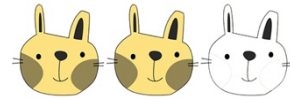

TARA COWL

KNITTING PATTERN



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Skill level: intermediate

Sizes: **baby/kids**

MATERIALS

Aran (8 wpi; 10 ply; no 4: Medium) yarn such as Drops Nepal 75-100g or 125-165 yards in one or more colors

Double pointed knitting needles US 8 (5 mm) or to obtain **gauge 4" x 4" (10 x 10 cm) = 16 sts x 24 rows** (in stockinette stitch)

Optional: 16" (40 cm) long circular needles in the same size as your main needles

Tapestry needle, beads for decorating

PATTERN NOTES

Before you start, check your gauge, adjust needles to get the right gauge

The cowl is knitted in the round and flat top down

You will need to know how to pick up sts through front and back loops and sew beads on the cowl for this project

ABBREVIATIONS

RS and WS – right and wrong side of the work

St(s) – stitch or stitches

K- knit

P - purl

Yo - yarn over

M1 - make one stitch

THE COWL

With main color of yarn cast on 60/74 sts (baby/kids and follow the given number throughout the pattern) and join working in the round making sure there is no twist.

Round 1: *k1, p1*, repeat from *-* all around

Continue until the piece measures 4/5" (that is 10/13 cm) from the cast on row. Continue in stockinette stitch for the remaining part of the cow.

Increase Round: * k2, m1*, repeat from *-* all around (90/111 sts)

You will work the front and back piece separately.

Next row knit 45/55 sts and turn (adjust sts so that the remaining sts will be on 2 double pointed needles)

Continue in stockinette stitch at the same time bind off 2 first stitches of each row. Work like this until you have 2 or 3 sts left, bind off all sts and cut the yarn.

With RS facing join yarn to the remaining stitches and repeat from *-*

Continue with the ruffles, you can knit the 2nd ruffle with some contrast color. The ruffles are knitted in the round, work them with circular needles if you have.



BOTTOM RUFFLE

With your main yarn and RS of the work facing pick up one stitch at the end of each row. Pick up the back loops so you can work the 2nd ruffle in the front loops. Continue in the round.

Round 1: *k2, M1*, repeat from *-* all across, knit the remaining sts if left any.

Rounds 2-5: knit all sts

Round 6: purl all stitches

Round 7: bind off all sts

TOP RUFFLE

Pick up sts as for the first ruffle but pick up the front loops, knit the top ruffle with contrast color yarn.

Round 1: *k2, yo*, repeat from *-* all around, knit the remaining sts if left any

Rounds 2-3: knit all stitches

Round 4: purl all stitches

Round 5: to main color and bind off all stitches

Cut the yarn weave in all ends. Press/block the cowl.

Decorate the front piece of the cowl with beads. First string the beads with a needle on a yarn (or thread if you are using smaller beads) up to desired length from one shoulder to other. Then sew the beads on place bead by bead, see the picture below.

