Crafty Housewife Yarns

Boldly Traditional

Loose Knit Handspun Yarn Accent Cowl

Handspun Yarn Suggestion: Aprox 200-300 yards heavy worsted to bulky weight

I would recommend picking a skein of handspun that you really love an then matching it with a neutral or complimentary color from you're favorite local yarn shop. Just pick one with similar size and material, like a bulky weight wool or blend. You could also use two skeins of handspun with one natural commercial yarn that all "go" together even if they don't match.

Needle size : US 8-9 or size you normally use for bulky weight yarn

Gage: no gage needed

Size: Very customizable depending on the number of times you want to loop it around your neck

Skills needed: Flat knitting, Drop Stitch, sewing ends together with a needle

Abbreviations:

K: knit

sts : stitches

P: purl

Pattern support:

If your yarn has very bright dyes it's always wise to lay flat to dry on an old towel or something similar the first time you block to avoid any color transfer, just like those cool dark wash jeans.

Alterations suggestions:

Have fun mixing different yarns together with this cowl, When you wrap it around your neck it makes for a more interesting multi layered look..If you want to have it wrap more than once

just keep knitting to make it longer before sewing the short end together. Drop stitch is also very stretchy so it will have plenty of stretch.

Get ready to Knit!

Cast on 20 stitches on

rows 1-3 knit all stitches for three rows of garter stitch

On row 4 start drop stitch pattern:

K1, wrap yarn around needle 2 times, *K1, wrap yarn around needle 2 times; repeat from * to end of row, end K1.

row 5 Knit the knit sts, dropping the wrapped sts off the needle.

repeat rows 4-5 two more times creating three dropped stitch rows

row 10 -12 knit all stitches for three rows of garter stitch like in rows 1-3

repeat rows 1-3 followed by rows 4-9 continuously until cowl measures approximately 60-65 inches long

use a large round tipped needle to sew the short ends together and then weave in all of the loose ends into the garter stitch rows(they will hold better)

Enjoy!!!