

Kristen's Basic Neckie Knitting Pattern

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This pattern comes to us from Kristen Ashbaugh of Marinade Designs. Like a few of our other employees, Kristen is working on a pattern line of her own. Since the cowl/neckie is one of her all-time favorite items to wear, she wanted to share her pattern with all of you!

"If you are anything like me and find long scarves kind of annoying because you are always adjusting them, try this recipe for a cozy and cute Neckie! Say goodbye to scarves and embrace these hip little warmers perfect for icy winter days and staying warm on the ski slopes. They are also perfect for transitioning into spring with lighter layers."

Materials:

- 50-60 yards of a Super Bulky Weight yarn (I recommend Plymouth Encore Mega, Rowan Big Wool, or HiKoo Zumie)
- US Size 13 straight knitting needles or size to get gauge (sometimes I use Size 11s.)
- A 1"-1.5" size button to coordinate with your yarn

Gauge:

2.5 sts to the inch. Finished piece should measure about 7"x18".

Abbreviations:

CO - Cast On

BO - Bind Off

K - Knit

P - Purl

sts - Stitches

K1 F&B - Make a bar increase by knitting into the front and the back of the same stitch where an increase is needed.

RS- Right Side (front)

WS- Wrong Side (back)

Directions:

CO 17 sts (I like a double/long-tail cast on)

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Begin by knitting every row (garter stitch) for 2.5".

Begin Center Pattern:

Row 1 (WS)- K6, P5, K6.

Row 2 (RS)- knit

Repeat first rows 1 & 2 of "Center Pattern" until piece measures 15.5". You should end with a full row of knitting on a RS row.

Finishing:

Return to knitting every row for 6 more rows.

Row 7: K until 4 sts before the end of row. BO 2sts, K last 2 sts. This is the beginning of the buttonhole.

Row 8: K1, K1 F&B, K1 F&B, K to the end of the row.

Row 9: BO loosely.

Finish by using large darning needle to weave in the ends. Sew button onto piece at the opposite end of button-hole.