

Hold Steady Colorblock Cowl

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The inspiration for this cowl came to me while on a road trip to Chico, CA to see my husband's favorite band in concert, The Hold Steady. The cowl isn't really inspired by the band itself, but more by my love for color blocking, chevrons, and those awesome hand-knit afghans of the 60s and 70s. I had one of these on my bed as a kid and I will always remember wrapping up in its warmth on chilly days. My husband and I keep blankets similar to these in our cars because you never know when you are going to get chilly on a drive. On that particular trip, I glanced at the blanket out of the corner of my eye, and the idea for this cowl was born. The cozy chunky Toboggan yarn from Classic Elite Yarns is the perfect blend of softness and warmth making this one of my all-time favorite knits.

Materials:

- 3 skeins of CEY Toboggan in three different colors (Shown in: Natural, Stone, & Leaf)
- US size 10.5- 24" Circular needle
- darning needle for weaving ends

Gauge:

11 sts & 9 rows 4" in chevron pattern

Finished Measurements:

25" Circumference x 12" tall

Abbreviations:

k- knit

p- purl

ssk- slip 1st stitch knitwise and the 2nd stitch purlwise, then insert the left needle into the front of both stitches and knit the two together.

k2tog- knit the next two stitches together

k1f&b- knit into the front and back of the stitch (increase)

co- cast on

bo- bind off

Chevron Pattern (14 st repeat):

Rnd 1: *k1f&b, k4, ssk, k2tog, k4, k1f&b; repeat from * to end of rnd.

Rnd 2: Purl

*Repeat rows 1 & 2 throughout pattern.

Directions:

-CO 98 sts with one of the three colors. Color order is your choice!

-place marker and join for knitting in the round

-purl 1 rnd

- Work in chevron pattern until piece measures 4" tall.

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- Join color #2 and continue working pattern until cowl measures 8" tall.
- Join color #3 and continue working in chevron pattern until cowl measures 11.75" tall, ending with a purl rnd.
- BO on a knit rnd and weave in ends.
- Steam block if desired