

The Main Street Cowl

Simple Elegance and Warmth Pattern and Photos By Kim Hamlin

At Fiber & Vine we're always looking for great, one-skein projects to keep us warm and in style. We love this soft and washable yarn from Manos del Uruguay because each skein is artfully dyed and looks amazing in the simplest of stitch patterns. Plus, with its bulky gauge, you'll be done in no time, and who doesn't love that? Stop by to pick out your favorite color, or if you have questions, and we'll help you get started! You'll find us at 402 Main Street in Norway.



Materials

Yarn: 1 Skein Manos del Uruguay Franca: 100% Superwash Merino | 114 yards | color Tormenta.

Needle: US #15 Straight needles.

Normally, we prefer to knit our projects using circular needles. For this project however, we found that the triple wraps get too tight on the circular cord, making the next row more difficult to knit. If you prefer circular needles, try using a spare #15 straight needle to work the triple wrap row only, then switch back to your circular. You'll save time and frustration.

Gauge: 2 stitches to 1" in garter stitch. Exact gauge is not crucial for this project.

Other supplies: Spare yarn for provisional cast on, spare needle for three-needle bind off, tapestry needle, scissors.



Instructions

Using your favorite provisional method, cast on 20 stitches.

Knit 10 rows.

Triple wrap section: Insert needle into next stitch, wrap yarn around needle 3 times instead of once, knit as usual.



Create an elongated stitch by wrapping each stitch three times, then knitting as usual.

Repeat for all remaining stitches in row.



Your needle might look a little crowded after triple wrapping all the stitches, but don't worry, it's right!

Next row: Knit first stitch allowing the next 2 wraps to drop, creating an elongated stitch. Repeat for all remaining stitches.



A finished triple wrap section.

Knit 10 rows.

Repeat triple wrap section.

Continue alternating knit sections with triple wrap sections until yarn is mostly used up. Leave at least 36" for binding off.

Finishing

Remove provisional cast on and place stitches on spare needle.

Line up knitting needles as shown in photo.



Make sure needle points are facing the same direction and there is a twist in your work to create an "infinity" loop.

Use spare knitting needle to work a three-needle bind off.

Use tapestry needle to sew in tails. Block and enjoy!