat of Right Lace motif.

Using CC, work 3 repeats of Left Lace motif.

RIGHT LACE MOTIF

Round 1:   k4, *k6, k2tog, yo, repeat from * to last 5 sts, k5.

Round 2:   k4, p1, *k1, p7, repeat from * to last 4 sts, k4.

Round 3:   k4, *k5, k2tog, yo, p1, repeat from * to last 5 sts, k5.

Round 4:   k4, p1, *k2, p6, repeat from * to end.

Round 5:   k4, *k4, k2tog, yo, p2, repeat from * to last 5 sts, k5.

Round 6:   k4, p1, *k3, p5, repeat from * to end.

Round 7:   k4, *k3, k2tog, yo, p3, repeat from * to last 5 sts, k5.

Round 8:   k4, p1, *k4, p4, repeat from * to end.

Round 9:   k4, *k2, k2tog, yo, p4, repeat from * to last 5 sts, k5.

Round 10:   k4, p1, *k5, p3, repeat from * to end.

Round 11:   k4, *k1, k2tog, yo, p5, repeat from * to last 5 sts, k5.

Round 12:   k4, p1, *k6, p2, repeat from * to end.

Round 13:   k4, *k2tog, yo, p6, repeat from * to last 5 sts, k5.

Round 14:   k4, p1, *k7, p1, repeat from * to end.

LEFT LACE MOTIF

Round 1:   k5, *yo, ssk, k6, repeat from * to last 4 sts, k4.

Round 2:   k4, *p7, k1, repeat from * to last 5 sts, p1, k4.

Round 3:   k5, *p1, yo, ssk, k5, repeat from * to last 4 sts, k4.

Round 4:   k4, *p6, k2, repeat from * to last 5 sts, p1, k4.

Round 5:	k5, *p2, yo, ssk, k4, repeat from * to last 4 sts, k4.
Round 6:	k4, *p5, k3, repeat from * to last 5 sts, p1, k4.
Round 7:	k5, *p3, yo, ssk, k3, repeat from * to last 4 sts, k4.
Round 8:	k4, *p4, k4, repeat from * to last 5 sts, p1, k4.
Round 9:	k5, *p4, yo, ssk, k2, repeat from * to last 4 sts, k4.
Round 10:	k4, *p3, k5, repeat from * to last 5 sts, p1, k4.
Round 11:	k5, *p5, yo, ssk, k1, repeat from * to last 4 sts, k4.
Round 12:	k4, *p2, k6, repeat from * to last 5 sts, p1, k4.
Round 13:	k5, *p6, yo, ssk, repeat from * to last 4 sts, k4.
Round 14:	k4, *p1, k7, repeat from * to last st, p1.

FINISHING

BO all sts. Using mattress stitch, sew the CO and BO edge together. Block and wear with love.

ABBREVIATIONS

BO	bind off
CO	cast on
k	knit
kfb	knit through the front and back
m	marker
m1p	make one purl

m1l	make one left
m1r	make one right
p	purl
pfb	purl through the front and back loop
pm	place marker
rpt	repeat
sl	slip
slm	slip marker
sts	stitches

PATTERN VERSION

INFORMATION

CURRENT VERSION: 1 (MARCH 29, 2015)

Get pattern help!