

24 DAYS COWL

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ABOUT

Designed to work perfectly with your yarn advent calendar, this super striped cowl is worked in a lovely alternating slip stitch pattern that is matched together with a main colour of your choice to create a pretty advent accessory. It also just happens to be a perfect match for your [24 Days Socks](#).

You can make this cowl in two sizes and with any set of mini skeins or leftover DK weight yarn.

YOU WILL NEED

- 24 x 10g Plush Merino DK yarn minis from the Indie Yarn Club advent calendar (I used the 2021 version which came with 25 x 10g), 100% superwash merino, CC
- 1 x 100g undyed Plush Merino DK from Indie Yarn Club, 100% superwash merino, 225m, MC
- Alternatively any DK weight yarn advent calendar or mini skeins will work with this pattern combined with any DK weight yarn for your main colour
- Total yarn used for larger size (4mm) cowl sample - 84g MC/59g CC (approx 2g per stripe)
- 4mm or 3.25mm circular needles on 40cm cable.

DETAILS

- This pattern is written for two sizes achieved using different size needles; 4mm or 3.25mm.
- Finished size measured flat:
 - 4mm - 34cm x 34cm
 - 3.25mm - 28cm x 28cm
- Tension is approx. 5sts and 9 rows to 2.5cm over pattern on 4mm needles.
- Pattern is worked in the round on circular needles.



ABBREVIATIONS

- knit (k)
- purl (p)
- stitch/es (st/s)
- slip one stitch purlwise with yarn at back (s1)
- yarn over (yo)
- place marker (pm)
- main colour (MC)
- contrast colour (CC)
- beginning of round (BOR)

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PATTERN

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*Note. all instructions between * and * are to be repeated as directed. Pattern is the same for both sizes, choose either 4mm or 3.25mm needles before starting.*

Cast on 128sts with MC and place marker to indicate BOR.

Top Ribbing

Round 1. knit

Round 2. purl

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 a further four times (five times in total).

Continue to pattern in CC.

Pattern

Round 1. *k3, s1* to end in first CC

Round 2. knit in CC

Round 3. knit in MC

Round 4. purl in MC

Round 5. k1, s1, *k3, s1* to last 2 sts, k2 in CC

Round 6. knit in CC

Round 7. knit in MC

Round 8. purl in MC

Rounds 1-8 form pattern. Change your contrast colour for each colour section working your way through your yarn advent or your mini skeins. Do not break your MC yarn, working it up the inside of the cowl instead.

Jogless colour change option. To improve the look of colour change jogs, I worked a yarn over colour change as follows:

At end of each two rounds when you are about to change colour, slip the last stitch worked back onto the left hand needle, yo with your new colour (if this is a CC just loop the new colour around the needle) and slip the last stitch back onto the right hand needle. Pick up your new colour and start your round as normal. At the end of the round you will knit this last stitch together with the yarn over (apart from on a Round 1 when this last stitch is slipped in which case the last stitch is knit together with it's yarn over on the next round).

Continue to bottom ribbing in MC.

Bottom Ribbing

Round 1. knit

Round 2. purl

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 a further four times (five times in total) and cast off loosely.





NOTES

You can use any DK weight yarn with this pattern, it doesn't have to be worked with an advent calendar.

The pattern would also work for random mini skeins or small scraps, especially because each stripe is only two rounds long.

You can alter the sizing significantly by changing your needle size and/or yarn weight.

The 4mm version was my original sample and it works to 36cm width with a loose tension and lovely soft fabric. The 3.25mm version will reduce your cowl width to 28cm and give you a tighter, neater looking tension but a slightly stiffer fabric.

You can achieve the same results using a 4ply yarn advent held double with lace weight mohair. Alternatively knit the pattern with 4ply yarn alone on 2.75mm needles which will reduce your cowl width to 26cm and provide you with a nice snug fit.

Weaving in ends as you go is a good idea. I like the Very Pink Knits method which you can find [here](#) but I also regularly use the Stephen West (Weavin' Stephen) method.

You can make the cowl longer or shorter depending on your personal preference.

Share your cowl with me on instagram using the hashtags #24dayscowl and/or #potterandbloom and enjoy knitting.

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