

Pattern for Handspun Art Yarn – Simple Dropstitch Knit Cowl with Decorative Buttons

A simple, elegant, and forgiving quick-to-knit pattern for showcasing small amounts of single ply, high energy, art yarn.

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Needles: Size 15 (or whatever size needed to obtain gauge)
Yarn: 42+ yards of handspun, single ply, high-energy yarn
Gauge: In garter stitch, 7 sts and approximately 6 rows to 4”
Size: 8” tall, 20” around
Notions: 7 - ½” buttons

Stitches: Garter Stitch, Dropstitch

Notes: Cowl is worked sideways in a strip and joined together with a 3 Needle Bind-Off. You can decrease the number of sts cast on in order to conserve yarn if necessary.

Cowl: Cast on 15 sts

Row 1: Knit 15

Row 2: K1, {wrap yarn around needle 2x, K into next st.} Repeat until end of row, ending on K1.

Row 3: K15, unwrapping two loose loops of dropstitch between stitches, taking care not to drop the next st.

Row 4: K15.

Row 5: K15.

Repeat Rows 2 – 5 until cowl measures at least 18 inches. Must end on a K row in order to bind off properly, just make sure the cowl is long enough to fit around the neck comfortably.

Bind-Off: Insert beginning 15 sts onto empty needle. With right sides facing together, insert third needle into first st on each needle as to knit, wrap yarn knitwise.

{Knit two sts together and slide off needles, moving the single st onto the third needle. Repeat with the next set of sts.

Slip first st on third needle over second st and off of the needle.} Repeat until all 15 sts are bound off.

Finishing: Tie off and weave in ends. Sew decorative buttons onto bind-off row.



