

## Show off Stranded Cowl



Inspired by the [Show off Stranded Socks](#) (which are very cool also, so go make them too!) this quick knit uses up that odd ball of dk yarn, either left over from a project, or like me, that must have skein of malabrigo! The cowl is knitted flat, with a provisional cast on at the start, which you use to graft the two ends together when finished to give the cowl a seamless look, naturally you can use a normal cast on and seam both ends together when finished, but I like it this way (read as I'm terrible and seaming, but I like grafting lol)

### **You will need:**

50g Variegated DK yarn, I used Malabrigo Merino Silky in Bahia

4mm Needles

Waste yarn

Tapestry needle

2 Stitch markers (optional I use them to mark the first and last two stitches, so I remember to do them!)

Gauge, Doesn't matter!

Stitch pattern is in multiples of 4

### **The pattern:**

Cast on 40 stitches using a provisional cast on (I like [this one](#) )

Row 1, K2, purl across till last 2 stitches, K2

Row 2, K2, \*YO, K2, pass YO over the two stitches, K2, repeat from \* till last two stitches, K2

Row 3, K2, purl across till last 2 stitches, K2

Row 4, K2 \*K2, YO, K2, pass YO over the two stitches, repeat from \* till last two stitches, K2

Repeat these 4 Rows, until piece measures 21 inches from cast on edge.

Set up for grafting, leaving your stitches on the needle, take your other needle and carefully unpick your provisional cast on edge, so now you have 80 stitches divided over two needles, with your working yarn on the back needle, on the right hand side, just as you would for a sock. This does mean you have the wrong side of your work facing you, so you have to do purl side kitchener stitch, which sounds scary, but its not! I found these directions [here](#) to be very helpful, it is easy once you get in to it, basically instead of knit 1 off, purl, purl 1 off, knit, you do purl 1 off, knit, knit 1 off, purl, its the opposite of normal kitchener. Very clever is grafting!

And voilà! You are done!

If there are any problems in the pattern or you have any questions, give me a shout and I'll do my best to sort it out!

Naturally this is a free pattern, and you are free to use it for your own personal use, but you are not allowed to sell any finished items, or distribute the pattern without prior permission or crediting the work to my self!