

Stripes

A free pattern by Orange Flower Yarn
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An easy to knit cowl featuring two contrasting colors of worsted or aran weight yarn.

Materials:

Yarn: Worsted or Aran weight: less than 100 grams each of MC and CC.

Suggested yarns: Orange Flower SW Merino Worsted – (218 yds/100 grams), SW Merino Aran – (180 yards/100 grams).

Needles:

US 9 / 5.5mm circular needles for knitting in the round. 24-32 inches long.

Notions:

1 stitch marker
Darning needle

Notes:

Finished measurements: 5.5 inches wide with a circumference of 44 inches.

This cowl is constructed by knitting 6 wide stripes and 5 narrow stripes. Please note that the cast on and bind off rounds each count as a round in the 6 round wide stripe repeat.

Abbreviations:

BO – bind off
BOR – beginning of round
CC – contrast color
CO – cast on
k – knit
MC – main color
p – purl
pm – place marker
st(s) – stitch(es)

Instructions:

Using MC, cast on 175 sts. Make sure cast on sts are not twisted and prepare to knit in the round. Below is the stripe patterning.

Wide Stripe (MC) – 6 rounds

Round 1: Knit
Round 2: Purl
Round 3: Knit
Round 4: Purl
Round 5: Knit
Round 6: Purl

Narrow Stripe (CC) – 2 rounds

Round 1: Knit
Round 2: Purl



Begin cowl by starting with Round 2 of Wide Stripe. This accounts for the cast on row.

Work a wide stripe followed by a narrow stripe for a total of 5 stripes each. You may choose to carry the non-working yarn up the knitting or cut the CC color and rejoin at the next narrow stripe.

Finish by working one additional Wide Stripe but only knit through Round 5.

BO in purl (counts as Round 6 of final wide stripe).

Sew in ends.

To wet block, soak cowl in warm water with a gentle detergent. Squeeze out water and roll up in a towel. Remove from towel and fold in half and lay flat to air dry.

Options:

- Reverse the colors and make another cowl with the leftovers. (I was able to create 2 cowls with 1 skein each of the MC and CC. The second cowl was made by reversing the MC and CC and reducing the stripes to 5 wide and 4 narrow)
- If you dislike knitting garter stitch in the round, you could easily knit this cowl flat and seam the short ends together. Remember to convert the Purl rounds to Knit.
- Use more than 2 colors
- Change the striping sequence to all wide stripes or all narrow stripes.
- Knit more stripes for a wider cowl